

LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE STRADLING PARK COMMITTEE
HELD ON 16th September 2025

Present Councillor Powell (Chair)
 Councillor Morgan
 Councillor Dr Hallan
 Councillor Dr Dickson

Apologies Councillor Thomas
 Councillor Deakin

To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

To receive the report of the previous meeting held on 15th July 2025

Stradling Park Committee members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report from the Stradling Committee meeting held on 15th July 2025. Noted.

To discuss developing the wet area

Councillor Dr Hallan reported to the committee that the pond area hadn't worked out as planned and needed rethinking. Some plants are unsuitable for the area and would need to be moved. Other plants hadn't survived the dry summer or had been damaged during tree maintenance. Councillor Powell stated that guttering run from the roof of the shed would help keep the area wet to allow bog plants to grow more successfully. Committee members felt it would be helpful to arrange for Rachel Carter (Local Places for Nature Officer) to re visit the community garden and suggest a plan for improving the wet area.

Councillor Dr Hallan also reported that she had met Alison Meyer, from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, at an event at CF61. Alison liaises with developers to give back to community projects in manpower hours. Councillor Dr Hallan concluded that this could be looked into for the purpose of laying additional pathway to the wet area for wheelchair access and to build extra raised beds to encourage volunteers. Councillor Powell added that it was through this initiative that the green boundary fence was erected around the community garden.

RECOMMENDED: Town Council Staff to investigate improving the wet area and to write to Alison Meyer for more information, also to liaise with Cartrefi regarding their previous offer of timber for the raised beds.

RECOMMENDED: Town Clerk to review the agreed terms of the community garden before making any changes to the wet/wildlife areas.

RECOMMENDED: Town Council Staff to write to Rachel Carter inviting her to the next committee meeting on 21st October 2025.

To discuss the way forward

Committee members discussed changing volunteer access to the community garden due to the decrease in numbers on the Wednesday afternoon open session. It was suggested that the gate code could be given to a small number of individual volunteers as well as groups who already attend the garden allowing them to gain access when they are able.

RECOMMENDED: Town Council staff to write to community groups again offering them ownership of a raised bed to look after and maintain.

RECOMMENDED: Email be sent to all those volunteers who had previously showed an interest in volunteering in the garden and ask if they would be interested in having the gate code to allow them access at any time.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED: Should any reply in positive manner the committee revisit how this would work and any concerns.

To discuss the maintenance plan for the winter

Committee members discussed planning a weekend open day, during October, to tidy up and prepare the garden for winter and to tackle outstanding tasks. Councillor Dr Hallan suggested purchasing daffodil bulbs to be planted over the coming weeks.

Councillor Dr Hallan told members that she had been given a wormery by CF61 and suggested it would be an ideal project for the local school children from Ysgol Y Draig who regularly attend the garden.

RECOMMENDED: Town Council Staff to email all councillors and volunteers for availability on the 11th October 2025 for the garden open day.

RECOMMENDED: Town Council Staff to arrange the purchase of Daffodil bulbs.

RECOMMENDED: Town Council staff to write to Ysgol Y Draig and suggest the wormery project.

Next Meeting Date

21st October 2025