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 15th October 2026 at 7.00 pm

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

In Attendance: Geraint Thomas, Clerk

It was noted that significant improvements had now been made to the internet in Blandy Hall ,which proved to be acceptable.

Further improvements will now be made to the use of the "OWLS" for subsequent meetings as suggested by Cllr I Spiller

1.87 The Council undertook a period of silent reflection

Noted

2.88 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs S.Richmond, C.Davies, S.Philpin

3.89 Representation from members of the Public

NONE

4.90 Declarations of Interest.

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

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

The Chair referred to her and colleague Councillors attendance at the Stem Awards held in Techniquest Cardiff.. It was a successful event in particular for a local resident Dr Geertje van Keulen who received a prestigious award against considerable opposition .

RESOLVED to formally write to Dr Geertje van Keulen

expressing the Council's congratulations on receiving such a prestigious award.

6.92 Approval of Minutes

The Draft minutes were circulated beforehand

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 17th September 2026 without any points of clarification being raised.

7.93 To receive quotations

None

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

RESOLVED to note the Draft minutes of the HR/Personnel Committee held on 24th September and to endorse the recommendations therein regarding adoption of the following

* **LCC AI Policy**
* **LCC Social Media Policy**

9.95 To consider a Draft Neighbourhood plan/Strategy

The Clerk referred to the Outline Draft Document which had been circulated prior to the meeting.
The draft was purely the Clerk's overview of wht was deemed to be provided albeit it needed to be enhanced accordingly

RESOLVED to accept the Draft outline and the contents thereof as an initial working document. A further document be prepared following the up and coming Budget and Precepting setting procedure.
A revised document to be prepared for the January2027 Council meeting

10.96 To receive the Clerk's General report

The Clerk referred to the following matters;

Staffing

The RFO was still working from home under the Clerk's supervision. There little or no improvement with her predicament.
The Office Manager – Mrs Sarah Bowen had successfully passed her ILCA qualification and was now to pursue the CILCA qualification

RESOLVED to notw the situation of the RFO and that a letter of congratulation be sent to the Office Manager Mrs Sarah Bowen on her achievement

Bryntirion Fields update.

The Clerk referred to correspondence from BCBC received just before the meeting in relation to BCBC's decision of the Skatepark etc.

The Clerk further stated that both he and Cllr I Spiller were meeting with the Community Councils Liaison Officer of BCBC on Wednesday 21st October 2026.

RESOLVED to note

Remembrance Day 2026

The Clerk indicated that circa 40 local school children will be attending the event on Wednesday 11th November 2026 and will be participating not only in the march but also in the Service.

Adequate marshalling /security will take place in order for the Service to take place.

RESOLVED to note with pleasure

Boundary Review

The Clerk referred to the outcome of the above review as it affects LCC would be known in December 2026

RESOLVED to note

Emergency Planning –

The Clerk referred to a request from BCBC to consider suitable accommodation etc issues should a major incident occur in the future.

The Clerk had responded to BCBC suggesting Bryntirion CC could be used. This was acceptable to BCBC as Bryntirion CC meet their requirements.

RESOLVED to endorse the action of the Clerk

Bryntirion Masterplan Working Group

The Clerk indicated that the above would be the subject of consideration at the next Council meeting in the context of changing its title consequent upon the joint working agreements with Penybont FC already agreed.

However, there is a meeting being held in Bryntirion CC on the 5th November 2026 at which it was suggested by the Clerk that the nominated Councillors on the current Bryntirion Masterplan Working Group would be asked to attend.

RESOLVED to note the matter and endorse the action being taken by the Clerk in relation to the joint meeting being held with Penybont FC on the 5th November 2026 in Bryntirion CC.and the suggested attendees

Councillors Remuneration

The Clerk referred to the Draft remuneration panel report circulated to Councillors earlier.
He indicated that there was no change in the remuneration offered to Town and Community Councillors.

RESOLVED to note

11.97 To receive correspondence

None specifically referred to as All correspondence received were circulated as they are received by the Office Manager.

12.98 To consider Planning Applications

Planning applications were circulated prior to the meeting and the comment received is indicated below. Cllr I Spiller left the meeting before this item was considered.

Planning Application	Comment
Application No.: P/26/516/FUL Applicant: Motor Fuel Group Location: Laleston North Service Station Laleston CF32	No Comment

0LY Proposal: New replacement forecourt canopy to a smaller area, and at an increased height Date: 1 October 2026	

13.99 To make a presentation to Cllr S. Philpin of her medallion a s Past Chair of the Council 25/26

Unfortunately, Cllr S. Philpin was not in attendance at this meeting

RESOLVED to postpone this item till the November 2026 Council meeting.

14.100 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 7.30 pm

Next meeting will be on the 19th November 2026

Chair signature for approval V.James