

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council
Held at Llanvaches Church Hall on
Tuesday, 17th October 2017 at 7pm

Present

Chairman:- Cllr Kay James
Councillors:- P Challenger, R Mogford, Z Westwind
In Attendance:- Mrs Lucy Allen (Clerk)
Public Attendance:- 2

2930 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr D Boulton.

2931 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None.

2932 MINUTES
Cllr Mogford proposed that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 19th September 2017 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Westwind and agreed unanimously, the minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

2933 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES
Item 2923 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS
The meeting was advised that the contractor had agreed to replace the timbers on the toddler swings and had ordered in the materials.
The grass cutting contractor had also been contacted regarding various issues and that these had now been resolved.
Item 2924 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
The Clerk advised that she had contacted Newport City Council regarding the footpaths in Wentwood Drive and was awaiting a response.

2934 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Payment of Accounts

| <i>Payee</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Cheque Number</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Mrs L Allen | Salary August 2017 | Standing Order | £195.21 |
| Newport City Council | Ground Maintenance | 000928 | £279.36 |

TOTAL **£474.57**

Proposed by Cllr Mogford, seconded by Cllr Challenger and agreed unanimously.

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

The adoption and reconciliation of the Community Council's bank accounts for September 2017 was confirmed.

c. 2nd Quarter Budget Monitoring Report

Members considered the 2nd quarter budget monitoring report to the end of September 2017.

RESOLVED:-

To accept the 2nd quarter budget monitoring report to the end of September 2017.

d. Priorities and aims for 2018 - 2019

Members considered the Community Council priorities and aims for the financial year 2018 - 2019.

RESOLVED:-

That the priorities for 2018 - 2019 include:-

- Update / replacement of benches
- Play area signage improvements
- More inclusive play equipment for all ages

e. Christmas Tree

Members considered the planting of a Christmas Tree on the village green and its removal at the end of the festive season. Concerns were raised that any trees planted at this site did not survive even when planted in a pot and that the Community Council were therefore replacing the tree every year.

RESOLVED:-

To purchase a 8-10ft tree up to a maximum cost of £100 and have it planted on the village green and removed at the end of the season (*LGA 1972, s145*). Proposed by Cllr Mogford, seconded by Cllr Westwind and agreed with one abstention.

2935 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

- a.** Members considered nomination of a Councillor to be a representative at the Clerk's Liaison meetings which are held at Newport City Council on a quarterly basis.

RESOLVED:-

That Cllrs Westwind and Mogford attend the Liaison Meetings however all Councillors are welcome.

b. Public Protection Orders

Members considered writing to Newport City Council to request that Llanvaches Community Council's playing areas be subject to the Public Protection Orders which are being used to update dog control orders across the city. Members discussed the current bylaws in the play areas and noted that they are very difficult to enforce and also considered where the Community Council stands in terms of insurance if there is an accident.

RESOLVED:-

To write to Newport City Council to request that the playing areas in Llanvaches be subject to the Public Protection Orders to reinforce the current bylaws that are in place. Proposed by Cllr Westwind, seconded by Cllr Mogford and agreed with one abstention.

2936 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

a. Weekly Inspection Report

Members received the weekly inspection report and noted that the grass cutting had now been carried out as per the contract and noted that the contractor would be replacing the football net following it being damaged by the mowing.

b. Weekly Inspections

Members considered the ongoing arrangements for the weekly inspections of the playground equipment.

RESOLVED:-

That Cllr Mogford take over the weekly inspections of the playground equipment from November on a 6 month basis.

2937 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The footpaths on Wentwood Drive, in particular outside number 2, are still very dangerous, uneven and covered in moss. The Clerk to chase Newport City Council to arrange to have maintenance carried out on the paths to make them safe in time for the winter.

A resident asked if it would be possible to plant the Christmas Tree in the raised bed on the village green but was advised that this had already been planted with spring bulbs.

A question was raised as to why the path in the playing field only went round to the equipment and not all the way around and if play equipment for all ages could be considered.

A residents hedge is overhanging the path on Wentwood Drive making it dangerous and a Member advised that they would contact the resident regarding this.

2938 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

The Ash tree on the village green had recently been trimmed by Newport City Council who advised that the tree was over 400 years old and that they are looking into installing a plaque detailing its information.

Superfast broadband - the work on the installation of the box in the village is due to take place shortly and is expected to be completed by Christmas.

The speed limit on the A48 remains a concern following another fatal road traffic accident, the Ward Councillors are working tirelessly to get changes and a cross-border relationship.

2939 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Members received and considered correspondence set out in the schedule emailed to members prior to the meeting.

2940 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered the nomination of a Councillor to be the point of contact on all planning matters.

RESOLVED:-

That Cllr Westwind be the point of contact for Newport City Council on all planning matters in relation to the Community Council. Proposed by Cllr Mogford, seconded by Cllr Challenger and agreed unanimously.

2941 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

To update the website with all Councillor names.

To try and get other residents interested in becoming Councillors by putting notices on the website, notice boards and on Facebook.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of Llanvaches Community Council will take place on Tuesday, 21st November 2017 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Llanvaches.

The meeting closed at 8.30

Signed CHAIRMAN

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