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 July 2026 at 7.00 pm

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

In Attendance: Geraint Thomas, Clerk

1.47 The Council undertook a period of silent reflection

Noted

2.48 Apologies for absence:

Cllr. S. Richmond, Cllr C. Davies and Cllr C.Smith

3.49 Representation from members of the Public

NONE

4.50 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. I. Spiller– Item17 - Prejudicial interest as a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Committee

Cllr D.Harrison -Item17-- Prejudicial interest as a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Committee

Cllr I Spiller – Personal interest in matters referred from Bridgend Town Council and Broadlands Fun Day and Best of Bridgend Showcase Event

Cllr C .Webster—Personal interest in matters referred to from Bridgend Town Council

Cllr M. Smith —Personal interest in matters referred to from Bridgend Town Council

5.51 To receive a report from the Chair of the Council in relation to events

The Chair of the Council reported that She had attended the Laleston School Fete and was attending the Penybont FC Fun Day on the 22nd July 2026

RESOLVED to endorse the action of the Chair with thanks

6.52 Approval of Minutes

The Draft minutes were circulated beforehand

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 18th June 2026 without any points of clarification being raised.

7.53 To receive quotations

None

8.54 To receive Draft minutes and any recommendations and or comments from Committees

The Clerk referred to the Draft minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee and any recommendations therein.

The Clerk specifically referred to the Internal Audit report that was discussed and the changes to the invoicing procedure necessary to reduce the level receipts outstanding etc

Cllr I Spiller suggested by way a proposal that during the forthcoming recess period Plenary powers be give to the Chair of the Council and the Clerk in determining matters on behalf of the Council the proposal was duly seconded by Cllr A Berrow.

RESOLVED 1 . to note the Draft minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee
2. Plenary be given to the Chair of the Council and the Clerk to deal with Council matters during the forthcoming recess period of August 2026

9. 55 To consider the Vacancy for Community Governor at Llangewydd Junior School

RESOLVED to re-elect Cllr C,Webster as Community Governor to Llangewydd Junior School

10.56 To consider applications for c-option to the Biodiversity & Allotments Cttee

The Clerk referred to the 4 applications that had been received and named them accordingly

The Clerk actually talked through the content of each candidates application as the appointment was being based the information requested and supplied.

RESOLVED to 1.appoint the following as co-optees to the Biodiversity and Allotments Committee

Mr G. Williams
Mrs P.King
Mrs A.Gumms

2. Appropriate letters of appointment letters and suitable unsuccessful letters be issued.

11. 57 To consider Boundary Review Outcome

The Clerk referred to the email circulated from BCBC in respect of this Matter which had been circulated before the meeting

Cllr I Spiller to the lead on the matter and the basis of his proposal was as follows **:**

"Currently there are 13 councillors for the area, my suggestion is that this is left at 13 for this review and reconsidered as part of any subsequent boundary review.

850 houses will be built on land west of Bridgend as allocated within the LDP, assuming a ratio of 1.5 electors per household this would increase the electors in Laleston/Bryntirion ward from 7,046 to 8,321. This needs to be considered when working out the total number of councillors and the splits within.

Mathematically, the best outcome would be for Cefn Glas 1 & 2 to have 2 councillors each per ward – whilst this would still mean a disparity of electors per councillor in Cefn Glas 1 without a boundary change this is the only logical outcome. Laleston/Bryntiron ward should then be given 9 councillors. This would mean as follows:

Laleston Community Council	Council Electorate	New Homes *1.5	Total	No. of Cllrs at Present	Cllr / Elector Ratio
Cefn Glas 1	1,411		1,411	2	706
Cefn Glas 2	1,861		1,861	2	931
Laleston/ Bryntirion	7,046	1,275	8,321	9	925

Effectively what was being suggested by Cllr I Spiller became a formal proposal by him which was seconded by Cllr J-P Blundell

RESOLVED unanimously to support the proposal as submitted by Cllr I Spiller and the appropriate authorities be informed accordingly.

12.58 To consider matters pertaining to holding "best of Bridgend Showcase

Event “ in March 2027

The Clerk informed the Council that a request had been received for LCC to facilitate the event .
Contact had been made with Bryntirion Comp School for permission to hold the event on Saturday 20thMarch 2027 in their sports hall/
The School have agreed for the sports hall to be used on the date.
Cllr I Spiller gave the background to this following a visit he made to Villeneuve whilst he was Mayor of Bridgend Town Council
Cllr I Spiller also indicated that the Laleston Fete was not being held this year and suggested that £1500 allocated to support the Fete be used for the sponsorship of the Best of Bridgend Showcase Event.

