

# LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council  
Held at Llanvaches Church Hall on  
**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm**

## Present

Chairman:- Cllr Dan Boulton  
Councillors:- E Addis, K James, R Mogford, M White, C Wynn  
Ward Councillor:-  
In Attendance:- Mrs Lucy Allen (Clerk)  
Public Attendance:- 5

### **3087 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **3088 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA** None

### **3089 MINUTES**

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

### **3090 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

#### **Item 3085 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

Members were advised that following a discussion with Newport City Council it had been agreed that rather than amend this year's contract to refund 2 x grass cuts they would commence grass cutting in March 2019 and not include them on next years contact.

### **3091 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Concurrent Grant: The meeting was advised that Newport City Council were intending to remove the Concurrent Grant allocation to Community Councils. The Concurrent Grant is paid separately to the precept and is funding that is given to some Councils to provide services. It is separate to the precept which is money raised through taxation. This is currently a major issue with all the City Councillors "calling in" the decision under the Council's Rules of Procedure as it is felt that there has been little Member consultation. The deadline for a decision is week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Safety: Members and residents were also warned to be extra vigilant, keep things locked and safe as people had been seen loitering in cars locally.

### **3092 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **a. Defibrillator Pads**

Members noted that the defibrillator pads had been replaced and agreed to donate £40.00 to the Community First Responders Volunteers to cover the costs. Proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Wynn and agreed unanimously (*LGA 1972, s137*).

**b. Payment of Accounts**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
L Allen	Clerks Salary November	Standing Order	£205.50
Wicksteed	Playground Inspection	00953	£ 54.00
Greenworks	Tree works	00954	£552.00
CFR Volunteers	Donation re defib pads	00955	£ 40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£851.50</b>

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

**c. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation**

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

**d. Christmas Tree Lights**

Members considered the purchase of battery operated lights for the Christmas Tree on the village green.

**RESOLVED:-**

To purchase 2 x sets of 20m outdoor, battery operated fairy lights subject to them being of the appropriate IP rating to withstand water. Proposed by Cllr Mogford, seconded by Cllr Wynn and agreed unanimously. Cost of lights £19.99 each plus £5.99 delivery (*LGA 1972, s144*).

**e. Concurrent Grant**

Members noted the update received under Item 3091, Ward Member Report, regarding the removal of the Concurrent Grant from Newport City Council

**f. Draft Budget 2019 - 2020**

Members considered the draft budget, which had been prepared by the Clerk, for the financial year 2019 - 2020.

**RESOLVED:**

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the removal of the Concurrent Grant, Members agreed to defer the consideration of the draft budget until the next meeting of Full Council on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Should the precept request need to be submitted before the next meeting, then an extraordinary meeting will be called. Proposed by Cllr Mogford, seconded by Cllr Addis and agreed unanimously.

**3093 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.

**3094 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS**

**a. Annual Inspection Report**

Members considered the Annual Inspection Report which had been carried out on the playground equipment. The following was noted:

Zip Wire - Risk Rating Medium

The recommendation to carry out adjustments are retrospective and therefore not a legal requirement.

Slide - Risk Rating Low  
Recommendations are retrospective

Spinning Bowl - Risk Rating Medium  
Damage to edge which Cllr Boulton agreed to investigate

Elephant - Risk Rating Medium  
Cleaning recommended

Log Climber - Risk Rating Medium  
Raised knot splinter, contractor to be chased to carry out work

Traditional Swing - Risk Rating Low  
Monitor damage to end frame, monitor shackle bush as its seized

Traditional Swing - Risk Rating Medium  
Excess links recommended removal, moss algae growth on surface area

Toddler Swing - Risk Rating Low  
Equipment lacks manufacturers identification labels - information held with the Clerk

Metal Basket Swing - Risk Rating Low  
Monitor corrosion on basket chain and joints

Litter Bins - Risk Rating Low  
Recommended litter bins - Council policy not to have litter bins in area

Seats - Risk Rating Low  
Seats loose in ground - being replaced

Picnic Table - Risk Rating Low  
Splinter hazards - being replaced with recycled plastic tables

Pedestrian Gate - Risk Rating Low  
12mm gap recommended between gates and posts to prevent pinch hazards

Vehicle Gate - Risk Rating Medium  
Recommended kept locked - Council policy not to lock as contractors and emergency vehicles need access

Vehicle Gate - Risk Rating Low  
Horizontal rails on gate encourage climbing creating a slip/fall hazard

Operators Sign - Risk Rating Low  
Lacks required information

**b. Fortnightly Inspection Report**

Members noted that the inspection report was due and requested that on completion it be circulated to all Councillors.

**c. Defibrillator**

Members considered adding the regular monitoring of the defibrillator onto the fortnightly inspection report.

**RESOLVED:**

To add regular monitoring of the defibrillator onto the fortnightly inspection report.

**3095 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The path in the playing field is slowly disappearing under weeds and grass.

**3096 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN**

Members queried why Newport Matters is no longer delivered in the village. The meeting was advised that it is not delivered to 100% of villages due to a cost saving exercise. Cllr Mogford agreed to raise the question with the Cabinet Member asking why Llanvaches do not receive the publication and which other villages also do not receive it.

**3097 CORRESPONDENCE LIST**

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

With the consent of the Chairman, the Clerk reported two other items of correspondence for decision:

1. Correspondence received regarding a number of used dog waste bags being left at various locations.

Members discussed the issues in the village regarding dog waste and were advised that this is an ongoing issue across all the wards of Langstone.

**RESOLVED:**

To place a statement in the Community First publication detailing the Community Council's position regarding dog waste in the village. Mainly that the Community Council recognise that there is a problem and have discussed, at length, installing a waste bin but found that this would not be cost effective. In addition it is unacceptable behaviour and that if anyone sees anyone leaving dog waste then they can report it.

2. Correspondence received regarding the planning application for Avarla, Tabernacle Road. Members considered the information received regarding the planning application for Avarla and the alleged breach of two clauses.

**RESOLVED:**

The Community Council to contact Newport Planning Enforcement to request that the issues and concerns raised be looked into.

**3098 PLANNING MATTERS**

**3099 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

To consider having a map of the village detailing house names to assist delivery companies

**3100 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary meeting of Llanvaches Community Council will take place on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Llanvaches.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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