

LLANDOUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON A HYBRID BASIS ON
THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2025 AT 7.00pm.**

(Some members attended in the Council Chamber and others from another location)

PRESENT

Councillor Dr M. Misra (Chair)
Councillor C. Gibson (Vice-Chair)
Councillor B. Augustian
Councillor Mrs L. Barrowclough
Councillor Mrs P. Carreyett
Councillor Mrs S. Jefferies
Councillor P. King
Councillor D. Mears
Councillor M. Stanyard-Jones

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.

There were none declared.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2024.

RESOLVED that: The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

3. REPORT FROM THE POLICE.

Apologies for absence had been received from PCSO D. Andrews. A crime report had not been received on this occasion.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION.

There was one member of the public in attendance.

5. MEETING WITH COUNCILLOR GEORGE CARROLL.

The following report was received from Councillor Carroll.

DAMAGED FENCE BY PLAY AREA

He had passed on to the Vale Council the issue of the damaged fence and they had confirmed they would take action to address it.

DOG FOULING

Plain clothed patrols had visited the playing fields on ten occasions in December and he had asked the Vale Council for details of the outcome, and if any enforcement action had been taken. He was able to confirm that one fixed penalty notice had been issued and he would publish this information which could serve as a deterrent.

MERRIE HARRIER JUNCTION

He was still receiving reports of safety issues at the junction. Signage warning of the new layout had now been installed, but this was quite small and not particularly obvious. He had asked the Vale Council if larger signage could be provided. They had said there were constraints at the location. He would continue to press for improved signage.

GRITTING

Concerns had been raised about the ice hazards on roads/pavements in the village. He had asked the Vale Council to ensure the roads are gritted frequently. He had also received a few reports of grit bins in need of replenishment and he asked the Vale Council to address this.

LLANDOUGH HILL POTHoles

The repairs at the bottom of the hill had been carried out last month. The affected stretch still required resurfacing and he would keep raising this with the Vale Council.

In the discussion that took place Councillor Carroll agreed to that the Enforcement Officers visit other non-specified areas in the community over the next few months.

The Community Council expressed its concern about the road signage at the approach to the Merrie Harrier junction from Penlan Road and it was considered that the left-hand lane should be clearly signed as 'Left Turn only' to ensure as far as possible that drivers in this lane did not turn right.

RESOLVED that: The Clerk write to the Highway department requesting that they review the road signage and consider including a sign to state that it was for left turning traffic only.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

Minute 6.21 – The Clerk was still awaiting an update from the Royal British Legion on their plans, if any, for commemorating VE day. He had however asked the Club to open the Bar late on the evening of the commemoration. It was noted that the Church had agreed to ring the church bells on 80 occasions as part of the commemoration.

Minute 7(a) – The Clerk reported that advice had been received from Michele Fitzsimmons on the draft specification for inviting costed estimates from Planning Consultants and a reply from the Federation of Social Farms and Gardens was awaited.

Minute 19 – One Voice Wales had advised that they would be publishing a practice development note on the use of QR codes by the end of January 2025.

Minute 24 – The new Council photograph was now uploaded on to the website.

7. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING WORKING PARTY HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2025.

RESOLVED that: The minutes be noted.

8. PROPOSED PURCHASE OF PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE COUNCILLOR MICHAEL EDWARDS.

RESOLVED that: The matter be referred to the Environment and Amenities Committee for consideration.

9. ARRANGEMENTS FOR COFFEE MORNINGS JANUARY TO MARCH 2025.

Consideration was given to the content of coffee mornings during January to March 2025.

RESOLVED that: The content be as follows:

24 January – Quiz and Councillors present explaining about their role as councillors.

28 February – Quiz plus possible speaker from Llais.

28 March – Quiz plus possible speaker from Belle Vue Bowling Club.

10. CONDITION OF BROOK GREEN FOOTBRIDGE – UPDATE.

It was reported that the rotted wooden slats had been replaced and the bridge re-opened. The Caretaker had closed the footbridge prior to the repairs being undertaken and the Vale Highways team had loaned out footpath closure signs which had now been returned. Intrado Limited had undertaken a recent structural inspection of the bridge and their report was awaited.

RESOLVED that: The appreciation of the Council be recorded for the timely work of the Carpenter, the sterling work of the Caretaker and the support of Vale Highways.

11. APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION.

Two applications had been received for the vacant position of councillor. A vote was taken to determine who would be appointed to the position.

RESOLVED that:

- a) Mr TL be appointed to the vacancy through co-option.
- b) Ms NW be thanked for her application and advised that on this occasion she was unsuccessful.
- c) The Clerk to arrange for the induction of Mr TL and to arrange for him to complete and sign the declaration of acceptance of office.

12. PROVISION OF MARQUEES AND FURNITURE FOR THE ANNUAL VILLAGE FETE.

The Clerk reported that he had sought quotations from three providers with two of them advising that they were unable to provide a service as they were fully booked. The Marquee and Furniture Company who had provided the service in recent years had supplied a quotation based on their 2024 prices.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The quotation from the Marquee and Furniture Company at a cost of £1633.50 plus VAT be accepted.
- b) In future years, requests for quotations be invited in July of the previous year

13. SUPPLY OF A5 VINYL BACKED POSTERS.

The Clerk had obtained two quotations for the printing of the litter poster which had been selected as the best poster prepared in the recent school competition. The poster would be printed on vinyl with a sticky back for the purpose of displaying on street lamppost columns in the community. The Highways department had approved their display on the columns and had advised that there were around 360 such columns in the community. It was agreed that upon receipt councillors would arrange on an equitable basis for them to be displayed at an estimated height of 4 foot to 5 foot. It was also agreed that they be displayed on half of the lamppost columns with a spare supply being held back for replacement at set intervals. It would be necessary for the impact of the display to be measured over time.

RESOLVED that: A supply of 500 posters be ordered from Beacon Printers at a cost of £180.

14. ONE VOICE WALES AWARDS SCHEME 2025.

An invitation from One Voice Wales was received in respect of the annual awards scheme with a range of award categories applying.

RESOLVED that:

- a) An award application be submitted under the Best Older Persons Initiative.
- b) The Clerk and Chair to prepare the application.
- c) It be noted that if selected for an award, it would be an expectation that the Council would be represented at the awards ceremony on 30 April 2025 in Builth Wells.

15. COVID DAY OF REFLECTION – 9 MARCH 2025.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The invitation to take part in the day of reflection be noted.
- b) Details of the day of reflection be posted on the Council's website.

16. MEMBERS WHO HAD ATTENDED MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES.

There were no reports received.

17. BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024.

RESOLVED that: The bank reconciliation be approved.

18. EXAMINATION AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

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

Payee	Amount	Description of Payment
P.R. Egan	109.99	Reimbursement Cost of McAfee Anti-Virus Software
P.R. Egan	50.00	Petty Cash
P.R. Egan	31.50	Car Allowance
Mighty Oaks Tree Solutions	888.00	Tree Work
P.R Egan	28.75	Telephone Expenses
Anne Hill	13.96	Bulbs for Street Planter
Henry James	527.00	Repairs to Brook Green Footbridge
C. Carreyett	69.51	Materials for Closure of Brook Green Footbridge
P.R. Egan	130.08	Rent Allowance
British Telecom	58.68	Broadband Charges
Viking Direct	40.43	Stationery
Cash Back	(1.00)	Barclaycard
Salaries and Wages Aggregated	2,012.85	
TOTAL	3,959.75	

Items shown in bold were paid on Council's Barclaycard

19. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

There were none to consider.

Signed..... Date: 20 February 2025
Chair