

LALESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Laleston Community Council held at Blandy Hall on Thursday 19th February 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs. S. Philpin (Chair), T. Berrow, C. Davies, V. James, S. Richmond, C. Smith, M. Smith, I Spiller, J-P Blundell, Z. Blundell, M. Fouracre

In Attendance: Geraint Thomas, Locum Clerk (The Clerk)

1.19. 1805 The Council undertook a period of silent reflection

2.19. 1806 Apologies for absence: Cllr D. Harrison

3.19. 1807 Representation from members of the Public

NONE

4.19. 1808 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. A. Berrow – Item19 - Prejudicial interest as a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Committee

5. 19. 1809 To receive a report from the Chair of the Council in relation to events /meetings attended

The Chair referred to her charity MND event being held in the afternoon of the 21st March 2026. All Councillors are welcome to attend.

The Chair also mentioned that she had attended the Town and Community Forum at BCBC

RESOLVED to note the report of the Chair

6.19. 1810 Approval of Minutes

The Draft minutes were circulated beforehand

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 22nd January 2026 be accepted as a true record thereof, subject to the inclusion of Cllr. M. Fouracre being in attendance and typographical error under 8.19.1797 being amended. There were no matters raised for clarification.

7.19. 1811 To receive quotations, if any:

The Clerk referred to a quotation received from a tree surgeon to remove dead trees at the Wildflower Meadow.

By virtue of there being a health and safety issue regarding the trees, it had been agreed to accept the quotation received, and the work would be carried out.

RESOLVED to endorse the action taken

8.19. 1812 To receive a report on the use of Volunteers at Broadlands Wildflower Meadow

The Clerk indicated the response received from the Council's insurers on the matter of using volunteers and the Council's Public Liability insurance etc..

RESOLVED 1. That the Clerk advise that the volunteers would be covered by the Council's Public Liability insurance.

2. The Clerk to compile and provide suitable risk assessments for the work being carried out

9.19. 1813 To consider the request from Laleston Gardening Club to use Blandy Hall for their Annual Show on the 28th and 29th August 2026

The Clerk referred to the email request received from Laleston Gardening Club to use Blandy Hall for their Annual Show on the 28th and 29th August 2026

RESOLVED to accede to the request

10.19. 1814 To consider the request for funding from Blue Deltas Jazz Band, Bryntirion, to attend a competition August Bank Holiday 2026

The clerk referred to the email received from Blue Deltas Jazz Band requesting financial assistance

RESOLVED to refer the request to the Finance, subject to the completion of the appropriate request form being received.

11.19.1815 To consider a request from Cllr. C. Webster for storage facilities in the Council's small container

Cllr. C. Webster raised this matter on behalf of the Group requesting it.

RESOLVED to accede to the request, with no charge being made for the use.

12.19.1816 To consider issues raised by Cllr. J-P Blundell in relation to the play equipment at Bryntirion Park

Cllr J-P Blundell raised this matter in accordance with the email he sent to the Clerk
The concerns raised by Cllr J-P Blundell were noted

RESOLVED, to contact the person LCC uses to carry out an up-to-date inspection of the equipment at the park before any maintenance is undertaken.

13.19. 1817 To acknowledge receipt of the Completion of Audit for 23/24 and 24/25 from Audit Wales and to carry out any recommendations therein

The Clerk referred to the contents of an email received from Audit Wales in respect of the completion of Audits for 23/24 and 24/25.

The Clerk made some comments on the content of the Audit reports.

What followed was a discussion outside of the context of this item on the Agenda. A call for progress was initiated by Cllr I Spiller, through the Chair

RESOLVED 1. To note and acknowledge the receipt of the Audit reports

2. The Audit reports are to be referred to the Finance for further discussion/deliberation

3. The appropriate Public notices should be displayed as per the Audit instructions.

14.19.1818 To receive any recommendations or comments from Committees.

The Clerk indicated that the following recommendation to the Council was made by the Hr/Personnel Committee at its meeting on the 12th February 2026

“it was recommended to the Council that all Councillors formally introduce themselves to the Office Manager by visiting Bryntirion Community Centre

RESOLVED to note the recommendation made by the HR/Personnel Committee

15.19.1819 To receive the Draft minutes of any Committee Meetings held since the last Council meeting and note any delegated decisions made.

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting of Council, there had only been a meeting of the HR/Personnel Committee.

Due to the sensitivity of the content of the HR/Personnel Committee discussed, the Clerk requested that the contents of the draft minutes be dealt with under Item 20 on the Agenda

RESOLVED to defer the Draft Minutes of the HR/Personnel to Item 20 on the Agenda

16.19. 1820 To approve the creditor list for January 2026, agreed by the Finance Committee and Expenditure to date, compared with the Budget

The Clerk referred to the need to report monthly to Council on creditors and to compare expenditure to date against the agreed budget.

It was noted that Councillors had not received the information required to be presented either to the Finance Committee or Council for a considerable time.

The Concerns from Councillors were noted.

RESOLVED that the Clerk deal with the matter of the lack of detail required regarding creditors and expenditure to date, etc., as expeditiously as possible

17.19. 1821 To receive the Clerk's General Report

The Clerk introduced this item.

The Clerk referred to changes that had already been made relevant to the Agenda for the meeting. All the changes were necessary to comply with LCC Standing Orders.

The Clerk indicated that there would need to be further changes made in some areas and gave an assurance that these would be made in the near future

RESOLVED to acknowledge the Clerk's report and to endorse the changes made to date and deemed necessary in the near future

18.19.1822 To receive Correspondence

A list of correspondence received had been circulated, which was duly noted (see attached)

RESOLVED to accept the correspondence received and, where necessary, a suitable response be issued, subject to any matter being referred to the next Council meeting as deemed necessary.

19.19.1823 To consider Planning Applications

The schedule of planning applications was circulated, and comments made are included below

Application Number

Comment: NONE

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Comment: Council raised concerns around the Broadlands junction on the A48 and how the traffic flow would be managed. Issues of public safety in relation to safe crossings, particularly as the Broadlands district centre would be the main shopping and amenity space, and safe routes to schools

Application Number

Comment: NONE

RESOLVED to accept the comments indicated on the attached list

20.19. 1824 If appropriate, consider passing the following resolution:

That, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

RESOLVED to pass the foregoing resolution

**There being no further business to be transacted, the meeting ended at
7.50 pm**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th March 2026, at Blandy Hall and will commence at 7.00 pm

In accordance with the resolution passed under Item 20 on the Agenda, the following draft minutes of the HR/Personnel were referred to the Council by the Clerk.

(MINUTES TO BE INSERTED HERE)

RESOLVED to note the Draft minutes of the HR/Personnel Committee held on the 12th February 2026 and the delegated resolutions therein