



Minutes of the Meeting of the
Open Spaces, Allotments & Rights of Way Committee
held at the Council Meeting Room
Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail
at 6:00pm on Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Present: Cllr Danny Grehan (Chair)
Cllr Linda Michel
Cllr Karen Webb
Cllr Ceirion Skym
Cllr Gerald Francis

Officers: Mrs Aingie Cripps Melody (Deputy Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Martin Barron.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting: 22nd September 2025

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 22nd
September 2025 as a true and accurate record.

4. To note Financial Report for period ending: 20th January 2026

The Deputy Clerk presented the Financial Report.



5. Matters pertaining to Open Spaces

a) To consider quotation for floral displays in 2026

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree the quotation from Boverton Nursery for the supply of floral arrangements in 2026 at a cost of £2154.00 to include an additional six liners if required.

The committee discussed investigating alternative suppliers for the 2027 season.

b) To note additional six floral containers requiring liners

The Deputy Clerk advised the committee that an additional six containers had been located in stores and may be made available for future use.

c) To discuss removal of flower basket on the Square, Tonyrefail

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To remove the flower basket located on the lamppost on the Square, Tonyrefail

d) To consider quotation for repairs to three bus shelters

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree the quotation of £1229.98 (net) from Bus Shelters Limited for the repairs to three bus shelters

e) To discuss available budget in 2026/27 for purchase of additional bus shelter or other street furniture

The Deputy Clerk updated the Committee that funds are available in the budget for the purchase of street furniture such as a bush shelter and benches. The Deputy Clerk asked the Committee to give some thought to anywhere in their communities that they might like to consider for additional street furniture.

f) To agree minimum sale value of telephone box

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree an advertisement price of offers in the region of £2000 for the Mill Street telephone box and accept no less than £1000.



The Deputy Clerk updated the Committee that the process of disconnecting the power supply had been initiated with BT and is likely to take up to a month.

6. Matters pertaining to Allotments

a) To note update on Asbestos removal at allotment sites

The Deputy Clerk provided an update that all loose asbestos waste at all allotment sites, had been collected and disposed of by the agreed contractor by mid December 2025.

b) To consider quotation for removal of additional asbestos waste at Penrhiwfer Allotments

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree the quotation of £775.00 from Valley Waste Services for the for the digging out and removal of embedded asbestos waste at Penrhiwfer Allotments.

c) To consider allotment rent increases for the 2027 financial year

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree a rent increase to £2.08 per perch in 2027 for all allotment sites.

7. Matters pertaining to Rights of Way

a) To discuss relocation of bench previously removed from fields off Edmondstown Road

The Deputy Clerk provided an update to the Committee that the bench previously removed was in storage and available to be reinstated in the community.

Cllr Michel advised that she was aware of a bench that was looking unsightly and could possibly be swapped with the spare.

Cllr Michel will provide photographs and the exact location to the Deputy Clerk so that the grounds team can be instructed to investigate replacing it and report back.

Cllr Grehan also queried any old bench could be disposed of and possibly purchased by the Friends of Tyn y Bryn. This will be referred to the Clerk should an old bench no longer be fit for use.



b) To discuss choice of bench colours in the district

The committee discussed having different bench colours and agreed that a range of primary colours would be acceptable in the community when benches are painted and refurbished.

c) To note blocked footpaths and contact made with RCT footpaths officer

The Deputy Clerk advised that the information supplied prior to the meeting had been incorrectly given to the Deputy Clerk. The Deputy Clerk will contact RCT footpaths officer to explain that the path mentioned is not blocked and is fully accessible.

d) To note footpath clearance work undertaken in 2025/26

The Deputy Clerk presented details of the time taken to clear nominated footpaths in 2025/26 and that all paths requested had been cleared or found to be clear already.

e) To discuss footpaths to be nominated for clearance in 2026/27

The Deputy Clerk requested that Committee members give some consideration to which footpaths they would like to see cleared in the 2026/27 period. This will be discussed and agreed in the next Committee meeting.

f) To discuss Finance Committee suggestion to provide RCTCBC with information annually on footpath clearance undertaken on their behalf

The Committee agreed to send information to the RCT footpaths officer providing him with an update on clearance work undertaken on their behalf. The Deputy Clerk will send this information to him.

8. Date of the next Committee meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Thursday 23rd April 2026 6:00pm

Meeting concluded at 18:30pm.