

LLANDOUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD
REMOTELY ON WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER, 2021 AT 7.00pm**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs L. Barrowclough (Chairman)
Councillor M. Edwards
Councillor Mrs P. Gay
Councillor Mrs S. Jefferies
Councillor D. Mears
Councillor Dr M. Misra
Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs P. Carreyett

1. WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Mrs Jefferies to her first meeting following her recent co-option.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

There were none.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

Minute 5 – The Clerk was requested to contact the appropriate officer in the Vale of Glamorgan Council to ascertain whether there was any progress in relation to identifying opportunities for lighting in Cogan Pill Road.

Minute 6 – It was agreed that reference should be made to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Climate Emergency Charter in the next newsletter. It was noted that the conversion of the steps at Downfield and Pinewood Close to a ramp facility was opposed by many residents on the Estate.

Minute 7 – The Clerk was requested to ascertain from Sight Cymru whether the Council had been granted accredited status.

Minute 8 – The Clerk was requested to progress a response from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in relation to planting on the scrub land at the top of Llandough Hill and on the grass verge at Greenway Close.

Minute 9 – It was noted that a decision was awaited in relation to the grant application for a climbing frame submitted to the Strong Communities Grant Fund.

Minute 10 – It was noted that payment for the use of the hall for the summer playscheme had not yet been made.

Minute 11 – The Clerk to contact the Cabinet Member for Highways and Neighbourhood Services for an update in relation to the proposed residential parking zones in the community.

Minute 12 – The Clerk to contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council to request a response to the request for litter bins in the playing fields.

Minute 13 – It was noted that the Council had decided to defer the publication of the newsletter until November 2021.

4. DATE OF LITTER PICK AND SITE INSPECTION.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The next litter pick to be held on Saturday 7 November 2021 at 10.00am commencing from the hall.
- b) The next site inspection be held on Friday 12 November 2021 at 9.30am starting at the hall.

5. LITTER AND DOG FOULING.

The Clerk had provided the web-link for members to read about the current support available from Keep Wales Tidy in relation to litter and dog fouling within communities. It was noted that the organisation had a community hub at the Cogan Leisure Centre from where litter picking equipment could be obtained.

In the discussion that took place in relation to this matter, it was suggested that the school should be engaged in relation to environmental projects within the community and that more dog waste bins should be available in the community especially by the access point from Canon Walk into the playing fields. It was noted that dog faeces on playing fields could spread disease especially if children with cuts or grazes came into contact with faeces and if it entered their eyes. It was suggested that the school be encouraged to involve the children in designing environmental posters that could be laminated and posted in the village subject of course to relevant permissions being obtained. Councillor Mrs Barrowclough would discuss this possibility with the Headteacher.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The Clerk to enquire with Keep Wales Tidy about whether the Council could obtain litter picking equipment from the community hub at the Cogan Leisure Centre.
- b) A representative of Keep Wales Tidy be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee to discuss ways in which the organisation could assist the Council in addressing the issues of litter and dog fouling in the community.
- c) Councillor Barrowclough to speak with the Headteacher about the possibility of the pupils being engaged in preparing environmental posters to be used in a local campaign to discourage litter and dog fouling.

6. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS – 2 JUNE 2022.

Consideration was given to the guidance published in relating to the Queen's Jubilee Beacons.

RESOLVED that:

- a) A Working Party be established to plan for the event with membership to be Councillors Mrs L. Barrowclough, Mrs P. Gay and Dr M. Misra.
- b) The Council be requested to allocate a budget of £500 for the event.
- c) The Working Party to consider the possibility of the village fete being directly linked to the event.

7. PROPOSED FUNDING OF PUBLIC SEATS AT THE COGAN PILL ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND.

Consideration was given to the possible purchase of additional seats at this location. It was noted however that Councillor Carroll had been requested to ascertain whether a replacement for the bench that was beyond repair was to be arranged by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. It was considered that this option should be pursued in the first instance.

RESOLVED that: The Clerk to ascertain from Councillor Carroll as to whether the bench in question was to be replaced.

8. LOCAL PLACES FOR NATURE FUNDING.

A report was received from Councillor Barrowclough on a joint meeting held on 9 September 2021 on this subject. The Clerk advised that he had contacted Colin Cheeseman the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Ecologist in connection with the supply of free wildflower seeds indigenous to the Vale area. He had responded to explain that what he was offering was rich grassland seeds that could be used for amenity grassland sowing at the right time of year and in conjunction with reduced mowing.

It was considered that the only location suitable for migration corridors would be the playing fields which could help support wildlife. It was suggested that the Vale of Glamorgan Council be encouraged to exclude the area running alongside the bund at the rear of properties in Canon Walk from the normal grass cutting regime thus creating an area for supporting wildlife.

RESOLVED that: The Vale of Glamorgan Council be requested to consider creating a migration corridor on land abutting the bund in the playing fields in line with suggestions made for these types of corridors at the Local Places for Nature meeting held on 9 September 2021.

9. CHRISTMAS TREES AND DECORATIONS 2021.

RESOLVED that: Subject to consultation with both churches, trees be purchased for both Churches and for outside the hall on the same basis as in 2020.

10. CONDITION OF THE COMMUNITY.

A general discussion took place about the condition of the community. The following matters were raised: -

- a) The need for litter clearance on land off Llandough Hill.
- b) It was noted that action was being taken by the Vale of Glamorgan Council in relation to the escape of water on the top of Llandough Hill. It was understood that the cause of the water escape was an underground spring.
- c) The active tennis court was looking good and the drainage work undertaken appeared to be very effective.