

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council
Held at Llanvaches Church Hall on
Tuesday, 19th February 2019 at 7pm

Present

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

3115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs Addis, Challenger and White.

3116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
Cllr R Mogford declared an interest under the Code of Conduct in item **3121 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS - Llanvaches Residents Group Picnic in the Park 2019** and did not participate in discussion or vote in this item.

3117 MINUTES
Cllr Wynn proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 15th January 2019 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously, the minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

3118 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES
None.

3119 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT
Concurrent Precept - Newport City Council had received a letter from the solicitors stating that a number of Community Councils felt that they had grounds for a Judicial Review following the removal of the Concurrent Precept. The City Council have responded advising that they feel there are no grounds for a review but for the Community Councils to continue to pursue the issue if they wish.

Waste and Refuse at Five Lanes - The following question had been asked of the Cabinet member responsible for Street Scene at a recent meeting “Could the Cabinet outline what is the extent of co-operation between local authorities on waste recycling activities? As part of that, specifically regarding access to recycling centres, to what extent has the Cabinet member considered the possibility of having reciprocal arrangements or other specific agreements with neighbouring local authorities that would be of benefit to all concerned?” and received the following response “Newport residents that are using alternative recycling facilities are not adding to their own authorities recycling figures needed to comply with the Welsh Government targets. National guidance from National Assessment of Civic Amenity Sites (NACAS) report on best practice at HWRC Sites, that states a 20 minute urban and a 30 minute rural drive. The Docks Way Site is less than a 20 minute drive for 99% of residents. A supplementary question was asked as to whether the City Council could work with

Monmouthshire County Council to get some advantage for local resident's to be able to continue using Five Lanes. It was advised that this may be a possibility.

Boundary Commission Review - The Boundary Commission are currently undertaking a review in Wales to balance the number of voters with representatives and have determined that Newport City Council, based on its population, need to reduce their Members by 1 to 49. There is a statutory 12 week consultation where the Commission are asking for proposals and / or changes.

Broadband Company - Many residents in the village had been contacted by an alternative broadband provider who are installers of 4g receivers. Those interested would need to apply for the £800 grant which is available from the Welsh Government. It was agreed that they be put in contact with the resident who is already in discussions with another provider regarding broadband in the village.

3120 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Payment of Accounts

Payee	Description	Cheque Number	Amount
L Allen	Clerks Salary - February	Standing Order	£205.50
Cooke & Arkwright	Football Field Lease	000961	£ 60.00
St Dubrituis Church	Cemetery Grant	000962	£100.00
Bethany Chapel	Cemetery Grant	000960	£100.00
Tabernacle Church	Cemetery Grant	000963	£100.00
Gilgal Chapel	Cemetery Grant	000964	£100.00
TOTAL			£665.50

Cllr James proposed that the above payments be approved, which was 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 January 2019 was confirmed.

c. Churchyard Maintenance Grants

Members considered making contributions to Tabernacle United Reform Church, Bethany Baptist Church, St Dubritius Church and Gilgal Chapel for churchyard maintenance.

RESOLVED:

To make a contribution to the Tabernacle United Reform Church, Bethany Baptist Church, St Dubritius Church and Gilgal Chapel for churchyard maintenance grants for which a budgetary provision of £100 per church has been made (*LGA 1972, s214*).

d. 3rd Quarter budget report

Members considered the 3rd quarter budget report for the financial year 2018/19.

RESOLVED:

To accept the 3rd quarter budget report for the financial year 2018/19.

e. Replacement Laptop

Members considered the quotations for the replacement laptop, which had been circulated with the agenda, and additional quotations available at the meeting. Quotations were provided and discussed for laptops ranging in price from £359.99 up to the maximum budget

(the Community Council are able to claim the VAT element of the cost back). The Chairman advised Members that a higher specification computer would future proof the Community Council against having to replace the laptop for a number of years and would provide for a more efficient processor, hard drive, speed and larger memory, in addition to being more environmentally friendly not to replace computers every 3-4 years. Members were reminded that £1,000 is earmarked within the reserves for IT equipment

RESOLVED:

To approve the purchase of a replacement laptop from the Community Council's earmarked reserves where £1000.00 has been allocated for IT in the 2018/2019 budget, the laptop to be of a high specification but must not to exceed the earmarked reserve. Authority delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, to agree the specification and proceed with the purchase, following a check of the higher specification laptops with Which (LGA 1972, s111).

Proposed by Cllr Wynn, seconded by Cllr Boulton with two Councillors opposing. The Chairman therefore had the casting vote to proceed as per the resolution

3121 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. Llanvaches Residents Group - Picnic in the Park 2019

i) Members considered the request for the Byelaws to be lifted in the playing field to facilitate the holding of a Picnic in the Park on Saturday 1st June 2019. The residents group will be asked to carry out a risk assessment, obtain the correct licenses and insurance and provide copies to the Community Council.

RESOLVED:

To suspend all except one of the Bye Laws on the Llanvaches playing field in order to facilitate the Party in the Park on Saturday 1st June 2019. The Bye Law not suspended is “no person shall allow any dog belonging to them to run loose”. The residents group are also to provide copies of all insurance documentation, licences applied for and risk assessments.

ii) Members considered sponsoring a “Rodeo Sheep” at a cost of £190 for the hire (including generator, petrol and operator).

RESOLVED:

To donate £200.00 towards the costs associated with the Party in the Park on Saturday, 1st June 2019 (*LGA 1972, s145 - budget line Community Events*).

3122 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

a. Fortnightly Inspection Report

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

3123 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident advised that there had been no issues with dog waste in the playing field recently.

Wastesavers had recently attended a WI meeting and advised that should residents have any issues with rubbish after the collections had been made to contact them.

Garden waste collections will resume on 4th March 2019.

3124 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

None.

3125 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

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

3126 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Members noted the decisions of Newport City Council:

Planning Application Number	18/0537
Address	Lower Millbrook Farm, Millbrook Lane, Llanvaches
Proposal	Engineering works to change garden levels to the south and west of the house, extension of curtilage to the east, engineering works to create a level parking area to the east, demolition of existing retaining walls and provision of new walls to retain changed levels, provision of patio areas around the house, engineering works to widen existing track to east of house, creation of new stepped access to residential annex, provision of new steps to rear of house, relocation of domestic oil tank to extend curtilage, new hedge and tree planting.
Decision	Approved with conditions.

b) Members received an update on the following:

Planning Application Number	16/1047
Address	Avarla, Tabernacle Road, Llanvaches.
Comment	The building which has been erected is not being used as a garage, it is being used to reside in whilst the main dwelling is being built. This, as well as a few other deviations from the plans, result in a breach of planning control. NCC will consider possible actions to remedy any breaches of planning control.

3128 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The meeting discussed the flow of the agenda in regards to Public Participation and noted that the may be bought forward at the Chairs discretion.

3128 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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