

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council
Held at Llanvaches Church Hall on
Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 7pm

Present

Chairman:- Cllr Liz Williams
Councillors:- P Challenger, K James, L Morgan, D Boulton
Ward Councillor:- Cllr R Mogford
Public Attendance:- 2

2854 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
Members considered the election of a Chairman.

RESOLVED:-

To defer the election of a new Chairman until the Annual Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council to be held on Tuesday, 16th May 2017. Proposed by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously.

2855 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Lucy Allen, Clerk (due to illness)

2856 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None.

2857 MINUTES
Cllr Challenger proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 21st March 2017 be accepted as a true record subject to the following amendments:-

Present:-

Councillors:- P Challenger, K James, L Morgan, P Lawrence

Amended to:-

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Councillors:- D Boulton, P Challenger, K James, P Lawrence

2843 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

Amended to:-

2843/1 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

2849 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Update from Newland Rennie Wilkins regarding the boundary hedge in the football field.

Amended to :-

Update from the Agents regarding the boundary hedge in the football field.

This was seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously, the minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

2858 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item 2831 Public Participation

Cllr Mogford advised that he had raised the issue of rubbish being left in the roads of the village when the refuse is collected. A Member reported that although Newport had agreed to send a road sweeper to the village, it had yet to visit.

2859 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Payment of Accounts

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>
L Allen	March Salary	Standing Order	£191.77
TOTAL			£ 191.77

Cllr Morgan proposed that the above payment be approved, which was seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously.

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

To defer the approval of the cash book and bank reconciliation until the next meeting of Llanvaches Community Council due to the absence of the Clerk.

c. External Hard Drive

Members considered the purchase of an external hard drive for document storage.

RESOLVED:-

The Clerk to investigate the cost of a solid state hard drive as this would be more robust. Proposed by Cllr Boulton, seconded by Cllr Challenger and agreed unanimously.

d. Llanvaches Residents' Group

The meeting considered the request from the Llanvaches Residents' Group for funding towards the Big Lunch Event on Saturday, 10 June 2017.

RESOLVED:-

To grant fund £200 towards the Llanvaches Residents Group for funding towards the Big Lunch Event on Saturday, 10th June 2017. The Residents Group are to provide a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the event.

Proposed by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr Challenger. It was agreed by four votes for the expenditure with one abstention.

2860 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Council Formation Following Election in May

The meeting noted that only one councillor has had their nomination accepted, and that the Council requires a minimum of three to be quorate. The future composition of the Llanvaches Community Council is, therefore, uncertain. The advice according to Arnold Baker appears to show that Newport City Council will have to nominate two people to serve until new councillors can be found. The Clerk has requested Newport's returning officer to advise on the process, but this was still to be received.

2861 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

a. Weekly Inspection Report

Members received the weekly inspection report and noted that although contractors who had installed the toddler swings agreed to replace the damaged timber under guarantee had not yet done so and the Clerk would be asked to investigate.

b. Damage to Hedge in the Football Field

Members noted that Newport City Council grass cutters had driven through the hedge, rather than use the gate when they carried out grass cutting. They have now repaired the hedge with post and wire fencing and have planted saplings.

c. Trees at the Football Field

Members expressed concern about way the trees had been trimmed at the southern edge of the football field by persons unknown. The Clerk will be asked to obtain clarification from the Agents as to what the Council's responsibilities are with regard to maintenance of the boundaries.

2862 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident said that the playing field grass had been cut on 18th April 2017, however the contractors had left rubbish on the pavement. The Clerk will be asked to let the contractors know that this is not acceptable.

A resident informed the meeting that a mole removal specialist said that there were many moles in the playing field.

A resident requested that contractors that he will be using to trim his trees on the boundary with the playing field take their tractor into the field for the easy removal of the branches. This was agreed and the resident asked to send the Clerk an email nearer the time of the trimming.

2863 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

a. Superfast Broadband

Members were advised that Llanvaches village is now showing as "in scope" on the Superfast broadband website whilst planning is sought for the green cable cabinet.

2864 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

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

The correspondence about the closure of Tabernacle Road had given an 18-month window for the closure of the road from 9th April 2017. The signs put up on the road indicated that it would be closed on 10th April 2017. It was closed on the 9th April 2017 and it was resolved to ask the Clerk to enquire as to why work was carried out the day before the date shown on the signs.

Councillors requested that all emails on planning be forwarded to members.

2865 PLANNING MATTERS

It was confirmed that Newport's enforcement officer had informed the builders of 16/1047 – Avarla that the current building work exceeds permitted development and it therefore had to stop until the planning decision was made.

2866 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION
Gritting of the main road into the village.

2867 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The Annual meeting of Llanvaches Community Council will take place on Tuesday, 16th May 2107 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Llanvaches.

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