

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT LLANVACHES CHURCH HALL TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2014

Present Councillors Liz Williams
Kay James
Lesley Morgan (MBE)

Public Attendance 4

2412 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Peter Challenger, Tony Rex and Ward Cllr Ray Mogford

The Chairman announced that Cllr Lyndon Jones wished to tender his resignation. Cllr Williams said that she, on behalf of Llanvaches Community Council, would like to take this opportunity of thanking Cllr Jones for his work and commitment shown over many years as Councillor and wished him well for the future.

2413 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Council, by acclaim, welcomed the co-option of Mr Colin Carlson as Councillor. After signing the Acceptance of Office, he joined the meeting.

2414 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared

2415 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING (18 March 2014)

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

2416 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

2405(i) Church Hall Repairs – Cllr Williams said that at last meeting Cllr Rex had recommended LCC supporting the cost of the repairs to the Church Hall. Cllr Williams said that no letter requesting support had been received. Mr Paul Cooper said that if LCC could help in anyway the P.C.C. would be very grateful. He would progress with the letter for support.

2417 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Ann Carlson raised concerns on the number of dogs on Footpaths and Rights of Way who were not kept on leads. When dogs are walked on any Public Right of Way they must be kept on a lead. It was suggested that perhaps an article could be written to be included in Community First, reminding residents that dogs must be kept on leads in public places. Cllr Williams said she would also speak to the Dog Warden regarding this matter.

Mrs Ann Carlson asked whether it was possible for a second defibrillator to be made available for the residents around the Wentwood area. Cllr Williams said that a second defibrillator would have to be purchased and that there was no funding available for this. The Clerk would speak to Mr Peter Richards on this matter. She would also make contact with Ward Cllrs David Atwell and Ray Mogford for any possible funding.

Mr Paul Cooper expressed his concerns regarding the footpath in 'Slaughters Field'. The existing gate, stile and footpath notice had been demolished. A new wider gate was being installed by the owner. He said there was a public right of way across this field and it should be maintained as such. If we ignore this removal then we could be in a position whereby we lose this footpath. Cllr Williams said that the agenda item under *Matters of Local Interest or Concern 'Footpaths, Bridle Paths and Public Rights of Way'* would be discussed now. Cllr Williams said that last year NCC had started a project whereby it was suggested that communities walk their footpaths and report back to NCC on findings. Cllr James said that if footpaths are not mapped and recorded then they will be lost. Cllr Williams said that she would obtain an up to date status on this matter.

2418 MANAGEMENT MATTERS

(i) Standing Orders : Cllr Williams said that she had carried out work to produce new Standing Orders and would circulate dates to Cllrs for a meeting to go through the data. This meeting would be a one Agenda item meeting to discuss Standing Orders only.

(ii) Shared Community Charter : Cllr Williams said that NCC had produced a Shared Community Charter. All Community Councils had previously agreed with NCC to publish a Charter which sets out how we aim to work together for the benefit of local communities whilst recognising our respective responsibilities as autonomous, democratically elected statutory bodies. The Charter is designed to build on existing good practice. NCC asked that all Community Councils sign this document. Cllr Morgan proposed that Cllr Williams sign the document on behalf of LCC. This was seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously.

2419 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

(i)Footpaths, Bridle Paths and Public Rights of Way (already discussed above)

(ii) Jubilee Tree Commemorative Plaque – At the last meeting the Clerk said that a plaque would cost between £30 and £70. The £70 plaque was a robust one made of slate and was a special edition. The Clerk suggested that she would ask the suppliers to e mail a 'sample' plaque for Council to view before any agreed purchase. Cllr James suggested including the name of the tree on the plaque.

(iii) Best Kept Village Competition : The Clerk said she had received paperwork inviting Llanvaches to enter the Best Kept Village Competition for 2014. It was proposed by Cllr Carlson and seconded by Cllr James that Llanvaches would submit an entry form. Judging would take place between 1st – 30th June The Clerk asked Council how best to publicise this event to residents. Cllr Morgan suggested that a small notice be pinned to the front of the May edition of Community First. The Clerk would speak to the Editor of Community First. Mr Paul Cooper wished to say that the daffodils on the village green were a wonderful display and thanked those responsible.

2420 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

(i)Inspection Report : The Clerk reported that garden refuse had been deposited just inside the gate of the playing field on the right hand side of the field. Cllr Morgan said she would look into this.

The Clerk reported that she had received a request from a resident to leave the nettles grow around the playing field to encourage wild life. Cllr Williams said that Council had looked at purchasing and planting wild flower seeds around the playing field but this would prove to be very costly. It had been suggested that a small area be allocated to plant wild flowers but this had not progressed. Councillors agreed that whilst nettles encouraged wild life, this was a playing field and that small children would be vulnerable to be stung by nettles if they went near the edge of the field. It was agreed that NCC continue to strim the nettle area. Resident Mr Ken Morgan said that he had noticed some long branches of brambles protruding from the farmer's hedge at the far end of the playfield field. The Clerk would inspect and report back. Cllr Morgan enquired on progress on the playing field equipment following the questionnaire that residents completed last year. Cllr Williams said that this matter would be an agenda item for June Meeting.

2421 PLANNING MATTERS

Recent Applications

- 13/0991 *Ty Bach Upper Millbrook Farm – 2nd Appeal to WAG Inspectorate following rejection of Resubmission* – A new revised planning application had been submitted. LCC agreed it would be guided by the NCC Planners as the resubmission was a revision after consultation with the Planners.
- 12/1080 *Wentwood Lodge - Expansion of existing Dog Breeding and Training Facilities including Retail Sales and Provision of a Permanent Managers/Staff Dwelling, Visitor Accommodation, Reception, Admin and Dog Viewing Facilities and Associated Car Park – Appeal against refusal of application* – This Application had been allowed following the Appeal to WAG
- 14/0158 *5 Wentwood Drive – Erection of detached outbuilding to provide Hobby Room for keeping and breeding of caged birds* – LCC has no objection to this
- 14/0314 *Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension – Byeways, Tabernacle Road, Llanvaches.* LCC has no objection.

Cllr Morgan will contact NCC to give them LCC's decisions.

2422 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

The Clerk had distributed the Correspondence List to Councillors. She highlighted a letter from Aon (Local Council Insurance) regarding the premium of £463.59 due 1 June 2014. The premium for 2014-15 was based on the same rate as last year as we had been successful in securing a fixed premium 3 year deal.

Mazars had sent their notice of audit for the year ended 31 March which detailed the dates for which our Annual Return paperwork must be signed and returned.

2423 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

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1 Clerks Salary April 2014 (by Standing Order)	143.10
2. Tax Due: re Clerks salary April 2014	35.80
3. NCC Ground Maintenance Jan-March 2014	260.10
4. One Voice Wales – Annual Membership	45.00
TOTAL	£484.00

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

(ii) Cash Book Report : The Clerk presented the Cash Book balance as at 2 April 2014.

The income in 2013-14 was £8,423.37 and expenditure £7,237.86 giving a surplus of £1,185.51 and a closing balance at 2 April 2014 of £17,790.38. The Clerk would send these accounts for audit by Mrs Sandra Hancock our Internal Auditor.

As agreed at the previous meeting, the £10,000 being held towards playing field equipment in the Reserve Account, had been transferred to the Play Equipment Account.

Cllr Morgan requested that the finance paperwork be sent out to Cllrs a week before the meeting to enable Councillors to digest the accounting information.

2424 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

2425 DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Tuesday 20 May 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 8.10 pm