

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council
Held at Llanvaches Church Hall on
Tuesday 18th October 2016 at 7PM

Present

Chairman:- Cllr Liz Williams
Councillors:- P Challenger, P Lawrence, L Morgan
Ward Councillor:-
In attendance:- Lucy Allen (Clerk)
Public Attendance:- 3

2784 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr K James.

2785 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr P Challenger declared an interest under the Code of Conduct in item **2788(c) Works in Glebelands Sports Field** and did not participate in any discussion or voting.

2786 MINUTES

Cllr Morgan proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 20th September 2016 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Challenger and agreed unanimously, the minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

2787 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

2788 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Chair sought the agreement of the meeting to vary the order of business in order that Item 2788(c) Works in Glebelands Sports Field be discussed before item 2788(a) Payment of Accounts.

RESOLVED:-

That the next item of business Item 2788(c) Works in Glebelands Sports Field be discussed before item 2788(a) Payment of Accounts.

c. Works in Glebelands Sports Field

Members considered the costs associated with the repairs to the Glebelands field gate and football net back support.

RESOLVED:-

To agree the maximum costs of £60.00 for the repairs to the Glebelands field gate and football net back support. Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Morgan and agreed unanimously (*LGA (Misc Prov) 1976, s19*).

a. Payment of Accounts

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>
L Allen	September Salary	Standing Order	£191.77
P Challenger	Works to Glebelands	000903	£ 56.90
TOTAL			£ 248.67

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

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

The adoption and reconciliation of the Community Council's bank accounts for September 2016 was confirmed.

d. 2nd Quarter Budget Monitoring Report

Members considered the 2nd quarter budget monitoring report to the end of September 2016.

RESOLVED:-

To accept the 2nd quarter budget monitoring report to the end of September 2016.

2789 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Village Christmas Tree

The meeting was advised that the contractor had been out to inspect the Christmas Tree and advised that the tree is not in a healthy condition. Members discussed the purchase of a replacement 10ft tree which could be planted into the ground and removed at the end of each season.

RESOLVED:-

To obtain a quotation from the contractor to deliver, plant and remove, at the end of the season, a 10ft Christmas Tree.

Standing Orders were suspended at this point in order to receive representation from Gwent Police.

POLICE REPORT

Two members of Gwent Police attended the meeting. The main issues within the local area were shed and garage break-ins with residents being asked to be extra vigilant in ensuring that they are secured. The PCSO advised that all residents can log into "Gwent Now" which is a free community messaging system for the Gwent area that allows you to register to receive the latest crime notifications and community news happening in your local neighbourhood available at www.gwentnow.org. "Your Voice" is another way in which residents can get involved with the setting of local ward priorities which for the Langstone ward and surrounding area are currently:-

Criminal Offence - Criminal Damage and Car Crime
Parking Problems - Illegal Parking

2790 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

a. Weekly Inspection Report

Members received the weekly inspection report and noted that part of the hedge boundary in Glebelands sports field had been cut and the debris had been put in the field. In the case of overhanging trees in residents gardens, occupants are entitled to cut and place the cut branches back in the football field. Members were also advised that there were a few deeper than normal cuts on a couple of trees near the lane. Members agreed that during the weekly

inspections a closer record would now be kept of the condition of the trees and boundary hedge.

With regards to the grass cutting and hedge maintenance, the meeting was advised that the Clerk had been in contact with the contractor who has apologised for the service received this season and that there seemed to be a breakdown in communication at their end. The contractor advised that the hedges would be cut, by hand, on Thursday, 19th October 2016.

b. Annual Inspection

Members considered the action plan following the annual inspection of the play equipment.

RESOLVED:-

To carry out the following actions:-

- Remove the bay timber toddler swing due to decay in the uprights and obtain quotations for replacement - *a member has safety taped off the swing in readiness for removal.*
- Strengthen the legs on the benches - *a member has agreed to carry out the leg strengthening.*
- To investigate an appropriate Play Area sign - *clerk to action*
- To obtain a quotation to have the zip wire re-tensioned, adjustment of the cable stop and adjustment of the starting section buffer - *awaiting quotation from contractor.*
- To clean the algae growth on the springer elephant - *a member has agreed to clean off the algae growth.*
- To repair the splinter hazard at the end of the log climber - *awaiting response from contractor.*
- Removal of excess links at the top of the traditional swing and removal of algae growth on the safety surface - *a member has agreed to remove the excess links and awaiting quotation from contractor regarding algae removal*
- Replace shackle on tradition swing - *awaiting quotation from contractor*

2791 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

2792 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

a. Superfast Broadband

The Chairman reported that the Welsh Government had been invited to a meeting of Llanvaches Community Council but as yet a date has not been confirmed.

2793 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

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

A member noted that the Clerk had been invited to an informal meeting with other local community council Clerks and suggested that it may be suitable that a Councillor attends a future meeting as well as the Clerk to discuss local issues.

2792 PLANNING MATTERS

Members noted the following item of planning correspondence received too late for the agenda:-

Number:- 16/1047
Type:- FULL
Address:- Avarla, Tabernacle Road, Llanvaches, Newport, NP26 3BL

Proposal:- Demolition of an existing bungalow and erection of a new detached house with detached garage / annex block.

Recommendation:- As this is a late item of correspondence Members are asked to email their responses for reporting at the next meeting.

2795 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None.

2796 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The ordinary meeting of Llanvaches Community Council will take place on Tuesday, 15th November 2016 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Llanvaches.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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