

LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL

Report of the Stradling Park Committee meeting

Held on 29th May 2026

at Stradling Park Community Garden

Present Councillor Dr Hallan (Chair)
 Councillor J Lewis
 Councillor J Deakin
 Councillor Dr Dickson

Apologies Councillor G Hughes
 Councillor J Norman

To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

To receive update on budget for Stradling Park and Community Garden

Stradling Park Committee members had previously been circulated with a copy an up-to-date budget figure. It was noted that £1,911.66 remains in the budget at this time, but works to trees are required as per the Tree Survey which was returned this morning from JV Tree Services. The Town Clerk reported that she has not had time to read thoroughly but did note that 4 trees were recommended for felling. Councillor Dr Hallan suggested we look at these when we move from the Garden to the Park. Noted.

To have general discussion regarding update on where we are with the Community Garden

Prior to any discussion members walked around the garden and all commented on how good the wildflowers are and the number of bees in the area. Councillor Dr Hallan reported that Cartrefi have agreed to purchase and install new high planters alongside the current planters and the path.

Discussion on wet area

Members were informed that a solar pump had now been purchased but required installation. Works which need doing include

- Strim area as overgrown
- Install pump and solar panel
- More stones around the edge
- Lower corner to allow wet area to incorporate the small area closer to fence

RECOMMENDED: Gardener/handyman to strim the small area to make access easier.

Further

RECOMMENDED: Costings for the stones be sought and brought to future meeting.

Further

RECOMMENDED: Members of the group arrange a date, in couple of weeks, when they are available to attend site and look at solution to install the pump and solar panel.

New path and planters

Councillor Dr Hallan reported that she has spoken with Kingfisher Developers and as part of their community volunteer week, they are prepared to work with the Town Council to lay the new path around the picnic bench and build the higher planters to the side. The vegetation will need to be cleared from the area prior to this happening.

RECOMMENDED: costings be sought from a local garden clearance company to clear the vegetation in that area.

Further

RECOMMENDED: Costings be sought for the material to make the high planters.

Further

RECOMMENDED: Councillor Deakin will enquire if the Atlantic College is available to assist with clearing the area. The Town Clerk to contact MPCT and establish if they are still available.

Councillor Dr Hallan stated that when the new beds were available for use, it would be an idea to speak with those on the allotment waiting list and offer them the opportunity of working smaller raised beds.

RECOMMENDED: The Deputy Town Clerk to contact those on the waiting list, or those who have turned down larger allotment plots to see if they would be interested. Investigates an agreement which could be used by those using the raised beds.

Recruitment of volunteers

Members discussed the volunteers who had already put their names down and wishing to be involved.

RECOMMENDED: Those on the list be contacted to see if they are happy to be included on a Whatapp group, which would state projects and dates when they going to happen.

Forest School over summer period

The Town Clerk reported that costings had been sought from Anna Cox, Forest School, for her to run a free event, each week over the summer holidays, as we did last year. Unfortunately, due to the works now required on the trees, this does not seem feasible within this year's budget.

RECOMMENDED: Forest Schools be contacted and ask if she would like to run the group and charge, or if a reduced rate or a contribution towards lower charges to families can be worked out.

Interpretation Boards

Members all agreed that as a lot had already been covered in this meeting, ideas and possible designs be brought back to next meeting.

Garage Clearance

Members all agreed that as a lot had already been covered in this meeting, the keys be brought to next meeting and an inventory be made of what is in the garage and what can be disposed of.

To have general discussion regarding ideas, projects and works within Stradling Park

Annual contract for grass cutting

Councillor Dr Hallan reported that this item had been discussed at the Full Town Council meeting held 28th May 2026 where it was resolved that 4 Seasons Gardening be asked to continue with the fortnightly cut of the Park, and this be taken forward next year and awarded as part of the annual contracts.

Tree survey and works

As previously discussed, the survey had only arrived this morning, but the Town Clerk had managed to print off the relevant pages for recommended works to the trees within the Park. It was noted that 4 trees were recommended for felling, with 2 rated priority Low and 2 rated priority High.

RECOMMENDED: Costings be sought for the felling of all 4 trees and brought back to a future meeting to discuss if the High priority should be done this year and the 2 Low priority ones the following year.

Next Meeting Date