

Laleston Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Laleston Community Council held at Blandy hall on Thursday 18th December at 7.00pm (postponed from Thursday 16th October)

Present: Cllrs V James (Vice Chair), T. Berrow, J P Blundell, Z. Blundell, M. Fouracre, D. Harrison, S.Richmond, I Spiller, C. Webster.

1. 19.1778 Council undertook a period of silent reflection.

2. 19.1779 Apologies for absence. Cllrs: C Davies, S Philpin & M Smith

3. 19.1780 Representation from members of the public. None.

4. 19.1781 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr A Berrow – Item 12 - Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Committee.

Cllr D Harrison – Item 12 - Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Committee.

Cllr I Spiller – Item 12 - Prejudicial Interest as a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Committee.

5. 19.1782 Approval of Minutes.

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20th November 2025 be accepted as a true record thereof.

No matters arising from the minutes of 20th November 2025.

6. 19.1783 To receive quotations, if any.

None

7. 19.1784 Investigation of re-opening pathways in Craig y Parcau Local nature Reserve (Minute 13.19.1714).

Resolved that this matter be deferred until the next meeting as Cllr C Davies not present.

8. 19.1785 To receive any recommendations and or comments from Committees – a) Finance Committee b) HR & Personnel Committee c) Biodiversity & Allotment Committee.

- a) Cllr I Spiller took council through the recommendations from the Finance Committee meeting.

Item 4 – Bryntirion Masterplan reserve resolved to be £50,000 during the current financial year, we vired in year to cover the additional costs for the park improvements in Laleston & Barnes Avenue, finance committee recommended to replenish the reserve, and increase the reserve during the next financial year to £65,000.

Item 5 – Request from a regular room hirer to open up Bryntirion Community Centre over the Christmas period when the centre was shut. Committee decided that this could not be done due to staff holidays.

Car park to remain open over the Christmas period.

Playpark a budget of £15,000 was recommended to be allocated to Maes Yr Eirlys park

Recommendation to increase reserves back to 4-6 months.

Cllr V James queried the public liability it was confirmed that the office manager had confirmed that we had negotiated two policies into one lower figure during this financial year.

Cllr V James queried a duplication in the budget for senior citizens Christmas lunch and OAP travel. The duplication was removed from the Events section.

9. 19.1786 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).

- a) It was agreed to note the minutes of the Finance Committee.
- b) Cllr I Spiller proposed moving to a confidential setting at 7.13pm to receive an update of staffing from HR & Personnel Committee – seconded by Cllr A Berrow.

The minutes of the HR & Personnel Committee were noted. Council return to a non confidential setting at 7.28pm.

10.19.1787 To consider a draft budget, general reserves allocation, and precept recommendation for 2026/27.

Cllr I Spiller reported that VAT reclaimed had been submitted and needed to be accounted for in the bank balances for end of year.

Cllr I Spiller confirmed in the absence of the clerk he had verified the payments and income to date ahead of the budget meeting.

Council unanimously agreed to set the reserve at 4 months.

A HR outsourcing budget of £4,000 was proposed by Cllr I Spiller and seconded by Cllr C Webster agreed to provide cover for additional support.

A revised figure of £4,000 was agreed for playpark maintenance, and a budget was allocated for re-lining Laleston MUGA.

A budget of £600 was agreed for Remembrance for lamppost poppies, wreaths and refreshments for Laleston.

A precept requirement of £326,557 was proposed by Cllr I Spiller, and seconded by Cllr C Webster.

Cllr Z Blundell queried what the increase would mean for a Band D Property per household which was confirmed with the increase to be £64.86.

Council agreed unanimously to set the precept at £326,557.

Resolved:

11.19.1788 To receive correspondence, if any.

Correspondence received regarding Broadlands Wildflower Meadow and One Voice Wales.

12.19.1789 To consider Planning Applications.

Cllr A Berrow, Cllr I Spiller & Cllr D Harrison left the meeting.

Planning Application	Comment
Planning application No P/25/566/FUL. Applicant: C Davies Location: 18 The Dell, Laleston, CF32 0HR Date: 25 th November 2025	<i>Resolved:</i> No issues raised.
Planning Application No: P/25/687/RLX Applicant: Broadlands Development Location: Units 7 & 8 Broadlands Shopping Centre, Broadlands, CF31 5EJ Proposal: Remove condition 4 (drainage) Date: 27 th November 2025	<i>Resolved:</i> No issues raised.
Planning Application No: P25/658/FUL Applicant: Mr K Paddington Location: Laleston Stores, 27 High Street, Laleston, CF32 0HP Proposal: Restrospective application for siting an InPost Parcel Locker Date 5 th December 2025	<i>Resolved:</i> No issues raised
Planning Application No: P/25/525/FUL Appeal ref: 2046 Applicant: Mr L James Location: 1 High Street, Laleston, CF32 0LD	<i>Resolved:</i> Noted

Planning Application No: P/25/731/FUL Applicant: Bellway Homes Ltd (Wales) Location: Land to the south of A48 Craig Y Parcau Bridgend. Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and proposed residential development of up to 120 units together with associated highways, drainage, open space and other infrastructure works.	<i>Resolved:</i> Cllr Clair Webster to collate members concerns and email to planning as councillors were concerned regarding the impact on Broadlands roundabout and local infrastructure.
Planning Application No: P/25/719/FUL Applicant: D2 Propco Ltd Location: 3 Ashgrove, Bryntirion, CF31 4EE Proposal: Change of use from residential dwelling to HMO C4 maximum 4 persons	<i>Resolved:</i> Object due to parking provision and impact on residents from change of use.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.01 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 22th January 2026 at Blandy Hall and will commence at 7.00pm