

# LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT LLANVACHES CHURCH HALL TUESDAY 15 June 2010

Present	Chairman Councillors	Cllr Tony Rex Andy Harcombe Kay James Sam McFadzean Jenny Scully
Apologies for Absence		Cllr Roger George Cllr Lyndon Jones Ward Cllr David Atwell
Public Attendance		6

The Chairman welcomed PC Tony Williams and PCSO Linda Evans to discuss Police Matters.  
**Speeding:** PC Williams stated that 94 motorists had been stopped in April/May for exceeding the speed limit on the A48 and at Magor Road, Langstone.

**Rock and Fountain Parking :** PC Williams reported that he had spoken to the Site Manager about restricted visibility caused by builders parking outside the Rock and Fountain. The vehicles had been moved immediately after the approach.

**Wentwood Rave :** PC Williams said that the *Police Rave Action Plan* is active and a possible rave had been aborted recently. He then said that if anyone suspected that a rave was being planned or taking place, they should dial 101 to inform the Police.

**Motorbikes :** There had been a drop in the number of motorbikes and off roaders in the Wentwood Forest and PC Williams understood that there were plans by the Forestry Commission to block off some of the pathways.

**Ryder Cup Road Restrictions :** In answer to a question, PC Williams described the traffic arrangements planned for the Langstone area during the Ryder Cup.

The Police Team left at 7.35 pm

### 1982 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Andy Harcombe proposed that the circulated minutes be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Jenny Scully and agreed.

### 1983 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared

### 1984 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 2 PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**(i) 2010 Village Day.** Cllr Tony Rex reported that unfortunately there had been no volunteers to organise a 2010 Village Day.

### 1985 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

**(i) Pavement Maintenance.** Cllr Kay James reported that strimming of South View was underway and kerbs in Wentwood Drive and Castle Rise had been sprayed with weed killer.

**(ii) Road Cleaning.** Cllr Tony Rex stated that the sweeping of Tabernacle Lane and Llanvaches Lane had been sub-standard and the passing places had been missed completely. He said that he would e-mail Richard Lloyd of NCC this week.

**(iii) Best Kept Village Competition 2010.** Cllr Tony Rex had asked for a late June inspection because the daffodils had only just died-back on the village green. Unfortunately, there was some evidence that the village had been inspected already.

**(iv) Gray Hill Patients Consultative Committee.** Cllr Tony Rex felt that attendance at these meetings was of benefit. He said that the Group was bringing pressure onto improving the appointment system, particularly to be able to see the Doctor of choice.

**(v) Dogs off Leads in Playing Fields.** In response to a question from Cllr Tony Rex, a resident reported that the frequency of dogs being exercised off leads had dropped. But there was still a resident exercising their dog in the playing field early morning, off the lead.

**(vi) Village Website.** Cllr Tony Rex said that a website had been discussed previously. The internet was now more accessible and more people had computers. He noted that Penhow and Langstone had their own websites and suggested that we revisit this matter. Cllr Rex asked Councillors to test opinion so that we could discuss at our next meeting whether Llanvaches should have a website.

**(vii) Mon TV.** Cllr Tony Rex said that Mon TV was an internet TV run by volunteers in Monmouthshire. He suggested that Councillors log on to [www.Mon-TV.com](http://www.Mon-TV.com) to have a look. This network would prove helpful if Llanvaches CC had a campaign to promote etc.

**(viii) Broadband Speed.** Cllr Tony Rex stated that he had included this item because a number of people in the village had experienced very poor and erratic broadband speed lately. However, it now appeared to be back to normal.

**(ix) Proposed Gipsy Encampment.** Cllr Tony Rex reported that Monmouthshire County Council was proposing a large encampment at Rogiet. The Argus stated on the day of this meeting that the action had been pulled back for discussion. It also stated that there was a proposal to legalise and extend a site at Usk. Cllr Rex asked Cllrs and residents to inform the Clerk if they heard of any advancement of these proposals or any others nearby.

**(x) Church Hall Renovations.** Cllr Tony Rex reported that the Church Hall was to be redecorated during August. He expressed the view that the Community Council should make a donation towards the cost but a formal written request would be required.

**(xi) Community First Report.** No meeting had taken place.

**(xii) Noise Nuisance - Music.** A resident asked what action could be taken with regard to loud music coming from a party at a house in the village last weekend. Cllr Andy Harcombe said that before any action could be taken, the noise had to be persistent and regular. Cllr Sam McFadzean would check the legal aspect of village noise and report back.

#### **1986 PLAYING FIELD INSPECTIONS.**

The football nets in the Playing Field should be replaced. The Clerk was asked to obtain the cost of new nets and the matter will be actioned before the next meeting.

#### **1987 PLANNING MATTERS.**

**(i) Replacement of Concrete Lap Walls at 1 South View.** Cllr Tony Rex distributed the plan to Council for viewing. It was proposed to reject these alterations as it was felt that the alterations would not only alter the footprint of the property but the proposed brick finish would not match the remaining houses in South View and other nearby properties.

**(ii) Councillor Training.** The Clerk had attended the Planning Training session on 14 June and reported that it was an informative presentation and very worthwhile attending.

#### **1988 ASSET REGISTER and INSURANCE MATTERS**

Cllr Tony Rex discussed the Asset Register for 2010-2011 which had been previously distributed to Councillors. The Asset Value had dropped by £952 to £7743 and the Cost of Replacement would be £34,250. Councillors agreed with the Chairman's proposal to remove Memory Sticks from the Register: these were seen as consumables rather than assets. Cllr Rex drew Council's attention to the Insurance Schedule which forms part of the Register document. Cllr Andy Harcombe proposed that the Register be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Sam McFadzean and was accepted unanimously by Council.

#### **1989 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

In the absence of the Responsible Financial Officer (Cllr Roger George) Cllr Tony Rex presented the following items for payment

1	Clerk's salary – May/June 2010	£ 240.48
2	Tax due – May/June 2010	<u>£ 60.12</u>
	Sub Total	£ 300.60
3	Geraniums and compost for village green	£ 25.49
4	Hire of Church hall 2009-2010	£ 70.00
5	Annual insurance – Aon Limited	£ 754.42
	TOTAL	<u>£1150.51</u>

Cllr Sam McFadzean proposed that the above payments be approved. Cllr Andy Harcombe seconded the proposal that was agreed unanimously.

### **1990 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk presented the correspondence list to Council and highlighted several items.

### **1991 THE VILLAGE APPRAISAL for the 2011-2026 LDP**

Cllr Tony Rex had been informed by Lucie Taylor (NCC) that approximately 30 Appraisal Forms had been returned by Llanvaches residents. Cllr Tony Rex presented a response from the Community Council. Following a debate on the detail of its content, a response was finalised and it will be submitted to NCC on 16 June - a copy is on file with the Clerk.

### **1992 THE NEWPORT CHARTER**

Cllrs Tony Rex and Sam McFadzean reported to Council that there was minimal change to the original document as a result of the assessment by all Community Councils. The Agenda for the next Liaison Meeting on 24 June will include debate on the Revised Charter: Cllr Tony Rex and the Clerk will be attending.

### **1993 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

In the absence of the Responsible Financial Officer (Cllr Roger George) Cllr Tony Rex said that this item would be discussed at the next meeting.

### **1994 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No further business was raised

### **1995 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 17 August 2010

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.