

LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE STRADLING PARK COMMITTEE
HELD ON 19th June 2025

Present Councillor Deakin (Chair)
 Councillor Morgan
 Councillor Dr Hallan
 Councillor Thomas

Apologies Councillor Powell
 Councillor Dr Dickson

To discuss the way forward

Committee members discussed setting a budget for the community garden for this financial year 2025/2026 which is to include the water bill.

RECOMMENDED: That permission be sought, from Town Council, for a budget of £3000 to be allocated to the community garden to allow continuity.

RECOMMENDED: To ensure the continuation and future of the garden, any project ideas or suggestions be put forward to the five-year plan.

To discuss volunteer access and timetables

Committee members discussed coordinating a rota for access to the community garden and to continue opening the garden to volunteers on a Wednesday afternoon.

RECOMMENDED: Town council staff to coordinate rota between councillors, staff and volunteers.

RECOMMENDED: To speak with GVS (Glamorgan Voluntary Service) for the community garden to be added to their volunteer directory.

To discuss distribution of crops to community groups/foodbanks

Committee members discussed where to distribute crops harvested from the garden.

RECOMMENDED: Crops from the community garden be offered to volunteers, the local food share and 'Food Box' at the volunteering primary school.

RECOMMENDED: Town council staff to learn how the local Food Bank operates and whether fresh food is accepted.

To discuss Forest School events

Forest school dates are provisionally booked on Monday 21st July and Monday 18th August. Committee members discussed opening the garden and being present throughout the event.

RECOMMENDED: Town Council staff to advertise the events via social media and town notice boards.

RECOMMENDED: Town Council staff to liaise with the event organiser to decide on timings, capacity and whether ticketing is necessary. To organise ice cream van to attend one of the events.

To discuss Interpretation Boards for the garden

Committee members were circulated with photos of an interpretation board already in place in Stradling Park and agreed that a similar theme be adopted for the garden interpretation boards.

RECOMMENDED: Town Council staff to design two interpretation boards for the garden in English and Welsh and including all funding logos.

Next Meeting Date

15th July 2025

16th September 2025

21st October 2025

18th November 2025