

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council
Held at Llanvaches Church Hall on
Tuesday, 15th January 2019 at 7pm

Present

Chairman:- Cllr Dan Boulton
Councillors:- E Addis, K James, M White, C Wynn
Ward Councillor:-
In Attendance:- Mrs Lucy Allen (Clerk)
Public Attendance:- 1

3101 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3102 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

3103 MINUTES

Cllr Wynn proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 20th November 2018 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr White and agreed unanimously, the minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

3104 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item 3092 (d) Financial Matters

Members asked where the Christmas Tree lights were being stored following the removal of the Christmas Tree. Cllr James agreed to contact the Llanvaches Residents Group to see if they were storing them.

Item 3097 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

The meeting was advised that an enforcement case had been opened at Newport City Council in relation to the concerns received regarding the planning application for Avarla.

3105 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

None.

3106 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Payment of Accounts

Payee	Description	Cheque Number	Amount
L Allen	Clerks Salary - December	Standing Order	£205.50
L Allen	Clerks Salary - January	Standing Order	£205.50
Wales Audit Office	External Audit	000956	£255.00
Earth Anchors	Replacement Benches	000957	£2,654.40
Newport City Council	Grounds Maintenance	000958	£279.36
L Allen	Expenses	000959	£ 86.09
TOTAL			£3,685.85

Cllr Wynn proposed that the above payments be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Addis and agreed unanimously.

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

The adoption and reconciliation of the Community Council's bank accounts for November and December 2018 was confirmed.

c. Legal advice regarding the withdrawal of the concurrent grant from Newport City Council

Members considered whether to join forces with other local Community Councils and obtain legal advice to investigate whether there is grounds for a Judicial Review following the removal of the concurrent grant from Newport City Council.

For information at the recent Community Council Liaison Meeting those attending were advised that *"Newport City Council agree that correct procedures had been followed, the Cabinet Member had the delegated authority to make the decision and that he had been aware of feelings and the impact of his decision, but that suitable consultation had taken place. There was no question of the decision being reversed and no internal appeal process"*.

Preliminary discussions with a solicitor suggest that the Community Councils may have grounds for a legal challenge with initial costs of between £500 - £1,000 to provide a report for a barrister to comment on.

RESOLVED:

Not to join forces with other local Community Councils who are obtaining legal advice to investigate whether there is grounds for a Judicial Review following the removal of the concurrent grant from Newport City Council. Proposed by Cllr Wynn, seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously.

d. Draft Budget 2019 - 2020

Members considered the draft budget, which had been prepared by the Clerk, for the financial year 2019 - 2020. Members discussed the repercussions surrounding the removal of the concurrent grant and noted the healthy level of reserves which the Community Council currently hold.

RESOLVED:

Agreed the budget of £7,836.36 and to submit a precept request to Newport City Council for the financial year 2019-2020 of £4,817.00. This is calculated as follows:-

Tax Base 240.85	Precept per property £20.00	Precept Amount £4,817.00
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The balance of the budget of £3,019.36 to be met by the general reserves which the Community Council are holding. In future years the Community are to be encouraged to attend the November meeting of Council to discuss any proposed increases in precept. Proposed by Cllr Wynn, seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously.

e. Replacement Laptop

Members considered the quotations for the replacement laptop.

RESOLVED:

To obtain further quotations to provide a more robust laptop for use by the Community Council.

3107 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Outstanding queries for action from previous meetings

Members received and noted the list of outstanding queries awaiting completion following Community Council meetings.

b. Boundary Commission for Wales

Members noted that the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission will be undertaking a review of the electoral arrangements for the County of Newport with a view to considering and formulating proposals for future arrangements. Members noted that there will be a presentation which will explain the review process and answer any questions being held on 30th January 2019, Newport City Council (Council Chambers) at 5.00pm.

3108 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

a. Fortnightly Inspection Report

Members noted the inspection report which had been circulated to all Councillors.

3109 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident requested authority to allow a contractor to enter the playing field with their van to enable tree works to be carried out in his garden, this was agreed.

3110 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

With the changes in refuse at Monmouthshire County Council it was requested that the Clerk contact MCC to see if consideration could be given to the residents of Llanvaches to still have access to Five Lanes rather than having to travel over to Newport. It was suggested that Newport City and Monmouthshire County Council could provide reciprocal arrangements.

The path at the entrance to Wentwood Drive is in disrepair and could cause a trip hazard, it was requested that the Clerk contact Newport City Council to request a review of the paths in the village.

Request that the Clerk contact Newport City Council to see if copies of Newport Matters can be delivered to the Church Hall.

3111 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

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

3112 PLANNING MATTERS

Noted the decisions of Newport City Council:

Planning Application Number	18/0954
Address	Red House, Millbrook Lane, Llanvaches
Proposal	Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of two storey rear extension, removal of front conservatory and other alterations.
Decision	Approved with conditions.

3113 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None.

3114 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of Llanvaches Community Council will take place on Tuesday, 19th February 2019 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Llanvaches.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed **CHAIRMAN** **Date.....**