

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council
Held at Llanvaches Church Hall on
Tuesday, 17th April 2018 at 7pm

Present

Chairman:- Cllr Kay James
Councillors:- P Challenger, M White, C Wynn
Ward Councillor:- R Mogford
In Attendance:- Mrs Lucy Allen (Clerk)
Public Attendance:- 0

2996 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr Boulton

2997 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None.

2998 MINUTES
Cllr White proposed that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 20th March 2018 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Wynn and agreed unanimously, the minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

2999 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES
PLANNING MATTERS

a) Creation of entrance on the junction of Whitebrook and Llanvaches Lane

Members were advised that no response had been received to date and that the Clerk would contact Planning Enforcement at Newport City Council for an update. The Ward Councillor advised the meeting that the City Council were having issues identifying the owner of the field.

FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The meeting was advised that a Warden from Public Rights of Way division of Newport City Council had visited the public footpath from Castle Rise up to Talgarth Lane and advised that the path is quite muddy as a result of livestock in the paddock. This is a common difficulty with rights of way that run across agricultural land.

3000 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Payment of Accounts

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs L Allen	Salary April 2018	Standing Order	£195.21
Newport CC	Election charges	000944	£257.32
Newport CC	Grounds Maintenance	000943	£279.36

TOTAL **£731.89**

Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Wynn and agreed unanimously.

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

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

c. 4th Quarter Budget Monitoring Report

Members considered the 4th quarter budget monitoring report to the end of March 2018.

RESOLVED:

To accept the 4th quarter budget monitoring report to the end of March 2018.

d. Suspension of Financial Regulation 11.1(b)

Members considered suspending Financial Regulation 11.1 (b) for consideration of item 2300 (e) Grounds Maintenance Quotation 2018 -2019.

(Where it is intended to enter into a contract exceeding £1,000 in value for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works or specialist services other than such goods, materials, works or specialist services as are excepted as set out in paragraph (a) the Clerk shall invite tenders from at least three firms to be taken from the appropriate approved list.) This is in view of the fact that previous attempts to obtain quotations have been difficult to obtain and, if received, outside the Community Councils agreed budget.

RESOLVED:

To suspend Financial Regulation 11.1 (b) for consideration of item 2300 (e) Grounds Maintenance Quotation 2018 -2019.

e. Grounds Maintenance Quotation 2018-2019

Members considered the grounds maintenance quotation received for 2018-2019

RESOLVED:

To accept the grounds maintenance quotation received from Newport City Council for the financial year 2018-2019 for £1,108.41 (*LG (Misc Prov) 1976, s19*). Proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Wynn and agreed unanimously.

f. Membership of One Voice Wales

Members considered the renewal of the membership to One Voice Wales 2018-2019.

RESOLVED:

To renew the Community Councils membership to OneVoice Wales 2018-2019 at a cost of £51.00 (*LGA 1972, s111*). Proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr White and agreed unanimously.

3001 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Dog Protection Orders

Members noted the response from Newport City Council regarding Dog Protection Orders: "There have been no further developments on this subject as the officer dealing with this has been on long term sick and I'm afraid that this matter will not be developed further until either the officer returns to work or a decision is made regarding resources within Parks". Members requested that this item be put on the agenda at the next meeting.

b. Litter Bins and Gritting request

The Chairman reported a late item of correspondence from Newport City Council, regarding the request for a litter bin in the village and the gritting of Tabernacle Road, for decision.

Regarding litter bins, Members noted the response stated that *“it would not conform with the newly implemented plan to only install new bins on bus routes. Due to workforce constraints, it is difficult for the cleansing department to empty all the bins we have throughout Newport, a plan was devised to rationalise the placements of bins. In order to make the service more efficient, it was decided that bins would only be installed on bus routes to ensure that the teams are not going out of their way to empty singular bins.”*

Members considered installing a dog waste bin in the village and the ongoing costs associated with collection. The issue would be where to put the bin as there may be weeks when it would not need to be emptied due to lack of use.

With reference to the gritting of Tabernacle Road Members noted the response from Newport City Council *“this is not something we are able to do as the routes have been rationalised to ensure major routes are free of ice/snow. The reasoning for this is to ensure that the majority of the network is accessible to public transport, and adding extra roads to the routes would increase the length of time in which it would take us to complete a run”*.

Members were disappointed that consideration would not be given to gritting Tabernacle Road as this is used as a main route into the village.

RESOLVED:

Not to install a litter or dog waste bin in the village. Proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Wynn, motion agreed with one abstention.

c. One Voice Wales - Motions for Annual General Meeting

Members noted that Member councils are invited to propose a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM on Saturday 29th September 2018.

d. Community Governor Vacancy - Langstone Primary School

Members noted that there is a Community Governor Vacancy at Langstone Primary School with the appointment having a term of 4 years.

3002 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

a. Fortnightly Inspection Report

The meeting noted the fortnightly inspection report and were advised that there would not be one w/c 23rd April 2018.

b. Tree Inspection Report

Members noted that following the Tree Inspection, carried out by Newport City Council, only one tree has been identified as a concern and the City Council will continue to monitor this tree in the next cyclical inspection.

The Clerk to contact the Tree officer to ask how often the cyclical inspections are carried out and who would be liable should the tree fall and hurt someone.

c. Rubbish Clearance - Glebelands Football Field

Members noted that the City Council had visited the football field and had submitted a quote which would be an agenda item for decision at the next meeting.

d. Hedge in Glebelands Football Field

Members considered the Community Councils responsibilities in regards to boundary and hedgerow maintenance at Glebelands football field.

RESOLVED:

Cllr Wynn proposed that in order to determine the boundaries of the land, that title deeds be obtained. This was seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously.

e. Wood Knot on wood stack

Members noted that the contractor had visited the site and advised that they would return to sort out the knot once drier weather was here.

3003 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

3004 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

a. Superfast Broadband

Members noted the response received from Jessica Morden MP regarding Superfast Broadband in the village and considered attendance at a meeting.

RESOLVED:

Cllr Wynn to represent the Community Council at the meeting being held on 4th May 2018 with Jessica Morden MP and Openreach. Cllr Mogford advised that he would also attend as the Ward Councillor representing the village.

3005 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

3006 PLANNING MATTERS

3007 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

3008 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council will take place on Tuesday, 15th May 2018 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Llanvaches.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed CHAIRMAN

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