

# CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANDOW

## LLANDOW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Llandow Community Council held remotely via Zoom  
on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 7.00 pm.

167/22. **PRESENT:** Mrs. C. Bray (Chairman), Mr. R. Thomas (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. A. Pattinson, Mr. D. Hackett, Ms. J. Shaw, Mrs. S. Brewer, Mr. A. Clarke, Mrs. K. Walters and Mr. M. Walker.

168/22. **IN ATTENDANCE:** County Borough Councillor C. Cave and Mr. D-L. Jones (Clerk)

169/22. **APOLOGIES:** PCSO A. Stone

170/22. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST, ETC:**

Cllr. A. Clarke declared an interest in all matters concerning the planning application for the land to the southwest of Sigingstone.

171/22 **CASUAL VACANCY:**

The Clerk confirmed that the VGCBC Electoral Dept had issued 'The Notice of Casual Vacancy' which had now expired; therefore, Council was able to move to co-option.

It was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Cllr. D. Hackett, seconded by Cllr. J. Shaw, to co-opt Mrs. Kay Walters as a Community Councillor.

172/22. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

It was agreed to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023, proposed by Cllr. M. Walker and seconded by Cllr. R. Thomas.

It was agreed to change the title of agenda item 'Council Decisions' to 'County Councillor Report'.

173/22. **MATTERS ARISING:**

*Moat Farm:* The Clerk reported he had asked the Vale of Glamorgan Planning Dept to ensure that, as a statutory consultee, Council's responses and correspondence regarding planning matters are displayed on the planning website, together with those of other consultees. There seems to have been technical difficulties in achieving this, but the Clerk has been assured that the issues will be resolved soon.

*Wall of Sigingstone brook:* It was reported a section of the wall had collapsed; the Clerk had reported this to the VGCBC but, to date, no work seems to have been undertaken.

*Tree near plane crash memorial:* The tree near the plane crash memorial has fallen; the Clerk will report this again to the VGCBC.

*Blocked Culverts at Sigingstone:* It was reported that the culverts appear to have been cleaned.

174/22 **POLICE REPORT:**

PCSO A Stone reported, via email, that no crimes had been reported in the preceding month.

175/22. **FINANCE:**

a)	Business a/c	£51.52	
	Current a/c	<u>£6,755.69</u>	
		£6,807.21	
b)	Outgoings for February 2023:		
	Clerk's salary @ S.P. 24- Jan '23:		£420.16
	HMRC:		£105.00
	Transact Pensions ( <i>by direct debit</i> ):		£95.36
c)	Financial Statement January 2023 (Appendix 1): Council noted the financial statement.		

176/22. **STRONG COMMUNITIES GRANT FUND:** *There were no applications.*

177/22. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND:** *There were no applications.*

178/22. **REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:**

- 1) Vale of Glamorgan Community Liaison Committee: Cllr. R. Thomas reported that the meeting scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 had been cancelled due to lack of business. Cllr. Thomas expressed his dissatisfaction given the number of important recurring issues that are discussed in this forum.
- 2) One Voice Wales Area Meeting: Council noted the report which had been previously circulated.

- 3) Community Review: Council noted the report of Cllr. C. Bray and agreed to proceed, as suggested, with a review of each village which will then form the basis of the response to the VGCBC.

**179/22. CORRESPONDENCE** (*Council noted the following correspondence*):

- 1) Clerks & Councils Direct
- 2) The Clerk

**180/22. PLANNING:**

*Prior notification of development:*

- 1) Westmoor Farm, Slatter Lane, Llysworney: 2023/00007/PNA Block sheds to replace existing unsafe buildings for mixed agricultural/equine use - breeding and producing horses/breeding and keeping sheep/making hay.
- 2) Westmoor Farm, Slatter Lane, Llysworney: 2023/00008/PND Demolition of collapsed buildings which are unsafe for use and posing a risk to the public using Slatter Lane. Also 3 trees to be removed (2 x Ash dieback, 1 x Sycamore) as roots are causing issues.

