

# Cyngor Cymuned Llannon Community Council



## **Minutes of the Environment Committee of Llannon Community Council**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 6.30pm**  
**Held remotely via Zoom**

**Meeting commenced at 6.30pm**

*The Chair of the Committee, Cllr. R. Lloyd Davies presided over the meeting.*

### **Minute No. 9 – Members Present.**

Cllr. R. Lloyd Davies (RD)

Cllr. P. Owen (PO)

Cllr. Ll. Davies (LD)

Cllr. E.G. Evans (EGE)

### **Also Present:**

Mrs. C. V. Hope – Clerk (CH)

Mrs. Ff. Lewis – Deputy Clerk (FL)

### **Minute No. 10 – Apologies and reasons for absence.**

Cllr. C. Davies – Work commitments.

### **Minute No. 11 – Declarations of Interests.**

There were no new declarations of interests.

### **Minute No. 12 - To discuss the October tractor cut and collect.**

RD noted the need for an October cut and collect of grass cuttings to maintain the meadow. The Clerk confirmed that arrangements with Cwmaman Town Council needed to be made for its collection. RD will discuss this further with LA.

**Minute No. 13- To discuss dog poo bag dispensers & dog poo notices.**

RD expressed her preference for the dispensers to be located on the new path in Parc Y Mynydd Mawr, where people come in from three different areas. The Clerk suggested the dispensers could be placed on the corner of the playground opposite the bowling green, as this area is a central point and is often used by dog walkers. RD agreed with this and suggested the dispenser in Cross Hands Park is sited near the car park and bin. All members present agreed. The Clerk will speak to the maintenance team and arrange the installations by the end of October.

The committee discussed the need for more social media posts regarding this issue and for more dog poo posters to be put up, particularly in Tumble, Y Graig and Tyisha. The Clerk will check how many posters we have left. The maintenance team will install in conjunction with their programme of works.

**Minute No. 14 - To discuss the bug mansions.**

RD & LD were involved in creating a bug mansion in Ysgol Llechyfedach on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023, with positive feedback on the children's engagement and enthusiasm. RD discussed the potential to align the initiative with school curriculums. RD will email Tumble and Cross Hands schools and CD has been in contact with Llannon School to see if they will be interested in the project.

**Minute No. 15 - To discuss the pruning of orchard trees.**

RD suggested the Committee put off planting any further trees until a comprehensive plan is put in place. RD also suggested that the committee does not apply for a grant to purchase more trees. RD will carry out Winter pruning in January.

**Minute No. 16 - To discuss more eco-friendly portable toilets.**

The Clerk discussed the different units of toilets and their associated costs, noting that some units could potentially pay for themselves over time when compared against the cost of the current portaloos.

Due to the possibility of future developments in Cross Hands and Parc Y Mynydd Mawr, the Clerk expressed uncertainty about the investment in this idea but mentioned the potential for incorporating it into future plans. PO expressed an interest in reviewing the specifications of the portable toilets.

**Minute No.17 - To discuss Tumble Cemetery (circular bed at entrance and spring bulbs).**

RD will meet with LA to discuss the butterfly garden. They will need to remove the trellis and base structure, cut and replant the honeysuckle, broom, clematis and rose to integrate with the hedge. The lawn edges need to be cut and neatened.

The plans for the roundabout will be established in April 2024. Funding for new plants and shrubs will need to be considered as part of an environment committee budget for 2024-25. Works will start after the daffodils have finished flowering.

**Minute No.18 - To discuss Y Graig (grant application and increasing biodiversity).**

The Clerk will complete an application for funding from Landfill Disposal Tax Communities Grant which is up to £49,999. This will be to upgrade the paths, add more seating and bins and construct a willow walk. The deadline for applications is 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**Minute No.19 - To discuss Tyisha (grant application including swale).**

RD noted that a meeting would need to be held with LA to discuss Swale development in marshy areas. Cut and collect of the meadows will take place shortly. The committee will need to consider planting suitable plants for the wet area during the Spring 2024.

**Minute No.20 - To discuss Cross Hands Park (increasing biodiversity).**

It was agreed that the Committee will re-visit this following the results of the Community Survey and masterplan for the area as the playing fields, meadow areas and planting of an orchard will need to be developed and funded.

**Minute No. 21 - To discuss the next Llannon Community Council walk.**

It was agreed that EGE will arrange a historical walk at Easter from the Llannon Reservoir to Cross Hands.

**Minute No. 22 - To arrange the date of the next meeting.**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

***The Chair of the Committee closed the meeting at 19.30pm***

**Signed:** ..... **(Chair)**

**Date** .....