

LLANDOUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON A HYBRID BASIS ON
THURSDAY 18 JULY 2024 AT 7.00pm.**

*(Some members attended in the Council Chamber and others from another location
using the Zoom Video Conferencing platform)*

PRESENT

Councillor Dr M. Misra (Chair)
Councillor B. Augustian
Councillor Mrs P. Carreyett
Councillor M. Edwards
Councillor P. King
Councillor D. Mears
Councillor M. Stanyard-Jones

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor C. Gibson
Councillor Mrs S. Jefferies

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST.

There were none declared.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2024.

RESOLVED that: The minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

3. REPORT FROM THE POLICE.

A representative from the Police was not in attendance but a crime report had been circulated to members.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

5. MEETING WITH COUNCILLOR GEORGE CARROLL.

A written report was received from Councillor Carroll as follows:

REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Council has published its response to the consultation. Worryingly, it contained a proposal to "add Llandough to the list of sites where growth would be concentrated". This was despite the vast majority of responses regarding developments in or near our community expressing deep concerns. He would be raising strong objections to this.

DOG FOULING

The Vale Council had now approved a county-wide Public Spaces Protection Order, covering all public highways. This gave enforcement officers the power to take action against anyone caught dog fouling anywhere in Llandough. This was very welcome but must be enforced. He would press this over the weeks and months ahead.

MERRIE HARRIER JUNCTION

The telematics engineers brought forward some potential solutions to the problems with the pedestrian crossing, and the risk of users being hit by cars inadvertently jumping the lights at the turn left out of the village. To resolve this, the Council proposed changing the lane designations to make the left lane left hand turning only. There was a potential risk of tailbacks if this option was pursued, so he would welcome the Community Council's views on this. Whatever action the Council decided, he was of the view it must be placed under constant review and amended or updated as required.

LITTER PICK

He thanked the Community Council for arranging the recent event. It was a pleasure to join and help tidy our community. It was a fantastic effort by all involved.

VALE COUNCIL ISSUES

Over the past month, he had attended meetings of the Full Council, Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee and Democratic Services Committee. Topics discussed included sickness absences, the voting system used at Council Meetings and the Council's hybrid meeting platform.

In the discussion that followed, a number of points were raised as follows:

a) It was suggested that the metal signage left at the top of Andrew Road might impact on the signalling at the Merrie Harrier junction. A comment was made that the junction had already been extensively remodelled and

that the latest proposal might create a traffic tailback. The suggestion was made of having a central reservation which had previously been rejected by highway engineers. Councillor Carroll would follow up on this suggestion.

b) An incidence of water escaping near the new flat's development in Leckwith Road was reported.

c) It was noted that Councillor Carroll was progressing the possibility of double yellow lines at the junction of Llandough Hill with Penlan Road.

6. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR.

Two applications had been received for the vacancy.

RESOLVED that:

a) Mrs LB be appointed to the vacancy.

b) The Clerk write to the unsuccessful applicant thanking her for the application and encouraging her to consider applying for any future vacancies that might arise.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

Minute 7.15 – The site meeting would be held with the Footpaths Officer on 19 July 2024.

Minute 11 – The interim grant of £50 had been paid to the Belle Vue Bowling Club and they would be sending representatives to the September meeting of the Council to explain their current plans in more depth.

Minute 14 – The response of the Cardiff and Vale UHB had been emailed to all councillors.

Minute 15 – The Clerk was unable to make a presentation to the OVW webinar as the date clashed with the Council's coffee morning.

Proposed Bat Walk – Councillor Misra would be rescheduling the meeting with the local expert and report back following the meeting.

Litter/Dog Fouling Poster Competition – Councillor Stanyard-Jones had provided the Clerk with a poster for the competition. He suggested that the competition be held in the early weeks of the Autumn school term with prize giving being arranged shortly afterwards.

8. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES.

The Council gave consideration to the minutes of the following Committees and Working Parties.

Allotments Working Party – 29 June 2024.

RESOLVED that: The minutes be approved.

Village Fete Working Party – 16 July 2024.

RESOLVED that: The minutes be approved.