RESOLVED to 1. Approve and endorse the actions of the Clerk taken date on this matter, and that of Cllr I Spiller
2. The sum of £1500 allocated for the Laleston Fete be transferred to sponsor the Best of Bridgend Showcase Event in March 2027
3. A notice of the event be included in the Broadlands Fun Day Magazine

13. 59 To Consider invitation from Bridgend Town Council to join their Twinning Advisory Committee

The Clerk referred to the email received from BTC regarding this matter
Following discussion it was agreed to accept the invitation from Bridgend Town Council to be involved in the Bridgend Town Twinning Advisory Committee

RESOLVED to accept the invitation and that the Council be represented on the Bridgend Town Twinning Committee by Cllr M. Fouracre

14.60 To receive an update on the provision of Creditors

The RFO had circulated the relevant information require prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED 1 To accept the following information circulated
*** Creditors list for Mayl 2026**
*** Bank Reconciliation statement as at 31st May2026**
*** Expenditure compared to Budget as at 31st May 2026**
2.. To formally thank the RFO for the work undertaken in providing the financial information

15. 61 To receive the Clerk’s General Report

The Clerk presented his verbal report as indicated below:

Audit of accounts for 2026/27

The Clerk reported that the AGR reports etc for 26/27 had been submitted for external Audit

CAT Transfer of Bryntirion Fields

Still an ongoing issue and awaiting outcome from BCBC on their referral to planning. Cllr I Spiller was pursuing the matter with BCBC

Councillors Lalestoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk email addresses

A plea from the Clerk was given to All councillors who had not yet responded in a positive way regarding the stting of the emails.

OVW Wales Conference

The Clerk reported on the success of the conference . He would be circulating details of the presentation received at the Conference in due course

Former Telephone Box

The Clerk stated the free acquisition of the Telephone Box for use as a community book shop ,was no longer available. This matter would now be referred back to the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Medallions and Pins

The Clerk reported that these should be received within the first weeks of August 2026

Toilets at Bryntirion Community Centre

The Clerk reported on issues with the Toilets in Bryntirion Community Centre and that the re-configuration of the toilets needed to be further considered in September 2026

Metal Fitness Trail @ Maes yr Haul Primary School

The Clerk referred to an email received from the Headteacher from the school regarding the Metal Fitness Trail which needed to be overhauled. The Clerk would be referring this to the September meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee subject further information being received from the School on the subject

RESOLVED to thank the Clerk for his report and note the contents

16.62 To receive Correspondence

The Clerk referred to correspondence received from British Gas in respect of the Electricity Account for Blandy Hall.
The Clerk indicated that he had not received a similar letter in respect of Bryntirion Community Centre as the same supplier was being used.
The important aspects contained in the letter are reproduced below:

"From 3rd August 2026 a levy and an additional network cost will be added to your bill.

They are the result of government policy. WQe were notified by Ofgem and the government in July 2025

- April 2026 the cost of using the electricity network increased significantly to support the investment in the electricity network
- December 2025 a new levy was introduced to help fund the future low-carbon electricity generation"

The Clerk gave an indicative cost that would be added to the future bills for Blandy Hall,

RESOLVED to note the contents of the correspondence received subject to further information being obtained and submitted to the Finance and Facilities Committee in September 2026

17.63 To consider Planning Applications

Planning applications were circulated prior to the meeting , They are indicated below with the comments:

Planning Application	Comment
Application No.: P/26/363/FUL Applicant: Mr L Pitcher Location: 36 Songthrush Road, Broadlands, Bridgend, CF31 5FR Proposal: Proposed double storey side extension Date: 10 July 2026	No Comment
Application No.: P/26/344/FUL Applicant: Mrs E Boud Location: 14 Tennyson Drive, Cefn Glas, Bridgend, CF31 4PU Proposal: Front and rear dormer with the construction of a gable wall and flat roof extension to side and rear Date: 16 July 2026	No Comment

18.64 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.

The motion was not passed

There being no further business to be transacted, Council meeting ended at 8.10 pm

Next meeting will be on the 17th September 2026

Chair signature for approval……………………