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 17th September 2026 at 7.00 pm

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

In Attendance: Geraint Thomas, Clerk

It is important to note that the Internet was not working as it had been previously. The position was deemed to sub standard and not compliant with proper procedures.

The Clerk is to take appropriate action to remedy the situation for forthcoming and future meetings.

1.66 The Council undertook a period of silent reflection

Noted

2.66 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs T.Berrow **:** D.Harrison

3.67 To receive a presentation from Penybont FC

The Chair welcomed Neil Ward and Sara Green from Penybont FC and asked them to make their presentation to the Council.

RESOLVED to 1. thank both Neil Ward and Sara Green for their informative presentation.

2. confirm the commitment of LCC to furthering a joint working arrangement/agreement with Penybont FC to provide enhanced and timely facilities for the benefit of the Community.

4.68 Representation from members of the Public

NONE

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5.69 Declarations of Interest.

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

Cllr I Spiller – Personal interest in matters referred from Broadlands Fun Day

Cllr C .Webster—Personal interest in the matter referred to under planning Application T/26/26/TPO

Cllr C. Davies was advised that as he was a Cabinet Member of BCBC with decision making responsibilities the Clerk considered that he should make a prejudicial interest in matters under his portfolio affecting LCC

For clarification Cllr S Richmond had previously recorded a prejudicial interest regarding the cleaning of the chairs etc at Bryntirion CC and Blandy Hall. This was an oversight on the part the Clerk

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

The Chair referred to attendance at the Broadlands Fun Day which was very well attended by members of the public and dignitaries.

The Chair also mentioned that She attended the Laleston f

RESOLVED to endorse the action of the Chair with thanks

The Clerk referred to the report that had been produced in relation to the state of the Chair's chain of Office, which had been circulated prior to the meeting.
The Clerk stated that he was awaiting a quotation from the author of the report as to the cost of updating the Chain of Office in accordance with the recommendations contained within the report.

RESOLVED to 1. Note the report from the Chair with thanks
and 2. note the position of Clerk in receiving a quotation regarding updating the Chain of Office for Chair.

7.71 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.

8.72 To receive quotations

None

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

RESOLVED to note the Draft minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee held on 3rd September 2026 and the recommendations therein as applicable

10.74 To further consider the re-configuration of the Toilets in Bryntirion CC

The Clerk expressed his concern that the above needed to be resolved as soon as possible as the use of the Toilets was causing problems
The Clerk also stated that he had been unsuccessful in seeking additional quotes for the re-configuration of the Toilets as proposed. The only quotation received was from an existing member of Staff who would do the work as a sub-contractor
Concerns were expressed as to using a Staff member to do the work.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be given plenary powers to resolve the issue of using a Staff member as a sub-contractor. Once satisfied the Clerk be authorised to get the work done.

11.75 To consider a Green Places Strategy (Neighbourhood Plan)

The Clerk and Cllr I. Spiller gave an account as to how this matter was being raised.
The Clerk indicated that by having a Neighbourhood/Strategic Plan for LCC would have significant benefits as to programming works etc and aid budget preparation.

The clerk stated that he would be prepared to establish a plan accordingly for further consideration/discussion.

RESOLVED that LCC adopt a Neighbourhood/Strategic Plan and that the Clerk prepare such a plan for further discussion.

12. 76 To consider the Draft Community Awards Policy

The Clerk introduced this Draft Policy as a means of formally recognising the good service and facilities offered in the Community.

RESOLVED to accept the Draft Policy as a defined Policy for LCC and that the cost of provision be considered during the Budget process for 27/28

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13.77 To receive an update on the Fireworks Display 2026

Councillor I. Spiller stated that following discussions held with Penybont FC this year's event could be held on their grounds.

In order not to cause any community issues around remembrance Sunday this year it was suggested by Cllr Spiller that the event this be held on Saturday 31st October 2026 coinciding with Halloween.

RESOLVED to agree the date of this year's event on 31st October 2026 and that plenary powers be given to the Chair of the Council and the Clerk to liaise with Penybont FC and agree any logistical/administrative issues that become apparent.

14.78 To receive an update on the Broadlands Fun Day 2026

Cllr I Spiller gave an overview of this year's event which was very successful attracting 2750 attendees.

He expressed his thanks to all those who assisted in making the event so successful. Specifically, the following:

BCBC traffic management
1092 Squadron AIR CADETS
Sea Cadets
Venture Scouts
Chris Elmore MP
Cllr C. Webster undertaking duties in his absence

RESOLVED to note the success of the event and to issue formal Letters of thanks be issued to those named above for the help/assistance given during and after the event

15.79 To consider commemoration of the Falklands War

RESOLVED to make provision in the Budget to provide a memorial bench in recognition of the anniversary scheduled for 2027, to commemorate the Falklands War.

