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Cyngor Cymuned Blaenhonddan Blaenhonddan Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Monday 17 March 2025 at 6.30 pm in the Cadoxton Community Centre, Neath and Online

Presiding ---
Present In Person - Councillors J Hale, W Griffiths, G T Morgan, G Morgan, C Lewis, C Heath, R Lewis, C Parry, J Betts
Online – Councillor S Mitchell, A Burton
Apologies Councillors H Harry C Williams, L Bromham-Nichols, W Evans, L Rabiotti Jones, A M Broom

5726 Chair

In the absence of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, RESOLVED that Councillor J Betts take the Chair for the duration of the meeting.

5727 Welcome

The Chair welcomed Councillor C Parry who was attending her first meeting of Council.

5728 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

5729 Matters Raised by Members of the Public

There were no members of the public present.

5730 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 17 February 2025

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 17 February 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.

5731 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5732 Financial Matters – March 2025

RESOLVED that the Clerk's report on payments and transfer of funds in March be approved.

5733 Planning Applications – March 2025

RESOLVED no objection to the following applications –

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| P2025/0007 | Extensions | 24 Dulais Drive Aberdulais |
| P2025/0076 | Extension | 65 Bryn Catwg Cadoxton |
| P2025/0078 | Extension | 15 Bryn Catwg Cadoxton |

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| P2025/0092 | Extensions | 86 Main Road Bryncoch |
| P2025/0105 | Extension & Access | 3 Channe View Bryncoch |
| P2025/0107 | Retention of Eng Operation | 25 Main Road Bryncoch |
| P2025/0136 | Extension | 67 Cefn yr Allt, Aberdulais |

5734 Community Centre Management

1. The Clerk advised Members that the Bryncoch Football Festival would be held at the Owain Glyndwr CC and the Waunceirch District Park on the 04-06 July 2025. RESOLVED noted.
2. Members were informed of an event being planned for Cilfrew CC at Easter by Councillor C Lewis and received a request for funding support in accordance with Council's previous decision to support and/or organise local events. RESOLVED that Council sponsor the event and make a financial contribution as requested.

5735 Police Matters

Members were advised that there had been a police and traffic warden presence outside Waunceirch Primary School in advance of changes anticipated to parking arrangements. A discussion on parking issues ensued and Members enquired as to an update on previous discussions with NPT CBC Education and Highways. RESOLVED that the Clerk enquire about an update on the parking discussions relating to Waunceirch Primary School.

5736 Reports from Outside Bodies

There were no reports from Outside Bodies.

5737 Community Engagement

Councillor C Heath invited Members to discuss the possibility of widening public engagement, and a variety of engagement opportunities, along with their advantages and disadvantages, were raised as possibilities. RESOLVED that the Clerk explore community engagement possibilities and best practice and report back to Council in due course.

(Councillor G Morgan joined the meeting)

5738 Audit of Accounts, 2024-25

The Clerk advised Members that Audit Wales had signed and returned the Annual Return for 2023-24 following their audit of the Council's accounts for that year. Whilst there were no substantive concerns expressed, a qualified opinion was given as a copy of the Council's Annual Report had not been included with the accounts. RESOLVED that the Audit Wales report be noted.

5739 Public and Press

RESOLVED that further to Subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the following four items, by virtue of the nature of the business to be transacted.

5740 Matters Arising from Exempt Items

There were no matters arising from exempt items on the Minutes.

5741 Health and Safety

There were no reports for submission to Council. RESOLVED noted.

(Councillor R Lewis declared an interest in the following item and only presented a factual report for Members’ consideration)

5742 Hybrid Meeting Facilities

The Clerk referred to Minute 5742 of Council on 17 February 2025, and indicated that he had sought Councillor R Lewis’ advice in view of his expertise in such matters. Councillor Lewis outlined factual information about equipment that might meet the Council’s requirements in upgrading its hybrid meeting arrangements and indicated that he could provide a demonstration of an appropriate solution to a meeting of Council. RESOLVED that Councillor Lewis’ offer of a demonstration be accepted and that further consideration be deferred until this had occurred.

5743 Grounds Maintenance Contracts 2025-26

The Clerk presented his report on prices received for the three grounds maintenance contracts commencing 01 April 2025 following Council’s instruction to negotiate with existing contractors (Minute 5696, Council, 20 January 2025 refers). RESOLVED that –

- The submitted price for Routine Grounds Maintenance from South Wales Environmental, in the sum notified to Council, be accepted
- The submitted price for Specialist Renovation from Ecosolve/Wayne Duggan, in the sum notified to Council, and the original specification, be accepted
- The submitted price for Playing Field Grass Cutting and Pitch Marking from NPT CBC Streetcare, in the sum notified to Council, be accepted.

5744 Correspondence

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

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| 1 | Joint Cttee for SW Wales | Draft Regional Transport Plan |
| 2 | DBCC | Review of Senedd Constituencies |

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm

Signed

Dated 28 April 2025