In line with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 these minutes are duly published as draft and will be formally agreed at the next meeting of the Council.

LALESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Laleston Community Council held at Blandy Hall on Thursday 16th April 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs.S.Philpin(Chair) V. James .T. Berrow, S. Richmond,

M. Smith, I Spiller, D.Harrison,C. Webster. M.Fouracre. C.Smith, J-P Blundell joined the meeting online at 7.25pm

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

1.19. 1844 The Council undertook a period of silent reflection

2.19. 1845 Apologies for absence:

Cllr. C. Davies

3. 19. 1846 Representation from members of the Public

NONE

4.19. 1847 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. A. Berrow – Item14 - Prejudicial interest as a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Committee if there were any planning matters to raisedraised

Cllr D.Harrison -Item14-- Prejudicial interest as a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Committee if there were any planning matters to be raised

Cllr Sarah Philpin registered a prejudicial interest under Item 7 on the Agenda

5.19. 1848 To receive a report from the Chair of the Council in relation to events /meetings attended The Chair referred to her Charity event recently held at Bryntirion Community Centre which raised £ and informed the Council of an amount raised for Fireworks etc. Amounting to £

RESOLVED to note with thanks

6.19. 1849 Approval of Minutes

The Draft minutes were circulated beforehand

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 19th March 2026 be accepted as a true record thereof. There were no matters raised for clarification except for typing error raised in relation to the planning application P/24/562/LIS and the address therein.

7.19. 1850 To receive quotations, if any:

The Clerk referred to the 3 quotations received in connection with revising /updating the Council's Website from bona fide website providers

The Clerk reported on each of the quotations received and commented on what was being proposed in the context of the needs of LCC currently and going forward. Compliance issues were also considered.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation received from Webjects for the fixed price quoted/disclosed at the meeting

8.19. 1851 To receive and consider a request for the safekeeping of books in

The Bus Shelter in Laleston

Cllr V. James referred to this matter following an email that she had received from a resident

RESOLVED to refer this matter to the Finance and Facilities Committee for further detailed consideration

9.19. 1852 To receive an update on the PiPIF grant application

The Clerk updated the Council on the prospective grant application to the PiPIF fund in respect of the provision of the skatepark at Bryntirion Fields

He reported that we are still awaiting a response to the application made.

Reference was also made to the observations /actions from Cllr C. Davies via email

Regarding the grant application for the attenuation pond at Bryntirion Fields, the Clerk reported that, following a meeting today with the representatives of the Local Places for Nature Fund (LPiNF), he is pleased to inform the Council that the application is being processed and considered to be very acceptable.

The Clerk expressed his thanks to Cllr I. Spiller for his help and assistance with the grant applications

RESOLVED to note the update from the Clerk on the applications under the PiPIF grant fund and LPiNF grant fund

10.19.1853 To receive the Draft minutes and any recommendations and or comments from Committees

The Clerk referred to the fact that he had now merged the previous two standing items on the Council Agenda to one, i.e. the Draft Minutes and recommendations therefrom in relation to the following committees**.**

a) Finance Committee b) HR and Personnel Committee c) Biodiversity & Allotment Committee

The Clerk stated for information that the complaint referred to the Bio-Diversity Committee had been withdrawn**.**

RESOLVED to note the fact that there had been no meetings of the Standing Committees since the last Council meeting. and to note the withdrawal of the complaint made known to the Bio-Diversity and Allotments Committee

11.19.1854 To receive an update on the provision of the Creditors List

The Clerk reported that progress was still being made regarding the provision of a the required Creditors list. The matter is being further discussed at the Finance and Facilities meeting to be held on the 7th May 2026

RESOLVED to note with continued concern

12.19. 1855 To receive the Clerk's General Report

The Clerk presented his verbal report to the Council on the following **:**

Staff Matters

Current RFO is now working an additional day in the Office

Office Manager now on leave till Monday, the 27th of April 2026

RESOLVED to note

Laleston Well

It was with regret that the Clerk informed the Council that the person assisting with the Well project has become ill and will not be able to devote his attention to the project in the future, although he would be able to offer any advice as needed

RESOLVED To seek alternative assistance for the Project as necessary and to send a suitable /appropriate letter to the gentleman concerned.

One Voice Wales(OVW)

The Clerk referred to the Civility and Respect update from OVW

RESOLVED to re-sign the document as being fully endorsed by the Council

The Clerk also referred to the fact that he had already submitted an application for an Award from OVW for the work undertaken by Cllr. C. Webster in relation to the Bryntirion Pantry

RESOLVED to endorse the action by the Clerk and hope the application is successful

Update on Blaen y Cwm Playground

Thanks were expressed by the Clerk to Cllr A. Berrow for referring this matter to the developer and the positive action that is being taken regarding the cleaning etc of the Playground

RESOLVED to note

Financial Regulations Update

The Clerk stated that he had had a pre-meeting before the Council meeting with Cllr V. James on the updating of the Financial Regulations for review and acceptance at the AGM in May 2026.

The updated Financial Regulations will be further discussed by the Finance and Facilities Committee at the meeting to be held on the 7th May 2026

The Clerk expressed his thanks to Cllr James for her input

RESOLVED to note

Next Council Meeting

The Clerk reported the following

The AGM of the Council commencing at 6.30 pm, followed by an Ordinary Meeting of the Council at approx.7.00 pm, i.e. immediately following the AGM.

RESOLVED to note

13.19.1856 To receive Correspondence

A list of correspondence received had been circulated,

The Clerk referred to a piece of correspondence that needed urgent attention and was received from Highways and Transportation at BCBC.

In light of the fact that this item was not from Planning BCBC it would be appropriate for all members to participate

Cllr C. Smith referred to this correspondence, expressing some serious concerns as to what was being proposed, along with a location map he circulated

The concerns expressed by Cllr C.Smith were duly discussed by the Council and fully endorsed

RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Transportation and Highways department of BCBC as indicated below:

1. **Why was the proposal not subject to consultation before the application for the development was considered?**
2. **Why is there a need to "block off ", with bollards, an area which is frequently used by existing residents and cyclists, etc.?**

3. **Why has no consideration been given to the likelihood of the area under proposal being used for unsocial behaviour and fly tipping?**
4. **Have alternatives to the proposal been given serious consideration, along with and in the context of the infrastructure proposals for the site of the development?**
5. **Has account been taken regarding the narrowness of the roads? And the history /nature of the roads?**
6. **Has consideration been given to having speed restrictions along the road(s)?**
7. **Can you advise that All existing residents of the area affected are being consulted on the proposal? If they are, can the outcome therefrom be known to the Community Council?**

Including the following note:

From the foregoing, the Council fully objects to the proposal as it stands. The Council respectfully requests that the matters raised are responded to ,before any firm decision is taken by your department /BCBC on this important issue.

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

14.19.1857 To consider Planning Applications

NONE

15.19. 1858 Appreciation to the outgoing Chair of the Council

Before the meeting closed**, it was RESOLVED to express sincere thanks to Cllr S. Philpin for carrying out Her role as Chair of Laleston Community Council during the municipal year 2025/2026.**

15.19.1859 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.

This motion was not passed

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

7.45 pm

Next meeting will be on the 14th May 2026 as referred to in minute 12.19.1855 above

Signed by Chair as correct S Philpin