

**LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT LLANVACHES CHURCH HALL**  
**TUESDAY 16 JULY 2013**

Present	Councillors	Clive Bevan Lyndon Jones Tony Rex Liz Williams
In Attendance		Ward Cllr Ray Mogford
Public Attendance		13

**2305 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Kay James

**2306 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None declared.

**2307 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (18 June 2013)**

Before Minutes could be approved, Resident Mr Peter Challenger questioned the reporting by Cllr Bevan (**2303 (ii) Tabernacle Road Issue**) and said that Newport County Council were not writing to all residents on the position of bins in Tabernacle Row. It was agreed to amend this sentence. Cllr Williams proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Rex and agreed unanimously.

**2308 REPORT BY INTERNAL AUDITOR ON 2013-13 ACCOUNTS**

Cllr Rex reported that the internal audit was not yet completed and suggested that this matter be added to Agenda for a meeting on 23 July. Formally proposed By Cllr Rex and seconded by Cllr Williams.

**2309 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**2280 (ii) Rock & Fountain Junction** : Cllr Jones said that the school bus was still exiting out of St Brides Road and crossing over the A48 by the Rock & Fountain for access to Llanvaches. This was a dangerous occurrence and asked that the School Contractor be contacted and advised this is a dangerous practice.

**2303 (ii) Tabernacle Road Issues**: As mentioned above in **Minute 2307**, resident Mr Peter Challenger reiterated that no communication from NCC had yet arrived on 'any ones mat'. Cllr Rex suggested that this matter be dropped. However, Cllr Bevan proposed that LCC should follow through on the bins/post issue on Tabernacle Lane. Resident Mrs Ann Bailey said surely you can put bins on your own property. Ward Cllr Mogford had asked NCC about bins and byelaws and they agreed you can put your bin on your property. Mrs Bailey asked what all the fuss was about. Cllr Bevan responded that bins should be put out ready for collection on the day and then brought in off the road. Cllr Mogford said the issue was whether bins were obstructing the adopted highway. Mrs Bailey asked what the adopted highway is. Cllr Williams responded by saying she had visited Newport County Council to see the records of adopted highway in Llanvaches and the legal records with regard to Tabernacle Road shown on the NCC website were correct. Title deeds or ownership do not necessarily show highway rights and if someone feels that the adoption records are not legally correct then they need to contest that with NCC. Mr Challenger said he had legal proof that there are no adoption rights where he places his bins and that as it is his property, he has a right to place the bins wherever he likes on the property. Cllr Bevan said that further investigation was needed. Cllr Rex proposed and Cllr Williams seconded this course of action.

**2300 (ix) Flooding on Tabernacle Road** : Resident Mrs Bailey raised her concerns on the flooding on Tabernacle Road which was causing the Carers problems with access to attend to her husband. The culverts are all blocked. Ward Cllr Mogford said he had spoken to NCC and that the work was in progress. He would report back with a comprehensive report, but added there was nothing definite to report back at present.

### **2310 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS**

**(i) Proposed August Break in Meetings :** Cllr Rex proposed that no meeting be held in August as this was the main holiday period. The next meeting would be Tuesday 17 September. This was seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed unanimously.

**(ii) Byelaws :** Cllr Rex said there are many byelaw issues that have surfaced when the recent community event was held. Cllr Bevan suggested this matter be put on the Agenda for the September meeting.

**(iii) Website for Community Council Communications :** Newport County Council had written to all Community Councils informing them that there maybe a £500 grant available for each Council for the purpose of development of a website and computer based communications. It was agreed that we should respond to the pro forma and ask to be considered for the grant.

### **2311 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There had been an incident of fly tipping on Pike Road. Ward Cllr Mogford said that NCC had been very quick to clear this mess. There was also an incident at the Quarry of fly tipping.

### **2312 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN**

**(i) Facilities Working Party - Progress Report :** Cllr Williams said there was a lot of 'number crunching' being undertaken and she would report back to Council in September.

**(ii) Status of Road between Church and Church Hall :** Cllr Rex said following on from last meeting, regarding the quality of road surfacing, it does not appear that this part of the road is adopted. Cllr Williams was continuing to research this matter and report back to Council.

**(iii) Road Works – Trostry Lane and Windmill Road :** Cllr James reported that the road works had now been completed. Ward Cllr Mogford said he was going to approach NCC regarding the road surfacing of the Zig Zag lane.

**(iv) Update on Progress of New Notice Board at Whitebrook :** The Clerk reported that a new Notice Board had been ordered at a cost of £1036.74 plus VAT.

**(v) Playing Field Inspection :** Nothing to report

**(vi) Brief Report on July 'Picnic in the Park' :** Thanks were given to LCC for getting NCC to cut the grass prior to the event. There were plenty of volunteers on the day and around 150-200 residents attended the event. All the feedback had been positive and the weather had helped. All the rubbish had been cleared away after the picnic by volunteers. The next event planned is 'Sponsor a Christmas Tree' to take place week commencing 10 December. Cllr Bevan reported that unfortunately there had been three cars damaged when entering the park. He said this matter needed to be addressed. Cllr Bevan also wished, on behalf of LCC, to give a vote of thanks to a well organised and enjoyable event. Cllr Rex hoped that this would be an annual event for the village.

### **2313 PLANNING MATTERS**

**13/0509 Red House – Change of condition re conversion of general store to holiday cottage :** ongoing

### **2314 CORRESPONDENCE LIST**

The Clerk had e mailed the correspondence list to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllr Rex suggested that the list be sent out on a weekly basis.

### **2315 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **(i) Payment of Accounts – Payments Due and Payments Confirmed**

The Clerk presented the following items for payment

	£
1 Clerks Salary July 2013 (by Standing Order)	143.10
2. Tax Due: re Clerks salary July 2013	35.77
3. NCC Ground Maintenance 1.4.13-30.6.13	260.10
4. NCC – Election recharge May 2012	241.15
5. Clerks Expenses (Balance due on Local Admin Book)	11.20
Book Cost £70.25. not £59.05 as originally approved	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£691.32</b>

Cllr Rex proposed that the above payments be approved, Cllr Williams seconded the motion and it was agreed unanimously.

**2316 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Bevan wished to thank Lynda Johnson and Dave Scott for cutting the tree back as requested in Minute **2287 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (i) Overgrown Tree** :

**2317 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 17 September 2013 at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.