

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting of Llantwit Major Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Old School and remotely via zoom on Thursday 25th July 2024 at 7.05pm

PRESENT;	Chairperson	Councillor Dr P Dickson - Town Mayor	
	Councillors	D Foster)
		E Williams) NORTH WARD
		J Norman)
		Dr D Ellis)
		J Lewis) SOUTH EAST WARD
		G Thomas)
		W Norman)
		J Deakin) BOVERTON WARD
		G Hughes)
		D Powell) WEST WARD

PC Jamie Williamson
Members of the Public

Note: (Z) - Remotely by Zoom

Apologies were received from:
Councillor S Hanks – Holiday Leave
Councillor G Morghan – Prior Commitment
Councillor G John – Prior Commitment

Declaration of Interest Forms were received from:

Pursuant to the requirements of this Councils Code of Conduct, Councillor J Norman declared a non-prejudicial interest under Development, (1) To note Planning Application decisions by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, (2) To discuss Agenda Brief re Vale Planning Meeting held on 19th July 2024 re Eagleswell Development and two emails received from local residents.
Miscellaneous (1) To discuss email outlining concerns re withdrawal of breastfeeding support by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

Pursuant to the requirements of this Councils Code of Conduct, Councillor Williams declared a prejudicial interest under Development, (2) To discuss Agenda Brief re Vale Planning Meeting held on 19th July 2024 re Eagleswell Development and two emails received from local residents.
And a non-prejudicial interest under Miscellaneous (1) To discuss email outlining concerns re withdrawal of breastfeeding support by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Councillor Dr Dickson asked permission to bring forward Public Question Time.

RESOLVED: That permission be given to bring forward Public Question Time.

416. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****To receive any questions from members of the public in accordance with Standing Orders and Town Council Public Question Time Protocol**

Mr David Thomas thanked Town Councillors for the opportunity to address them in relation to the Eagleswell Development.

I have a note from our Barrister, Mr William Webster, which I will read out 'I would like to highlight to you that litigation is always uncertain as you are reliant on the discretion of a third party decision maker. On the other hand, If I thought that the case was without merit I would not be advising you to press on. The development is wholly wrong in principle with the council taking a benefit that has accrued entirely from its unlawful conduct. If this development had not already been built out the prospects of grant, even a temporary grant is zero'.

As I am sure you are aware, a very large number of Llantwit Major residents are frustrated with how we have been treated and continue to be treated, both by the Vale council and the lack of representation we have had on the council, despite having 2 cabinet members.

Hopefully you have all seemed fit to watch last Friday's planning meeting where it all came to a head. I say planning meeting, it actually was allowed to be turned into a meeting on homelessness with a disregard to the numerous issues with the actual design of the site.

I have to say it was very difficult to sit in the room where we, as residents of Llantwit Major, were ridiculed by one particular member of the committee. He said the site was basically lovely and resembled a holiday camp and couldn't see any problem. The councillor went on and said what he had heard in the meeting was a nonsense. Hopefully you don't feel what I am saying tonight is also a nonsense.

How can our local representative on the committee, knowing the strength of feeling and a large part of the community he represents, not be incensed by such a statement. Why didn't he call the said committee member out and at least say our objections had at least some merit.

I must tell you, the current elected council in Barry are laughing at the people of Llantwit Major. They are laughing at this council. I doubt if the majority of the planning committee even read your letter which was in the documents, or the letter from our new MP, let alone any of the close to 100 pages of evidence.

It appears the council has the undying support of 4 Llantwit First Vale Councillors. What benefit have the people of Llantwit Major had from our councillors having the balance of power in the vale, absolutely nothing.

At the planning meeting, one of our local members said the people of Llantwit Major had no confidence in the Vale council. Well, I can assure you, a large portion of the people of Llantwit Major have no confidence in our locally elected representatives who have stood by and allowed this to happen.

Please, during your debate, can we hear from all councillors, to hear where they individually stand regarding the development. As stated at the planning meeting, the objections read out by one of our councillors was not a party statement.

The leader of your group voted for the development. There is only one implication that can be drawn from that. Does the leader even take into consideration the feelings of his fellow group members or is he more influenced by the Leader of the council?

Our barrister has emphasised that an action brought by this town council will carry significantly more weight than an action by a few individuals.

We all look forward to hearing the upcoming debate and hope you see fit in offering your support by taking forward this legal action on behalf of our community and really showing that Llantwit Major Town Council really does care about its constituents & our beautiful town.

To finish, I want you all to ponder something. Come with me on a trip into the future to 20th July 2029, I've invited you all to my house. We are standing in my daughter's bedroom (hopefully she has moved out by then). We can see a lovely green field once again on the Eagleswell Site. That is condition 1 on the approved planning application. Do any of you believe or trust current the Vale Council to deliver that? I can assure, we as a group, do not.

