

Laleston Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Laleston Community Council held at Blandy hall on Thursday 13 November 2025 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs S Philpin (Chair), A. Berrow, J. Blundell, Z. Blundell, C. Davies, M. Fouracre, D. Harrison, V. James, S. Richmond, C. Smith, M. Smith, I. Spiller, C. Webster.

- 1. 19.1756 Council undertook a period of silent reflection.**
- 2. 19.1757 Apologies for absence.**
- 3. 19.1758 Representation from members of the public. None.**
- 4. 19.1759 Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr A Berrow – Item 23 - Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Committee.

Cllr D Harrison – Item 23 - Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Committee.

- 5. 19.1760 Approval of Minutes.**

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th September 2025 be accepted as a true record thereof. Moved by Cllr A Berrow, Seconded by Cllr M Fouracre.

Matters Arising from the Meeting that took place on 19 June 2025:

Cllr I Spiller noted that item 15.19.1752 replacement grit bins had been missed from the agenda and asked that it be put on the agenda for December's meeting.

- 6. 19.1761 To receive quotations, if any.**

None

- 7. 19.1762 Bryntirion Fields**

Cllr S Philpin noted that we had received an expression of interest from Broadlands AFC to work in collaboration with the community council on a grass football pitch within the Bryntirion Masterplan.

Cllr I Spiller noted that Bridgend County Borough Council had made it a condition of the CAT transfer that a grass pitch needed to be included.

Cllr D Harrison expressed concerns regarding the situation already at Penybont AFC and that there would be considerable impact to residents unless the existing parking situation was resolved first. Cllr I Spiller agreed with Cllr D Harrison, but noted that Bridgend County Borough Council had made it a condition to work with a grassroots club to explore.

Cllr S Richmond noted that changing facilities would need to be provided but would prefer a multi-use facility.

Cllr C Davies expressed that we should be working in conjunction with Bridgend County Borough Council to ensure that a joined up approach.

Cllr JP Blundell noted that we would need to reconsider the plans, and consider parking if this condition was imposed. Cllr JP Blundell agreed Broadlands AFC would be a good team to partner with, but would prefer to consider a multi-use facility, Cllr C Smith concurred.

Cllr I Spiller agreed with Cllr C Davies about the need to work in collaboration with Bridgend County Borough Council to deliver the revised project, due to changes planned with active travel routes from the Land West of Bridgend development.

Cllr I Spiller proposed to acknowledge the expression of interest and work on a non-exclusive basis with Broadlands AFC to investigate a grass pitch within our current plans, this was seconded by Cllr JP Blundell.

8. 19.1762 Proposal from office manager to consider conversion of existing children's toilet in small hall to a ladies toilet.

Cllr I Spiller expressed concerns regarding the change of use of the small hall toilet as this would not solve the problem if the small hall was in use.

Cllr A Berrow noted this was converted to support a nursery.

Following discussion, Cllr C Webster proposed to get quotes to change the existing toilet provision to provide uni-sex toilets within the hallway area. Cllr A Berrow seconded the proposal.

9. 19.1763 One Voice Wales – Webinar training for councillors

Noted

10. 19.1764 Consider condition of concrete outside Blandy Hall

Cllr I Spiller request item was deferred, and request the Gardening Club advise what they would like use to consider.

11. 19.1765 Consider vacancy on Cefn Glas Infants Governing Body

Cllr JP Blundell was nominated to continue in the role by Cllr I Spiller, seconded by Cllr A Berrow.

12. 19.1766 Consider outcome of the Town and Community Council Boundary review

Cllr I Spiller confirmed that he had received correspondence from the monitoring officer that Laleston Community Council's area would be reviewed independently to address the disparity of electors per ward before the next elections.

13. 19.1767 To consider the condition of Laleston Muga ahead of budget setting for 2026/27

Cllr I Spiller proposed we get quotes ahead of budget setting for redoing the lines as discussed by Cllr A Berrow. Cllr S Philpin seconded the proposal.

14. 19.1768 To agree a budget for Armistice Day 2026

Cllr M Fouracre noted the area should be coned off next year for public safety during the minutes silence.

Cllr A Berrow proposed a budget of £200, seconded by Cllr S Richmond.

15. 19.1769 To agree a way forward following conclusion of consultation process of Laleston Well

Council held a discussion over the success of the consultation process and the overwhelming results in favour of moving forward.

Cllr C Smith noted that Phil Cope had been subject to critique at the meetings and answered all the concerns, due to the level of support he proposed moving forward with the next phase, he noted that it would provide a focal point for that area of Laleston. He noted that we would need a set up and maintenance budget. Cllr C Smith suggested that we put a budget in to kick start the project rather than waiting on grant funding.

Cllr S Philpin proposed moving to the next stage to search for grant funding, this was seconded by Cllr A Berrow.

16. 19.1770 Installation of notice board on wall outside Blandy Hall.

It was resolved this was not required due to the close proximity to the village noticeboard.

17. 19. 1771 Flyposting on community council bus shelters.

Cllr I Spiller reported that damage was being caused to the bus shelters and proposed that we write to companies to ask them to remove any fly-posting and consider billing them for replacement panels moving forward. Cllr A Berrow seconded.

18. 19. 1772 To consider repairing bus shelters on Broadlands.

Cllr I Spiller reported that there was rust appearing on two of the bus shelters on Broadlands. These are two council assets and need repairing.

Cllr V James and Cllr M Fouracre expressed reservations on repairing the shelters due to the lack of bus services, but recognised that the assets need repairing to prevent them decaying further.

Cllr JP Blundell suggested working with Bridgend County Borough Council to put pressure on them to reinstate the routes. Cllr S Philpin to write requesting the routes be reinstated in the next financial year.

Cllr I Spiller proposed repairing both at a cost of £450 each, this was seconded by Cllr A Berrow.

19. 19.1773 Investigation of re-opening pathways in Craig y Parcau Local nature Reserve. (Minute 13.19.1714). To confirm wording of resolution. Resolved

Deferred to next meeting as recording was not available.

20. 19.1774 To receive any recommendations and or comments from Committees – a) Finance Committee b) HR & Personnel Committee c) Biodiversity & Allotment Committee.

Cllr I Spiller proposed moving to confidential setting at 7.50pm minutes to give an update on personnel, an update on staffing was received. Item concluded at 7.57pm.

21. 19.1775 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 b) HR & Personnel Committee c) Biodiversity & Allotment Committee).

None.

22. 19.1776 To receive correspondence, if any.

Correspondence Received
(I) Various correspondence from One Voice Wales

19. 19.1755 To consider Planning Applications.

Cllr A Berrow & Cllr D Harrison left the meeting.

Planning Application	Comment
Planning Application No.: P/25/600/FUL Applicant: Mr K Todd Location: 32 Pen Llwyn Broadlands Bridgend CF31 5AZ Proposal: Change of use from a buffer zone to a garden area associated with Number 32 Pen Llwyn Date: 21 October 2025	Resolved: Object. Biodiversity – Nature corridor, privacy buffer to Heol Y Bardd properties.
Planning Application No.: P/25/645/FUL	Resolved: No Objection

Applicant: Mr N Munkley Location: 34 Village Court Broadlands Bridgend CF31 5DY Proposal: Conversion of integral garage into playroom and one additional parking space Date: 12 November 2025	.
Planning application consultation P/25/549/FUL Bryntirion Park Penybont FC Llangewydd Road Bridgend CF31 4RH	<i>Resolved:</i> <i>Object due to adverse impact on neighbouring properties from additional visitors, and lack of parking provision within plans.</i>

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.03 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th December 2025 at Blandy Hall and will commence at 7.00pm