

LLANDOUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD
REMOTELY ON WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE 2021 AT 7.00PM.**

PRESENT

Councillor L. Barrowclough (Chairman)
Councillor Dr M. Misra (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Mrs P. Carreyett
Councillor M. Edwards
Councillor Mrs P. Gay
Councillor P. King
Councillor D. Mears

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED that: Councillor Mrs L. Barrowclough be elected as Chairman for the Council Year 2021/22.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED that: Councillor Dr M. Misra be elected as Vice-Chairman for the Council Year 2021/22.

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.

There were none.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2021.

RESOLVED that: The minutes be confirmed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

Lighting in Cogan Pill Road – The officer from the Vale of Glamorgan Council had discussed the position with the Council at the May meeting and would report back to the Council with options for possible lighting in the near future.

6. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL'S CLIMATE EMERGENCY CHARTER.

The Committee had been provided with a copy of the Charter with an invitation for it to consider how the Community Council could contribute to its implementation at a local level.

A discussion took place concerning how the Community Council could contribute to the implementation of the Charter and the following suggestions were suggested for consideration:

- Installation of a motor vehicle charging facility in the community
- The Biodiversity Working Party to consider relevant areas for investment in biodiversity
- The Hall Management Committee be invited to consider ways of reducing water usage (flushing facility in toilets), solar panels to be installed on the roof and installation of low energy level lighting
- Continuing to have selected Council and Committee meetings held on a remote basis to reduce travel to the Hall
- An article to be included in the Newsletter explaining how residents could contribute as well as inviting suggestions for consideration by the Council
- Ensure that all walking routes are kept free of obstruction and available for use by people
- Installation of a ramp facility on the Downfield and Pinewood Close steps to encourage use of bicycles and enable people with pushchairs and prams to gain access to and from Cogan Pill Road
- Need to include an item on Climate Change on the agenda for every meeting of the Committee

It was noted that the Council had already submitted an objection to the planning application from the Hospital in relation to the proposed new Energy Centre.

RESOLVED that: The Council to be requested to approve the suggestions so that appropriate consideration could be given to how they might be implemented by the relevant Committee and Working Party.

7. ACCREDITATION OF THE COUNCIL AS A SIGHT FRIENDLY ORGANISATION.

Consideration was given to the Council becoming an accredited sight friendly organisation in line with the scheme introduced by Sight Cymru. Details of what this would involve were circulated with the agenda.

Support was given to the Council seeking accreditation it being noted that the Council should always look to suggest to the local planning authority that S106

funding might be sought in relation to large scale developments as a contribution towards the cost of implementing local active travel measures.

RESOLVED that: Accreditation be sought from Sight Cymru and Councillor Mrs L. Barrowclough supported by Councillor Mrs P. Carreyett be appointed as the Council's Sight Champion.

8. CONDITION OF THE AREA OF SCRUB LAND LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF LLANDOUGH HILL AND PENLAN ROAD.

The Biodiversity Working Party had also considered how this area of scrub land might be improved as it represented an environmental eyesore. The Working Party had suggested cultivating the land and planting either wildflower seed plants or rockery plants. The Committee indicated its support for this suggestion but considered that the view of the Head of Highways was required as the planting of wildflower seed plants might not be appropriate given that the plant growth might adversely impact sight lines of motorists.

It was also suggested that advice on planting should also be sought from the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Ecologist who was likely to suggest planting of indigenous varieties to enhance the biodiversity of the community.

RESOLVED that: The Clerk to submit proposals to the Head of Highways and the Ecologist from the Vale of Glamorgan Council to obtain their views in this matter.

9. STRONG COMMUNITIES GRANT SCHEME.

A communication from the Vale of Glamorgan Council was received advising of the opening up of the scheme for applications which would need to be submitted by 20 July 2021.

Consideration was given to possible projects that might meet the criteria applying to grant applications. The Committee considered that in priority order eligible grant applications should be considered as follows:

Priority 1 – Funding of the costs of a Land Surveyor to design a scheme for developing the Lewis Road reserve allotment site for the purpose of local food production

Priority Two – Supply and Installation of a Children's Climbing Frame in the playing fields

Priority Three – Funding of the Bird Sanctuary proposal on the redundant tennis court.

RESOLVED that: The Clerk to assess the grant criteria and make grant applications on behalf of the Council where he considered that the criteria could be met.

10. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER IN RELATION TO A 'SUMMER OF FUN.'

A letter was received from the Commissioner requesting information about events being held locally specifically for the purpose of engagement with children that would be delivered in accordance with Wales Safeguarding Procedures and that would be provided free of charge.

Although the Committee was unaware of any activities planned for the Summer it was considered appropriate for contact to be made with the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Healthy Living Officer to see whether anything was planned and if not if there was a possibility of some event provision with financial support from the Community Council. It was considered that there would be considerable benefits to both children and their parents if some provision could be made possibly linked with using the MUGA facility.

RESOLVED that: The Clerk to make contact with the Healthy Living Officer to ascertain whether there was any possibility of a suitable event being provided this Summer.

11. CONTENT AND TIMING OF AUTUMN NEWSLETTER.

Consideration was given to the timing and content of the Autumn Newsletter. The Committee considered that it should be published at the end of September and contain the following items:

- Article on Climate Change Charter
- Use of Hall
- Christmas Carol Service and Coffee Morning
- Services for Older People – Results of Local Survey
- Biodiversity actions with photographs
- Temporary Food Bank
- Bird Sanctuary proposal
- Street Planter
- Ideas requested for further wildflower seed planting
- Design competition for the planting of the scrub land at the junction of Llandough Hill and Penlan Road
- Dog Fouling
- Consultation on residential parking in the community
- Biodiversity in the allotments with web-link to Council website for full details

RESOLVED that: In relation to the results of the residential parking consultation, a letter be sent to the Cabinet member for Highways and Neighbourhood Services requesting an update on the survey report based on the consultation.

12. CONDITION OF THE COMMUNITY.

A general discussion took place about environmental issues in the community and the following matters were raised:

- There was much litter in the community and evidence of dog fouling
- Residents should be encouraged to undertake their own litter picks and take part in Council organised litter picks
- The Vale of Glamorgan Council be requested to provide an additional enclosed bin by the playing field changing rooms to be of the type with flaps to prevent birds from accessing the bin
- An additional enclosed bin with flaps be requested to be located at the entrance to Canon Walk from the playing fields

RESOLVED that: The Clerk to submit the request for litter bins to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

13. FUTURE LITTER PICKS AND COUNCIL SURGERIES.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee to set a date for the September litter pick subject to prevailing COVID restrictions in force.
- b) Council surgeries be not held at the current time but an invitation be included in the Newsletter for residents to submit to him any ideas or concerns for consideration by the Council.