**181/22 TRAINING PLAN:**

The Clerk circulated the Feb/ March diary of training opportunities and Members agreed to book a training slot or contact the Clerk who would be happy to do it for them. It was noted there is a statutory requirement for all Members to undertake 'Code of Conduct' training every five years. Furthermore, it was agreed that the training about the role and responsibilities of a Community Councillor is important for new members. Once everyone is up to date with 'Code of Conduct' training we will look at other training opportunities, mindful of the need to develop a five year training plan and the costs associated with the same.

**182/22. LLANDOW:**

*Recent attempted burglary:* Cllr. A. Pattinson reported there had been an attempted burglary in Llandow. Entry was not made to the property; nevertheless, residents were justifiably worried. The importance of increased vigilance and reporting any suspicious behaviour immediately to the Police were highlighted.

*VGCBC Budget Consultation:* Cllr. A. Pattinson drew this matter to Council's attention. Several proposals regarding the reduction in existing service levels and/or charging for services that are currently free have been put forward for consultation. It was noted this will affect the rural Vale in particular, given the already modest level of service residents receive in this area.

*Network rail:* Cllr. D. Hackett reported that Network Rail have been working at night on the line at Llandow since the first/second week of January 2023; this has led to a significant increase in the use of a parcel of land at the end of Ty Draw. Bright lights on a stand are used throughout the night, with no specific routine or any letter/notification from Network Rail as to when they will be active, which would enable residents to take appropriate measures to reduce the overnight disruption (e.g., lock windows, shut curtains, sleep in another room etc.). Multiple cars come and go from the site throughout the night, with the main activity around 5 am when all the vehicles make a very noisy departure. On a fairly frequent basis the workers can be clearly heard swearing and talking loudly on the line; exacerbated by woken dogs which start barking. Workers have now taken to leaving their litter at the end of Ty Draw track which is close to a watercourse; this not only looks unsightly but is having a negative impact on wildlife.

It was agreed the Clerk would write to Network Rail for an explanation as to what is happening in the area that requires so much work, along with a firm commitment to address all the above to significantly improve the current situation.

**183/22. LLYSWORNEY:**

*Nash Junction:* It was reported that the damaged sign at Nash Junction has been reinstated.

**184/22. SIGINGSTONE:**

*Tree felling:* It was reported that a tree had been cut down on farmland between Moorshead Lane and the B4270. There was uncertainty whether the trees in this area are under the protection of a Tree Preservation Order. Unfortunately, no one at the VGCBC had been available to answer the query. Cllr. C. Cave agreed to follow this up and Cllr. J. Shaw agreed to search the planning system to see if any relevant information comes to light.

**185/22. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT: (Appendix 2)**

Council noted the report of Cllr. C. Cave.

*LDP consultation:* Cllr. C. Cave drew Council's attention to the ongoing LDP consultation and gave a brief overview of what direction planning policy might take in the Vale of Glamorgan. It was noted that the Members of the Community Council will have an opportunity to express their views about the proposals in the following week.

*Flooding at Llandow:* Cllr. C. Cave drew Council's attention to the ongoing and unresolved issues with flooding at Llandow and gave a brief synopsis of the problems. Cllr. C. Cave suggested that she would call a meeting with all

stakeholders to try and move this matter forward. Council supported this proposal and thanked Cllr. Cave for taking the initiative.

*Civic Amenity Site:* Following the decision not to proceed with a new Recycling Centre at the preferred site, Cllr C. Cave reported she had received notification that the VCGBC is now seriously considering a location near the Place for Homes. Cllr. Cave expressed concern that this location is particularly undesirable given its proximity to Llandow Village, the very poor road network, limited access to the site and the consequent increase in traffic movement in narrow lanes. Council noted Cllr Cave's concerns.

**186/22. OTHER BUSINESS:**

*Hybrid meetings:* Following the success of the meeting using a Meta Portal which had allowed Cllrs. D. Hackett, A. Pattinson and K. Walters to join the meeting from Llandow Village Hall, it was agreed to move to this method of meeting from March onwards. It was also agreed that Council would purchase a Meta Portal. Council expressed its thanks to Cllr. D. Hackett for his expertise in setting up the equipment and managing the meeting from the Hall.

**187/22. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 7pm at Llandow Village Hall and via Zoom.

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7pm at Llandow Village Hall and via Zoom.

Signed..... Dated.....