

Minutes of Meeting of Council – 20 February 2025

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Laleston Community Council held at Bryntirion & Laleston Community Centre on 20 February 2025 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr's JP Blundell, Z Blundell, C Davies, M Fouracre, V James, S Philpin, S Richmond, M Smith and I Spiller.

In attendance: Gail Jewell

- 1. 19.1594 Council undertook a period of silent reflection.**
- 2. 19.1595 Apologies for absence.** Cllr A Berrow, D Harrison, C Smith and C Webster.
- 3. 19.1596 Representation from members of the public.** None.
- 4. 19.1597 Items of business that the Chair deems urgent.** None.
- 5. 19.1598 Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr M Smith – Item 9 – Personal Interest as a Member of Bridgend Town Council.

Cllr I Spiller – Item 9 – Personal Interest as a Member of Bridgend Town Council.

Cllr JP Blundell – Item 9 – Personal Interest as a Panel member.

Cllr JP Blundell – Item 11.5 – Prejudicial Interest as a payee on the receipt list.

Cllr Z Blundell – Item 11.5 – Prejudicial Interest as a payee on the receipts list.

6. 19.1599 Approval of Minutes.

Resolved: The minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council that took place on 16 January 2025 were **approved** as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr M Fouracre and seconded by Cllr S Richmond.

Matters Arising from the Meeting that took place on 16 January 2025:

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

Resolved: An update was provided, stating that the offer of a friendly boules match was

confirmed to take place with a local association, although the exact time and date was yet to be set.

7. 19.1600 To receive quotations, if any. None.

8. 19.1601 To review the Community Council Governor representative for

Bryntirion Infants School.

The current Community Council Governor representative for Bryntirion Infants School explained that the scheduled Governor meetings clashed work commitments and therefore Members were asked to nominate a replacement.

Resolved: Cllr M Smith was duly nominated to replace Cllr S Philpin as the Community Council Governor representative for Bryntirion Infants School.

9. 19.1602 To consider the report outlining the current proposals for the electoral arrangements within Bridgend.

Cllr M Fouracre proposed to respond Bridgend County Borough Council as part of the consultation process to support the draft recommendations as outlined in the report. The proposal was seconded by Cllr M Smith.

Due to confusion with some the suggested boundary changes, Cllr C Davies then proposed to defer the item until the next meeting of Council, to allow time to investigate the changes further prior to responding as a Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr JP Blundell.

Both proposals were presented and voted on by Members with the majority of Members voting for the original proposal.

Resolved: Members **agreed** to respond to Bridgend County Borough Council as part of the consultation process to support the draft recommendations as outlined in the report. The Clerk did however advise that all Councillors were still able to submit their views and comments individually.

10. 19.1603 To review the draft Armed Forces Covenant prior to submission

Resolved: Following deliberation, Council **approved** the content of the draft Armed Forces Covenant prior to its submission.

11. 19.1604 Finance Update

Resolved:

11.1 Members **noted** the bank reconciliation summary as at 1 January 2025 and February 2025.

11.2 Following clarification on vouchers 302, Council **approved** a list of payments made during December 2024 that were presented with the agenda, which included voucher numbers 299 – 336. Proposed by Cllr S Richmond and seconded by Cllr M Smith.

11.3 Following clarification on voucher 352 and request for further information to be provided at the next meeting of Council relating to voucher 353, Council **approved** a list of payments made during January 2025 that were presented with the agenda, which included voucher numbers 337 – 370. Proposed by Cllr S Richmond and seconded by Cllr M Fouracre.

11.4 Council **approved** a list of receipts received during December 2024, which were presented with the agenda, which included voucher numbers 144 – 161, proposed by Cllr and seconded by CllrS Richmond and seconded by Cllr M Smith.

11.5 Council **approved** a list of receipts received during January 2025 that were presented with the agenda, which included voucher numbers 162 – 177. Proposed by Cllr and Seconded by Cllr M Fouracre and seconded by Cllr S Richmond.

11.6 Council **approved** a list of salary payments made in December 2024 that were presented with the agenda. Proposed by Cllr M Fouracre and seconded by Cllr S Richmond.

11.7 Council **approved** a list of salary payments made in January 2025 that were presented with the agenda. Proposed by Cllr M Fouracre and seconded by Cllr M Smith.

12. 19. 1605 To agree charges for the hire of Blandy Hall to the Gardening Club for their annual horticultural show.

Resolved: Following discussions, Members **agreed** to provide Blandy Hall free of charge to the Gardening Club to host their annual horticultural show.

13. 19.1606 To receive any recommendations and or comments from Committees – a)
Finance Committee – None.

b) HR & Personnel Committee – None.

c) Biodiversity & Allotment Committee – None.

14. 19.1607 To note the draft minutes of any Committee meetings held since the last meeting of Council and note any delegated decisions made –

a) Finance Committee – None.

b) HR & Personnel Committee – None.

c) Biodiversity & Allotment Committee – (copies provided at the meeting of Council) – **11 February 2025.**

15. 19.1608 To receive correspondence, if any. None.

16. 19.1609 To consider Planning Applications. None.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.40 pm.

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