**LLANDOUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS WORKING PARTY HELD ON SATURDAY 28 JUNE 2025 AT 10.00am in CORBETT ROAD ALLOTMENTS.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor P. King (Chair)

Councillor Mrs L. Barrowclough

Councillor D. Mears

B. Hart

C. Hart

G. Llewellyn

S. Loveless

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor M. Stanyard-Jones

A. Booth

P. Sommerfield

A Willicombe

1. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2025.**

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

1. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

Minute 11 – The Clerk had sent the legal position statement to the Association which had been circulated to tenants with no feedback being received.

1. **WATER INGRESS FROM FLOODING ON CORBETT ROAD.**

The Clerk had forwarded the Engineer’s report to the Hospital’s Facilities Manager requesting that the ditches on hospital land be cleaned out as a matter of priority in order to resolve the issue of flooding in the allotments. It was reported that no action had been taken to date. It was also reported that the overgrowth at the top of the site had not been cut back despite repeated requests. It was also reported that sap from the tall trees at the top of the site was potentially damaging the paintwork of cars parked in the car parking area. There was also a dead Ash tree at the top of the site that might require felling.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The Chief Executive of the University Health Board be requested to progress the clearing out of the ditches on hospital land as recommended by the Vale of Glamorgan Council’s Drainage Engineer.
2. No action be taken to report the sap from the tall trees at the top of the site.
3. The Chief Executive of the University Health Board be requested to progress the cutting back of the overgrowth at the top of the site and to arrange for the apparent dead Ash tree to be considered for felling.
4. **LIGHTING OF BONFIRES.**

There were no issues to consider.

1. **PROVISION OF A LIVING SHELTER ON THE SITE.**

The Association supported the purchase of a living shelter on the site and it remained for the Council to consider including the costs involved in its budget for 2026/27. Alternatively, it might be possible to pursue a grant option but to be successful there would need to be rationale prepared that focussed on the wider benefits of community engagement that could be implemented with a such a facility in situ.

**RESOLVED** that: The Association to provide the Clerk with a detailed proposal for community benefit that could be used to support a grant application.

1. **WAITING LIST.**

There were currently 44 names on the main list.

1. **REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION.**

The Association provided the following report:

1. The provision of a skip in May was much appreciated – thank you.
2. We had a successful day at the Fete, despite uncertain weather and low footfall.
3. It was necessary to call an ambulance to site recently after a tenant collapsed in the lower car park. Members had been circulated with a reminder of the postcode and What3Words of the site. This information was also on the notice board.
4. There was severe congestion around the lower gate with vehicles involved with National Grid work on the substation (most days 3 vans/2cars) making it difficult to get into the gate/up the lane to the top car park. However, at a busy time of year for tenants we were against “inviting” them to use the lower car park.
5. A “scaffolding van” was reported by a member to have damaged the sign on the lower gate.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The matter of the damaged sign be not pursued for compensation.
2. The Clerk to write to the National Grid to ask for a statement of planned works, how they would ensure safe access and egress to and from the allotments and whether they offered a community grant scheme to address the inconvenience caused to allotment tenants over the duration of the improvement project.
3. The Association to consider how they might encourage children to develop an interest in growing by perhaps the sale of pumpkin or sunflower seeds at the annual village fete.
4. **CONDITION OF PLOTS.**

There were no current issues of concern.