

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT LLANVACHES CHURCH HALL
TUESDAY 21 MAY 2013

Present	Councillors	Clive Bevan Kay James Lyndon Jones Tony Rex Liz Williams
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Public Attendance	5
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2283 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Cllr Tony Rex proposed that Mr Peter Challenger be co-opted to serve as Cllr. Cllr Bevan said that although Mr Challenger had been a good Cllr in the past, issues over vehicular access on Tabernacle Lane were of great concern. He asked Mr Challenger whether he envisaged continued conflict through obstruction of the splay by bins on his drive. Mr Challenger responded by saying there was no obstruction and his drive was not part of the roadway. A long and sometimes heated debate took place. Cllr Rex said the matter with the bins was not a disqualification issue, so, Council should proceed to a vote if his proposal was seconded. He added that each Cllr should use their experience and opinions to decide on suitability for co-option. Cllr Bevan asked whether Cllrs believed co-opting was the right thing to do in the light of waste bins being used to block the splay to prevent access. Cllrs Kay James and Lyndon Jones proposed a paper vote but Cllr Rex said that without a seconder the proposal fell and no vote was needed. Debate continued with members of the public adding their remarks. Cllr Bevan then declared that the proposal had failed because it was not seconded. Mr Peter Challenger was not co-opted as a Cllr.

2284 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2285 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (15 May 2013)

Cllr Williams proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously.

2286 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

2252(iv) Flooding on Tabernacle Road : Cllr Bevan said that Ward Cllr Mogford said he would report back to LCC but this matter would now be raised at the next meeting.

2274 (ii) Website: The Clerk had formally written to Ward Cllr Mogford, as requested, for further details on this matter and was awaiting a response.

(i) Grass Cutting Contract : The Clerk had asked NCC to cut the playing field grass and trim at the same time. Cllr Liz Williams suggested that NCC be asked to cut the grass in early June to improve our chances in the Best Kept Village Competition. Cllr James requested authority to buy mature good quality geraniums for the Village Green flower bed before judging took place. Cllr Williams proposed that £50 (inclusive of the Prize Voucher) be allocated for the purchase of the flowers, compost etc. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed unanimously.

2280 (i) Village Green Furniture : The Clerk had obtained a quote for the Village Green furniture to be sanded down and varnished for £150.00 Cllr James proposed and Cllr Rex seconded, that this quote be accepted. It was agreed unanimously.

2280 (ii) Rock & Fountain Junction. NCC Highways has been contacted by the Clerk via the Call Centre regarding placement of a sign to stop motorists gaining access to Pike Road by crossing the A48 from St Brides Lane. A contact reference number was given and the Clerk will progress the issue in 5 days.

2287 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

the Church Hall could be pruned

(i) Overgrown Tree : Mr Challenger asked if the fir tree opposite the rear garage of the Baileys' house could be pruned. The Clerk will make arrangements.

(ii) Speeding along Tabernacle Road : Mr Challenger stated that he was concerned about the speed of traffic along Tabernacle Road and asked whether 30 mph signs could be installed. Cllr Rex responded by saying that there was no official speed restriction – other than the National Limit - through the village. He added that about nine years ago a traffic speed and volume survey was carried out and it showed that there was very little excessive speeding. Cllr Williams suggested we ask NCC Highways' advice on how we could influence the speed of traffic in the village. Cllr Bevan said he would speak to Ward Cllr Mogford to enlist his help. Cllr Williams suggested installing a temporary flashing speed sign. Cllr Rex suggested the Clerk contact Gwent Police and ask them to make the issue one of their PACT Priorities.

2288 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

(i) Update of Standing Orders : Cllr Rex said he is currently editing the new Standing Orders and will circulate the changes before the next meeting. Cllr Rex and Cllr Williams will then meet and agree a 'final version' for examination and approval by Council.

2289 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERNS

(i) Facilities Working Party : Cllr Williams reported that she had met with Mr Mike McGow (NCC) and the Working Party had met. The next step would be to 'knock on doors' to gain the views and needs of residents and then gain further views at the 'Picnic in the Park'. The final data gathering and exchange would be at a Community Meeting in September.

2290 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Playground Inspection : The Clerk reported that the Annual Playground Inspection was due to take place and the cost would be the same as last year - £60. This expenditure was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously.

2291 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

The Clerk presented the following items for payment

1	Clerks Salary May 2013 (by Standing Order)	143.10
2.	Tax Due: re Clerks salary May 2013	35.77
	TOTAL £	178.87

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

(ii) Insurance Review : Cllr Rex reported that discussions with Aon were ongoing.

2292 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Police Performance : Cllr Bevan asked that a letter be sent to the Chief Constable of Gwent praising the police's handling of the recent burglaries in the village, both their response and follow up. Cllr Williams said they also delivered leaflets on crime prevention and calmed concerns - she too was very impressed with their actions. The Clerk will arrange for a letter to be sent.

(ii) Safety Report Findings : Mr Challenger stated that last year's Safety Report included five items that required action and only one had been carried out (removal of the climbing frame). He listed the items. The Clerk noted these outstanding actions and will try to correct them before the next inspection takes place.

(iii) Comments to Previous Chairman : Cllr Bevan addressed Cllr Rex and said that he and all other Cllrs were surprised by his resignation as Chairman. He added that Cllrs were very aware of the work that Cllr Rex had carried out during and behind the scenes of the Council meetings and that this work over the years was very much appreciated. All Cllrs added their favourable comments and thanked Cllr Rex for his hard work.

2293 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 June 2013 at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.