Councillor Dr Dickson asked permission to bring forward Development (2) To discuss Agenda Brief re Vale Planning Meeting held on 19th July 2024 re Eagleswell Development and two emails received from local residents

RESOLVED: That permission be given to bring forward To discuss Agenda Brief re Vale Planning Meeting held on 19th July 2024 re Eagleswell Development and two emails received from local residents.

Members of the General Public vacated the Council Chamber.

417. **DEVELOPMENT**

To discuss Agenda Brief re Vale Planning Meeting held on 19th July 2024 re Eagleswell Development and two emails received from local residents

Councillor J Norman declared a non-prejudicial interest.

Councillor Williams declared a prejudicial interest.

Councillors had previously been circulated with an Agenda Brief regarding the Vale of Glamorgan Council Planning Meeting held 19th July 2024, copy of a letter sent to the Chief Executive of the Vale of Glamorgan Council dated 11th July 2024, and 2 emails from local residents dated 12th July 2024 outlining their support for the Eagleswell Development. A discussion took place with several Town Councillors expressing their disappointment in the planning decision taken by the Vale of Glamorgan Council in relation to giving permission for the Development. Many Town Councillors spoke of their understanding of the anxieties of the Eagleswell Action Group and were supportive of their efforts to reduce the impact of the site.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council do not take the lead on the legal challenge and financial commitment re the Eagleswell Development, as we have a responsibility to protect public money and not embark on a course of action that may result in unknown substantial legal costs.

Members of the public left the Council Chamber.

Councillor Dr Dickson asked permission to bring forward Community Constable, To Receive Community Constable.

RESOLVED: That permission be given to bring forward Community Constable, To Receive Community Constable.

418. COMMUNITY CONSTABLE

To receive Community Constable

PC Williamson reported that there had been 35 crimes reported since the previous Town Council meeting, this was up slightly then he would like. There had been a spike in shoplifting crimes with 10 reported, these were mainly persons using the train to come in and out of the Town. A burglary dwelling had been reported but it is believed this was a case of mistaken belief but is being looked into. Additional reports included 3 violent crimes, 5 public order offences, damage to the Town Hall, 2 antisocial calls, but no car crimes. There have been no further reports of problems with illegal camping at the beach.

Councillor Dr Dickson thanked PC Williamson for his attendance and PC Williamson vacated the Council Chamber.

419. MINUTES

Full Town Council Meeting held 27th June 2024

The minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting held on the 27th June 2024 had previously been circulated to Council Members.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting held on the 27th June 2024 be adopted and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Placemaking Meeting held 26th June 2024

The minutes of the Placemaking Meeting held on 26th June 2024, had previously been circulated to Council Members.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Placemaking Meeting held on 26th June 2024 be accepted as a true record and all recommendations be actioned by the Town Clerk.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Allotment Sub Committee Meeting held 26th June 2024

The minutes of the Allotment Sub Committee Meeting held on 26th June 2024, had previously been circulated to Council Members.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Allotment Sub Committee Meeting held on 26th June 2024 be accepted as a true record and all recommendations be actioned by the Town Clerk.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Planning Committee Meeting held 2nd July 2024

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 2nd July 2024, had previously been circulated to Council Members.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 2nd July 2024 be accepted as a true record and all recommendations be actioned by the Town Clerk.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Footpath Forum Meeting held 8th July 2024

The minutes of the Footpath Forum Meeting held on 8th July 2024, had previously been circulated to Council Members.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Footpath Forum Meeting held on 8th July 2024 be accepted as a true record and all recommendations be actioned by the Town Clerk.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Extraordinary Full Town Council Meeting held 9th July 2024

The minutes of the Extraordinary Full Town Council Meeting held on 9th July 2024, had previously been circulated to Council Members.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Extraordinary Full Town Council Meeting held on 9th July 2024 be accepted as a true record and all recommendations be actioned by the Town Clerk.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

420. SIGNING OF MINUTES**Signing of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Councillors noted that the Town Mayor would sign the minutes when next in the Town Council office.

421. TOWN MAYOR**Town Mayors events attended 1st July 2024 to 31st July 2024**

Councillors had previously been circulated with the Town Mayor events attended 1st July 2024 to the 31st July 2024. Noted.

Deputy Town Mayors events attended 1st July 2024 to 31st July 2024

Councillors had previously been circulated with the Deputy Town Mayor events attended 1st July 2024 to the 31st July 2024. Noted.

Questions to the Town Mayor

There were no questions to the Town Mayor.

422. COUNCIL MEETINGS**Meetings for Month of September 2024**

Councillors had previously been circulated with Meetings for the Month of September 2024. Noted.

423. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**Members Announcements****Report from Town Clerk**

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that unfortunately the window in the Heritage Centre had been broken over the weekend of 6th July. The person responsible had been captured on the CCTV and come forward to pay for repairs. There is currently temporary wooden repair in situ and the company undertaken the repair works should be on site during August, although it will take a while to repair due to the leadlight works required.

Age Connects has confirmed they would like to hire the Heritage Centre as a drop-in centre for residents starting Wednesday 4th September, which will be open once a fortnight between 11am and 1pm, up until Christmas.

Action Tracker

Councillors had previously been circulated with an up to-date Action Tracker. Noted.

424. FINANCE**Bank Reconciliation for period 1st June 2024 to 30th June 2024**

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Bank Reconciliation for period 1st June 2024 to 30th June 2024. Noted.

Bank Reconciliation for period 1st April 2024 to 30th June 2024

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Bank Reconciliation for period 1st April 2024 to 30th June 2024. Noted.

Expenditure for the period 21st June 2024 to 18th July 2024

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Expenditure for the period 21st June 2024 to 18th July 2024. Noted.

Income for the period 21st June 2024 to 18th July 2024

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Income for the period 21st June 2024 to 18th July 2024. Noted.

Councillor Dr Dickson asked Town Councillors to now consider the remaining Agenda Items under Development.

425. DEVELOPMENT**To note Planning Application decisions by the Vale of Glamorgan Councils**

Councillor J Norman declared a non-prejudicial interest.

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Vale of Glamorgan Councils Planning Application decisions. Noted.

To discuss Agenda Brief re Vale Planning Meeting held on 19th July 2024 re Eagleswell Development and two emails received from local residents

Councillor J Norman declared a non-prejudicial interest.

Councillor Williams declared a prejudicial interest.

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Councillors Dr Dickson asked Town Councillors to discuss the 2 emails from local residents. A discussion took place and it was

RESOLVED: That a response be sent to the emails confirming that although there has been and will continue to be difficulties/upset with the development of the site, the Town Council feel that the Town of Llantwit Major is very welcoming to those who are fleeing conflict.

426. CEMETERY

The following Burial matters were noted.

- 1) Burial of Violet Barbara Davies (reopen plot) D132 on 18th July 2024
- 1) Burial of Herbert Martin Draisey (reopen plot) D100 on 30th July 2024

427. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

To discuss Agreement for the Provision of Legal Services between Llantwit Major Town Council and the Vale of Glamorgan Council Legal Services

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the service level agreement for the Provision of Legal Services between Llantwit Major Town Council and Vale of Glamorgan Council.

RESOLVED: That permission be given for the Town Clerk to sign and seal the Service Level Agreement for Legal Provision.

To note Renewal of Public Open Spaces Protection Orders – Dog Control and the inclusion of Llantwit Major Recreation Field subject to agreement re enforcement

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of a reference document as presented to the Vale of Glamorgan Council meeting held on 15th July 2024, outlining the proposal for Llantwit Major Recreation Field to be included in the Renewal of the Public Space Protection Orders for Dog Control. This would be subject to an agreement being reached in relation to the financial contribution for enforcement. Noted.

To note written observations received from resident following the consultation letter re installation of lighting columns within the Town Hall car park

Councillors had previously been circulated with copies of two letters received from local residents regarding the proposal for the installation of lighting within the Town Hall car park. One letter dated 8th July 2024, raised concerns over the proposed height of the column alongside his boundary and asked that it be moved more to one side so it is covered from his vision. The other letter dated 10th July 2024, raised concerned over the illuminating light and the impact on insects,

bats and birds. It also draws attention to the boundary wall which has been damaged by the tress within the car park.

RESOLVED: That a copy of both letters be forwarded to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for their information.

Further

RESOLVED: That responsibility and ownership of the wall be investigated, and this be brought to the attention of the Vale of Glamorgan Council asking that any, remedial work should it be their responsibility, be undertaken prior to the Town Hall car park being signed over to the Town Council.

428. MISCELLANEOUS

To discuss email outlining concerns re withdrawal of breastfeeding support by Cardiff and Vale Health Board

Councillor J Norman declared a non-prejudicial interest

Councillor Williams declared a non prejudicial interest

Councillors had previously been circulated with an email and letter dated 21st June 2025 received from Dinas Powys Community Council asking for support in asking the Health Board to reconsider their decision to withdraw the specialist support.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Vale University Health Board supporting Dinas Powys Community Council letter in asking them to reconsider their decision to withdraw the breastfeeding support group based with the local library there. It is felt that maximum support should be given to those who use the service and recognise that this is the only support group offering this service in the whole of the Vale of Glamorgan.

SIGNED

MAYOR

DATED