16.80 To receive items that were actioned during recess under delegation Arrangements

The Clerk indicated that this was a standing agenda item following recess in August.

RESOLVED to note that no delegated matters had been taken by the Chair of the Council and the Clerk during the recess period August 2026.

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17.81 To receive the Creditors list for June and July 2026 and other financial Matters

RESOLVED to 1 to accept the Creditors list for June and July 2026 and other financial matters

and 2. note the comments etc made by Councillors in relation to this item. The Clerk will be undertaking a formal review of what is necessary to be referred to future Council meetings, taking into account the details that are referred to the Finance and Facilities Cttee on a monthly basis.

18.82 To receive the Clerk's General Report

The Clerk presented his verbal report as indicated below:

Staff Matter

The Council's RFO had fractured her elbow and was receiving treatment and unfortunately, her Daughter had been re-admitted to hospital.

RESOLVED to note and wish the RFO and her Daughter a speedy recovery

Bryntirion Fields CAT Transfer update

It is very likely that the above CAT transfer will take place but we are still awaiting an outcome relative to BCBC providing the Skatepark at the location.

RESOLVED to note

Remembrance Day 2026

Enhancements are being made to the existing arrangements for this year's Remembrance Service etc. on Wednesday 11th November 2026.
The Clerk referred to the meeting with the Veterans and the proposal that LCC provide a FLAG and accessories, for the benefit of the Veterans who will be leading the event, in the sum of circa £750

RESOLVED to note the that enhancements will be made and refer the approval of the expenditure £750 to the Finance and Facilities Committee .

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Reminder

Training event being held on the 8th October 2026 in Blandy Hall .

RESOLVED to note

STEM Awards 2026

The Clerk referred to the above awards which were being held on the evening of 1st October 2026 in Techniquest ,Cardiff.
The Council and Broadlands Hub are nominated to receive an award.
Consequently the Finance and Facilities Cttee meeting for the 1st October 2026 had been cancelled.
Four tickets had been purchased for the event.

RESOLVED to note

19.83 To receive Correspondence

The Clerk referred to correspondence that he had previously sent to All councillors relating to the boundary review undertaken by BCBC and the proposal being made by the said council.

RESOLVED to advise BCBC that LCC notes the proposal being made, # with no adverse comments.

20.84 To consider Planning Applications

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

Planning Application	Comment
Planning Application No.: P/26/316/FUL Applicant: Mr N McCormack Location: 30 Cae Llwydcoed, Broadlands, Bridgend, CF31 5ES Proposal: Installation of a freestanding pergola to the rear garden, next to the house with a size of 4m x 3m Date: 17 July 2026	No comment
Planning Application No.: P/26/228/FUL Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hawtin Location: 9 Heol-Y-Bardd, Bridgend, CF31 4SS Proposal: Demolition of existing garage; construction of	No Comment

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two storey and part single storey rear extension, new porch to front, 1st floor balcony and other alterations to property Date: 24 July 2026	
Planning Application No.: T/26/21/TPO Applicant: Mr G Evans Location: 7 Sunhill Park, Broadlands, Bridgend, CF31 5EP Proposal: G1 - Mixed deciduous trees including Sycamore, Elm (mainly dead standing) and Lime - cut back smaller trees largely to fence line and reduce overhang of larger trees into garden including removing overhanging dead branches Date: 29 July 2026	No Comment
Planning Application No.: P/26/378/FUL Applicant: Libby Lloyd Hair Design Location: 13 Willesden Road, Cefn Glas, Bridgend, CF31 4RE Proposal: Change of use of an existing domestic garage to a hairdressing salon, including internal alterations and installation of a hair wash basin. The salon will operate on an appointment-only basis by a single self-employed hairdresser with no additional staff and no waiting area. Date: 30 July 2026	No Comment
Application No.: P/26/359/RLX Applicant: Mr Rahman Location: 11 Coed Caer Odin, Cefn Glas, Bridgend, CF31 4TN Proposal: Vary condition 1 of P/21/673/FUL to refer to revised plan (Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension) (amended design due to Welsh Water apparatus) Date: 27 August 2026	No Comment
Application No: T/26/26/TPO Applicant Miss E Hop Location 112 Wood Green Cefn Glas Bridgend CF31 4DY Proposal Felling down to ground level of one Oak Tree (T3) located in rear garden.	No Comment

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21.85 To present medallions and pin badges

The Clerk issued pin badges to those in attendance at the meeting. Arrangements to be made for Chair of the council to present the former Chair Cllr S, Philpin her medallion as a Past Chair of the Council

RESOLVED to note

22.86 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

8.45 pm

Next meeting will be on the 15th of October 2026

Chair signature for approval…V.James

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