9. ASSESSMENT OF COSTS FOR PREPARATION OF PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEWIS ROAD ALLOTMENTS SITE.

The Clerk reported that Planning Aid Wales was unable to provide advice on the reasonableness of the quotation received from DC Horticulturist for the work required to support the submission of the planning application. The Council's financial regulations required the Council to seek alternative quotations to give assurance of value for money.

RESOLVED that: The Clerk obtain two quotations from planning consultants for consideration at the September meeting of the Council.

10. INSPECTION OF OVERGROWTH IMPACTING ON PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO THE LEWIS ROAD RESERVE ALLOTMENTS SITE.

Councillor King and Dr Misra had not yet inspected the site with a view to assessing complaints received from the occupiers of adjoining properties.

RESOLVED that:

- a) Councillors King and Dr Misra to meet on site at the earliest opportunity and advise the Clerk of their findings.
- b) The Clerk to be granted delegated powers to arrange for any clearance work to be undertaken by the ground contractor.
- c) Depending on their findings, consideration be given as to whether to advise the residents that no further clearance work would be undertaken pending the development of the site for allotments.

11. INNOVATIVE PRACTICE CONFERENCE – 3 JULY 2024.

A report of the Conference was received from Councillor Dr M. Misra. In the report a range of suggestions was made as to how the Council could improve services and engagement with all sections of the community.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The report of Councillor Dr Misra be referred to the Environment and Amenities Committee for consideration.
- b) The Clerk to obtain census data for Llandough based on the 2021 census.
- c) The Clerk to ascertain the process for the creation of QR codes.
- d) The Clerk to contact Vision ICT to ask them to explain why access to the Council's website from an overseas location indicated that the site was insecure.

12. SAFETY OF LITHIUM BATTERIES AND THEIR DISPOSAL.

A further communication was received from Ron Bailey seeking the support of the Council to a new Bill to be introduced in the House of Commons in relation to the safety of lithium batteries and their disposal.

RESOLVED that: The Clerk write to Ron Bailey and Stephen Doughty MP expressing the full support to the content of the Bill with special regard to be given to the safety of e-scooters and other vehicles powered by lithium batteries.

13. APPLICATION FOR DONATION – CEREBRAL PALSY CYMRU.

RESOLVED that: In pursuance of the power conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, a donation of £100 be made to Cerebral Palsy Cymru in support of its work.

14. MEMBERS WHO HAD ATTENDED MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

Councillor Dr Misra had circulated a written report on matters considered in the recent One Voice Wales Area Committee. It was noted that one matter raised related to the need for the Charter with the Vale Council to be updated. Councillor Carroll agreed to raise the matter with the appropriate official.

15. BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30 JUNE 2024.

RESOLVED that: The bank reconciliation be approved.

16. EXAMINATION AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

RESOLVED that: The under-mentioned accounts be paid as indicated below:

Payee	Amount	Description of Payment
Vision ICT Limited	240.00	Hosted Email Addresses 2024/25
P and A Grounds Maintenance Ltd	992.09	Grounds Maintenance June 2024
H. Kirk	19.55	Gas for Beacon
P.R. Egan	130.08	Rent Allowance
Belle Vue Bowling Club	50.00	Interim Donation
BT Business	58.68	Broadband Charges
Amazon	31.98	Inkjet Cartridges
Cash Back Rebate	(1.00)	
Salaries and Wages Aggregated	1,626.08	
TOTAL	3,147.46	

Items shown in bold were paid on Council's Barclaycard

17. PLANNING APPLICATION.

*Application No. 2024/00350/FUL
Baron's Court, Penarth Road
Demolition of Existing Dwellings, New 24 room aparthotel (C1 hotel use)
adjacent to Baron's Court restaurant*

RESOLVED that: The Vale of Glamorgan Council be informed of the following comments:

- a) The Planning Officer should provide assurance that there is sufficient car parking provision within the curtilage of the site especially at times that the aparthotel is full.
- b) If the development included facilities for conferences, it may be the case that there were insufficient car spaces available for those in attendance.
- c) The proposal represents an over-development of the site and the design of the building is out of character with the immediate area especially the Baron's Court building.

Signed..... Date: 19 September 2024
Chair