

Minutes of Meeting of Council – 16 January 2025

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Laleston Community Council held at Bryntirion & Laleston Community Centre on 16 January 2025 commencing at 7.00pm.

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

In attendance: Gail Jewell

- 1. 19.1579 Council undertook a period of silent reflection.**
- 2. 19.1580 Apologies for absence.** Cllr C Davies and C Smith.
- 3. 19.1581 Representation from members of the public.** None.
- 4. 19.1582 Items of business that the Chair deems urgent.** None.

The Chair explained that an email had been circulated to all Members relating to a notice of a review of polling districts, places and stations. The Chair continued to outline that there were no proposals to change the polling stations for our ward areas but the review provides the opportunity to propose changes to the existing arrangements.

Resolved: Council **agreed** that a response be provided stating that Members were satisfied with the current arrangements proposed for polling districts, places and stations.

5. 19.1583 Declarations of Interest.

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

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

Cllr JP Blundell – Item 15 – Prejudicial Interest as a neighbour of one of the applications received.

Cllr Z Blundell – Item 15 – Prejudicial Interest as a neighbour of one of the applications received.

6. 19.1584 Approval of Minutes.

Resolved: The minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council that took place on 19 December 2024 were **approved** as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr I Spiller and seconded by Cllr S Richmond.

Matters Arising from the Meeting that took place on 19 December 2024:

Item 15. 19.1556 – To agree the purchase of a re-usable 3.5m Christmas tree with installation of concrete base opposite the shopping precinct in Broadlands, adjacent to the CCTV camera and planters/benches/bins installed by LCC.

A Member reiterated that the Council's Standing Orders are very clear and the agenda item 'Approval of Minutes' is for accuracy only, and not the time to reopen debate or change any decisions previously made by Council. They continued to outline that the only process to amend a decision made by Council, is to put forward a motion to rescind, which would need two signatures and be presented to the Proper Officer at least 7 clear days before the meeting.

7. 19.1585 To receive quotations, if any.

Quotations Received

Comment

Retrospective approval required:

To rectify damage to timber fence at Laleston Allotment site due to recent storms.

Cost for materials only. Works carried out by RV32.

£259.03

To board out attic space in Bryntirion Community Centre

Cost for materials only. Works to be carried out by RV32

£197.71

Resolved: Council **agreed** to the retrospective spend, and Members took the opportunity to thank RV32 for their assistance, to firstly support the fence during the storm and then to undertake all the repairs as required following the storm.

The Clerk explained that the attic space in Bryntirion Community Centre is currently being used for storage and is only partially boarded for a walkway and the quotation received is to extend the flooring area to create a safe storage space.

Resolved: Council **agreed** to progress with the quotation received.

8. 19.1586 To consider progressing to Phase 2 of the Laleston Well Project

Resolved: Following a pre-meeting briefing undertaken by Mr P Cope, that outlined the work to be undertaken, which included completion of funding applications and the confirmation that there would be no further cost to Laleston Community Council, Members **agreed** to progress to Phase 2 of the Laleston Well Project. Proposed by Cllr S Philpin and Seconded by Cllr I Spiller.

9. 19.1587 To discuss writing a letter to the Chief Executive of Bridgend County Borough Council to enquire if there are any plans for a youth club provision in Bryntirion.

Resolved: The Clerk **confirmed** that a letter had recently been sent to the Chief Executive of Bridgend County Borough Council, which had been acknowledged, and further informed Members that an update will be provided as soon as a response is received.

10. 19.1588 To investigate obtaining the green space near Tai Arfyn, Broadlands.

An update was provided by a Member of Council, who explained that the plot of land was previously in the portfolio of Macob, and since the company's liquidation, the land is being maintained by Persimmon.

Resolved: Due to the implications of trying to obtain land that is currently owned by a dissolved company, Council **agreed** for the Clerk to take steps to register the land as a 'village green'.

11. 19.1589 To consider donating a table tennis table to Bryntirion Comprehensive School.

The Chair explained that following the agenda send out and further conversations with Bryntirion Comprehensive School, it was confirmed that they would be interested in receiving both table tennis tables currently stored at Blandy Hall.

Resolved: Members **agreed** to donate both table tennis tables to Bryntirion Comprehensive School.

12. 19. 1590 To discuss utilising the Boules Court situated in the grounds of Blandy Hall.

Resolved: Following discussions, Members **agreed** to advertise the boules area via Laleston Community Council social media accounts and for Cllr S Richmond to arrange a friendly boules match with a local association.

13. 19.1591 To consider progression with the transfer of the play parks in Broadlands

from Persimmon to Laleston Community Council.

Resolved: Council **agreed:**

1. To allow the Clerk to further investigate obtaining a variation to the original S106 for the 3 playparks to be transferred directly to Laleston Community Council from Persimmon at the commuted sum linked to the current Retail Price Index (RPI).
2. To ask Persimmon for the financial contribution to carry out the works to each playpark to the required standard as outlined by Bridgend County Borough Council.

14. 19.1592 To receive correspondence, if any.

The Clerk explained that correspondence had been received from BCBC stating that an Electoral Arrangement had been undertaken of all Town and Community Councils across Bridgend and that BCBC have launched a 12-week consultation to gather views on the draft recommendations.

Resolved: Members noted the correspondence and **requested** that the item be added to the next meeting of Council for deliberation.

15. 19.1593 To consider Planning Applications.

Planning Application	Comment
Planning Application No.: P/24/611/FUL Applicant: Mr W Phillips Location: 19 Bryn Melys Broadlands Bridgend CF31 5DN Proposal: Retrospective permission for the erection of a timber workshop within the rear garden of the property Date: 6 January 2025	Resolved: No objection raised.
Planning Application No.: P/24/778/FUL Applicant: Mr & Mrs Charles Location: 21 Ffordd-Yr-Afon, Cefn Glas, Bridgend CF31 4UB Proposal: Removal of the existing single storey flat roof garage and construction of a new two storey side extension and single storey lean-to rear extension	Resolved: No objection raised.

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There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.57 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20 February 2025 and will commence at 7.00pm.

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