

Minutes of Council, 14 December 2023

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Laleston Community Council held at Bryntirion & Laleston Community Centre on 14 December 2023, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr's A Berrow, JP Blundell, Z Blundell, J Cook, C Davies, D Harrison, I Spiller, V James, S Philpin, S Richmond, C Smith and C Webster.

In attendance: Gail Jewell

- 1. 19.1365 Council undertook a period of silent reflection.**
- 2. 19.1366 Apologies for absence.** Cllr P King.
- 3. 19.1367 Representation from members of the public.** None.
- 4. 19.1368 Items of business that the Chair deems urgent.**

The Chair took the opportunity to explain to Members that Cllr P King had requested a 3-month leave of absence.

Resolved: Council **agreed** that the Clerk pass on best wishes to Cllr P King on their behalf.

5. 19.1369 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr D Harrison – Item 15 – Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Committee.

Cllr A Berrow – Item 15 – Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Committee.

Cllr I Spiller – Item 15 – Prejudicial Interest as a family member of an applicant.

6. 19.1370 Approval of Minutes.

Resolved: The minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council that took place on 16 November 2023 were **approved** as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr S Philpin and seconded by Cllr C Webster.

Matters arising:

Item 11 – 19.1357 To discuss the purchase and installation of 4 benches in

commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, to be placed in Laleston, Broadlands, Bryntirion and Cefn Glas.

As agreed at the previous meeting, consultation had taken place on Facebook via Laleston Village Hub regarding the placement of a D-Day bench. The findings of which are detailed below:

<i>The Dell</i>	5
<i>Well Street</i>	7
<i>Laleston Cemetery</i>	30

Resolved: Council **agreed** that contact be made with Bridgend County Borough Council to seek permission to install a D-Day Bench at Laleston Cemetery.

Item 14 – 19.1360 To consider revised Model Standing Orders May 2023 provided by One Voice Wales.

In relation to Page 14 – 6.d. A Member requested that the following inserts be amended to outline 2 Members of Council rather than Committee.

Resolved: Council **agreed** to the amendment.

7. 19.1371 To receive quotations, if any.

Quotations Received	Comment
1 Bryntirion Playpark. To supply and install: 2 x replacement springs for accessible seesaw New bearings for honeycomb roundabout Repair seat on honeycomb roundabout 3 x replacement handholds for turnfly overhead spinner 4 x pair of rotating bearings for the Sutcliffe swing Patch approx. 2 sqm rubber surfacing TOTAL £2100.00 + VAT	Resolved: Council agreed to progress with the quotation received.
2 Wordsworth Playpark. To supply and install replacement seat for cantilever swing. To install rubber mulch around high wear areas approx. 5 sqm TOTAL £650.00 + vat	Resolved: Council agreed to progress with the quotation received.

8. 19.1372 To review and agree Head of Terms for the Community Asset Transfer of Bryntirion Playing Fields and Playground.

Resolved: Item **deferred** until a response is received from the landlord regarding permission to make additions to the playing field following a community asset transfer of the land.

9. 19.1373 To discuss an upcoming vacancy for a Community Governor for Maes Y Haul Primary School and Trelales Primary School.

Resolved: Following discussions, Cllr C Davies **confirmed** that he would remain a Community Governor at Maes Y Haul and Cllr A Berrow **confirmed** that he would take on the role at Trelales Primary School. In addition, Council requested that the Clerk write to the School of Governors to explain that most of the Community Governors work full time which conflicts with some meetings arranged, and ask that consideration is given to this when scheduling meetings.

10. 19.1374 To review the budget/precept proposals for 2024/2025

The Chair of the Finance Committee presented the budget proposals and proposed precept requirement for 2024/2025.

Resolved: Council **agreed** to progress with the recommended precept figure of £282,698 for the financial year 2024/2025. In addition, Council **requested** that the Clerk approach Bridgend Town Council to offer financial assistance towards the Christmas lights by the shops by West Ward Community Centre and to explore planting / maintaining a Christmas tree in place of the one purchased and dressed year on year.

11. 19.1375 To agree to purchase Christmas Lighting

The Chair provided an update confirming that several of the Christmas Lights were unable to be repaired by Centregreat and required replacements. The Chair further explained that Blachere, the company that the Council purchases Christmas lights from, have an offer on ex hire lights during the month of January.

Resolved: Council **agreed** that £7,200 be allocated from the Grants and Donations budget heading to purchase additional Christmas lights during January 2024.

12. 19.1376 To receive any recommendations and or comments from Committees –

a. **Finance Committee** – None

b) **HR & Personnel Committee** – None

c) **Biodiversity & Allotment Committee** – None

13. 19.1377 To receive the draft minutes of any Committee meetings held since the

last meeting of Council and note any delegated decisions made –

a. **Finance Committee** – None

• **HR & Personnel Committee** – None

c) **Biodiversity & Allotment Committee.**

Resolved: Council **noted** the minutes provided.

14. 19.1378 To receive correspondence, if any. None.

15. 19.1379 To consider Planning Applications

Planning Application

Comment

Planning Application No.: P/23/655/RLX Applicant: Mr G Naim Location: Unit 5 Gentle Way Broadlands Bridgend CF31 5EJ Proposal: Vary condition 1 (opening hours), remove condition 2 (extraction system) by providing details and vary condition 3 (use) of P/13/659/FUL Date: 17 November 2023

Resolved: No comments made.

Planning Application No.: T/23/3/CON Applicant: Mr M Thomson Location: The Paddock High Street Laleston CF32 0HL Proposal: Cut back the overhanging branches of sycamore and conifers trees along driveway. Date: 20 November 2023

Resolved: No comments made.

Planning Application No.: P/23/685/FUL Applicant: PKL Group (UK) Ltd Location: Bryntirion Infant School Bryn Golau Bryntirion CF31 4DD Proposal: Siting of portable building to provide kitchen facility and a single storey link to existing school building. Date: 27 November 2023

Resolved: No comments made.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.45pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18 January 2024, and will commence at 7.00pm.