

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council
Held at Llanvaches Church Hall on
Tuesday, 21st January 2020 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

3247 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr Addis

3248 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None.

3249 MINUTES
Cllr James proposed that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 9th November 2019 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Boulton and agreed unanimously, the minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

3250 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES
None.

3251 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. 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. Proposed by Cllr Wynn, seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously (*LGA 1972, s214*).

b. 3rd Quarter budget report

Members considered the 3rd quarter budget report for the financial year 2019/20.

RESOLVED:

To accept the 3rd quarter budget report for the financial year 2019/20.

c. Payment of Accounts

Payee	Description	Cheque Number	Amount
L Allen	Clerks Salary – December	Standing Order	£214.94
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NCC	Grounds Maintenance	000983	£279.36
Greenleif	Christmas Tree	000984	£130.00
L Allen	Expenses	000985	£ 51.40
St Dubrituis Church	Cemetery Grant	000986	£100.00
Bethany Chapel	Cemetery Grant	000987	£100.00
Tabernacle Church	Cemetery Grant	000988	£100.00
Gilgal Chapel	Cemetery Grant	000989	£100.00
Cooke & Arkwright	Glebelands Lease	000990	£ 60.00
TOTAL			£1,220.64

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

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

The adoption and reconciliation of the Community Council’s bank accounts for November and December 2019 was confirmed.

3252 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Outstanding queries from previous meetings

Members considered the report and agreed that the issue surrounding Dog Protection Orders be chased by the Ward Councillor. Cllr Mogford to contact Langstone Community Council to see if their village are having any issues around dog in public places.

b. Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6 Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

Members considered the Community Councils obligations under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 that all Town and Community Councils (as well as County Councils) have a duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote ecosystem resilience.

RESOLVED:

To agree the response and submit it to the Welsh Government. A copy of the report will be made available on the Community Councils website.

3253 Ward Member Report

Tabenacle Road – the responsibility for hedge cutting falls with the farmers, request that the Clerk contacts Newport City Council to ask that the farmers be contacted regarding the hedge cutting and the importance of regular maintenance.

Potholes – the Ward Councillors have been reporting the issue around potholes in the village and are pleased to advised that many of them have been repaired.

Boundary Changes – the Welsh Government are undertaking a review of the boundaries to balance out the number of voters per councilor. The ward of Langstone (which includes Llanvaches) is currently overrepresented i.e. there are not enough voters, therefore there is a proposal amend the boundary to include Bishton in the ward which will add a further 1500 voters. Members were also advised that there is a proposal in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill to lower the age for voting to either 16 or 17.

3254 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

a. Fortnightly Inspection Report

Members noted the fortnightly inspection report which had been received prior to the meeting with no recommendations. Members discussed the ongoing arrangements having noted that Cllr Addis was unavailable due to work commitments to continue carrying out the inspections.

RESOLVED:

Cllr Wynn to carry out the fortnightly inspections for February and then Cllr James and Cllr Wynn will carry out March, Cllr Boulton and Cllr Wynn will carry out April and Cllr Mogford and Cllr Wynn will carry out May inspections.

3255 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

3256 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

Castle Rise – heavy moss growth outside no.3 making the pavements slippery – the Clerk to contact Newport City Council to see if they will come and repair.

Ty Maen – a resident had raised a concern regarding the width of the footpath and that it should remain at least 12ft wide as it is a right of way – a Councillor agreed to liaise with the resident.

Footbridge – the footbridge into Glebelands football field to be regularly checked as the edges are breaking away.

3257 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

The meeting received the correspondence list as set out in the schedule emailed to members prior to the meeting.

Members discussed the issue of Newport Matters not being delivered in the village and noted that Newport City Council had advised that 95% of residents in Newport were receiving a copy. A copy is available online and that if it was to be delivered with the Community First magazine then it could make the work of the distributors, who are volunteers, more difficult. The Clerk agreed to contact the City Council to discuss the issue. In the meantime, a link to the publication could be put on the Community Council's website.

Members noted correspondence received from Peter Richards, the First Responder, advising that he had replaced the battery in the defibrillator. A fortnightly check of the defibrillator will now be included in the inspection checklist.

Members noted that Cllr Addis will be working away for the next 4 Council meetings.

3258 PLANNING MATTERS

None.

3259 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Wentwood Reservoir – Members noted that Welsh Water were due to commence refilling in April 2020.

3260 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of Llanvaches Community Council will take place on Tuesday, 18th February 2020 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Llanvaches.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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