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**Cyngor Cymuned Blaenhonddan
Blaenhonddan Community Council**

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Monday 20 April 2026 at 6.30 pm in the Cadoxton Community Centre, Neath

Presiding Councillor H Harry
Present Councillors G T Morgan, W Griffiths, J Hutchings, J Betts, A M Broom, J Griffiths, A Burton, J Hale, C Parry, L Bromham-Nichols, N Brown
Apologies Councillors R Lewis, L Rabaiotti-Jones, G Morgan, C Lewis, C Williams

6020 Welcome

The Chair welcomed Councillor N Brown who was attending her first meeting of Council.

6021 Chair's Statement

The Chair read a statement reminding Members of their obligations under the Code of Conduct and the Council's Standing Orders.

6022 Declarations of Interest

Councillors A Burton, N Brown, W Griffiths and J Hale declared an interest in Item 13 on the agenda in view of their involvement with applicants for financial assistance.

6023 Matters Raised by Members of the Public

There were no members of the public present.

6024 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 16 March 2026

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 16 March 2026 be confirmed as a correct record.

6025 Matters Arising

Further to Minute 6005, the Clerk provided a brief update on discussions regarding potential allotment sites. RESOLVED noted.

6026 Financial Matters – April 2026

RESOLVED that the Clerk's report on payments and transfer of funds in April 2026 be approved, subject to an amendment regarding a duplicate entry.

6027 Planning Applications – April 2026

RESOLVED no objection to the following applications –

P2026/0098	Garage Conversion	35 Ffynnon Dawel Aberdulais
P2026/0121	Extension and Driveway Widening	8 Ty'n yr Heol Road Bryncoch
P2026/0202	Development of Employment Units	Former CSN Engineering, Neath Abbey

RESOLVED no observations on the following as it is a legal determination for NPT CBC -

P2026/0151	Certificate of Lawful Development for Use as Short Term Holiday Let	36 Tudor Gardens Waunceirch
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RESOLVED no observations on the following applications as they are technical determinations for NPT CBC following the granting of consent -

P2026/0201	Details Condition 11 – Written Scheme of Investigation for Historic Building Recording	Caewern House Dwr y Felin Road Caewern
P2026/0216	Details Condition 8 – Demolition and Construction Environmental Management Plan	Caewern House Dwr y Felin Road Caewern
P2026/0217	Details Condition 16 – Scheme of External Lighting	Caewern House Dwr y Felin Road Caewern
P2026/0223	Details Condition 18 – Bat Scoping Survey and EPS Licence	Caewern House Dwr y Felin Road Caewern

6028 Community Centre Management

There were no reports on Community Centre Management.

6029 Police Matters

Members reported the appointment of a new Police Sergeant to cover the Blaenhonddan area. RESOLVED that the appointee be invited to attend a future meeting of Council.

6030 Reports from Outside Bodies

RESOLVED that the following be noted -

- There were no reports from the NPT CBC Liaison Forum.
- There were no reports from One Voice Wales
- There were no reports from Governing Body representatives.

6031 Minutes of the Festivals Committee Meeting held on 30 March 2026

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Festivals Committee Meeting of Council held on 30 March 2026 be endorsed subject to the addition of Councillor H Harry who was also present.

6032 Applications for Financial Assistance

The Clerk reminded Members of the Council's arrangements for considering applications for financial assistance under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. He summarised the budget agreed for the 2026/27 financial year and outlined the applications received.

(Councillors A Burton, N Brown, W Griffiths and J Hale declared an interest in Items 1 and 2 below)

RESOLVED that the following applications be supported in the sums indicated –

1	Afan Nedd Gang Show	£200.00
2	Bryncoch Community Association	£200.00

RESOLVED that the following applications be not supported -

3	Marie Curie (Wales)
4	Kids Cancer Charity
5	Project Linus UK (Neath Port Talbot)
6	Llangollen International Eisteddfod
7	Urdd National Eisteddfod Ynys Mon
8	Urdd Fund for All Appeal
9	Wales Air Ambulance

6033 Capital Programme Schemes

The Clerk submitted progress reports on 3 potential capital programme schemes. RESOLVED that –

- Further to the professional report on drainage issues at Cadoxton Park Council engage with NPT CBC regarding issues outside the Council's land and defer works on Council land pending those discussions.
- Further to the professional report on drainage issues at Cadoxton Community Centre, Council await the outcome of a further site meeting and report arising therefrom.
- Further to the Clerk's discussions with a local civil engineer regarding a ramp up to Waunceirch Playing Fields, the option next to the community centre fence be pursued and the engineer be invited to devise a specification at the fee indicated to Members.

6034 Water Management

The Clerk summarised the outcome of the Water Risk Assessments recently undertaken at the Council's Community Centres. He indicated that he was waiting for a Written Scheme of Control for each centre and confirmed that there some work would need to be undertaken at Cilfrew Community Centre.

RESOLVED that a further report be submitted once the relevant information was to hand.

6035 Cadoxton Park

The Clerk outlined an approach from Councillor P Morgan who represents Cadoxton on the NPT CBC, regarding the possibility that UK funding be used to provide some additional play equipment at Cadoxton Park at no cost to the Council. A potential scheme was outlined to Members involving the removal of dilapidated equipment at a location within the park, and its replacement with a partial multi-purpose kickabout area with appropriate surfacing. RESOLVED that Council –

- Endorse the proposal as outlined, including its long-term management
- Instruct the Clerk to manage its procurement and secure the external funds
- Appoint Sutcliffe Play to provide the equipment in view of their current role in providing and maintaining existing equipment in Cadoxton Park

6036 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 three items, by virtue of the nature of the business to be transacted.

6037 Matters Arising from Exempt Items

There were no matters arising.

6038 Health and Safety

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

6039 Cilfrew Community Centre Kitchen

Further to the previous decision of Council with regard to kitchen improvements at Cilfrew Community Council (Minute 6004, Council, 16 March 2026 refers), the Clerk submitted a report on quotations received for installation of the kitchen provided by others, advising Members of the specific sums involved. RESOLVED that the lowest quotation received from H Smith Building Contractors be accepted.

6040 Correspondence

RESOLVED that the following item of correspondence be actioned as indicated -

1	One Voice Wales	Civility and Respect Pledge
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Council noted that the proposed pledge updated that previously approved by Council and authorised its substitution and approval.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm

Signed

Dated 18 May 2026
