

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council
Held at Llanvaches Church Hall on
Tuesday 15th March 2016 at 7PM

Present

Chairman:- Cllr Liz Williams
Councillors:- P Lawrence, L Morgan
Ward Councillor:-
In attendance:- Lucy Allen (Clerk)
Public Attendance:- 2

2691 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr K James

2692 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

2693 MINUTES

Cllr Morgan proposed that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 16th February 2016 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed unanimously, the minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

2694 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item 2680 (f) FINANCIAL MATTERS - Lottery Fund Report

The Chairman advised that a letter from the Big Lottery had been received confirming that they were satisfied that all conditions had been met with the spending of the grant funding which the Community Council had received and that the file was now closed.

Item 2683 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was advised that the City Council had dealt with the issues of moss on the paths on the corner leading to Castle Rise and down the lower end of Wentwood Drive.

2695 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Payment of Accounts

i. Clerks salary March 2016 by standing order	£182.27
TOTAL	£182.27

Cllr Morgan proposed that the above payment be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed unanimously.

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

The adoption and reconciliation of the Community Council's bank accounts for February 2016 was confirmed.

c. Defibrillator

The meeting considered the purchase of a new battery and replacement pads for the defibrillator. Concerns were raised regarding the costs involved with the maintenance of the defibrillator versus the number of uses and that this be considered further when the budget is set for the financial year 2017/18.

RESOLVED:-

To purchase a new battery and replacement pads for the defibrillator in Llanvaches at a cost of £176.00 plus VAT. Proposed by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed unanimously. (LGA 1972, s137).

d. Llanvaches Residents Group

Members further considered the request for funding from the Llanvaches Residents Group towards the celebrations for the Queen's Birthday.

RESOLVED:-

To grant fund £250.00 for the costs involved with the hire of the Giant Inflatable Slide for the Queens 90th birthday Street Party which is being arranged by the Llanvaches Residents Group. Proposed by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed unanimously. (LGA1972, s144).

2696 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Street Signage

The meeting noted the response from Newport City Council regarding additional street signage in the village:- *"This location, the village of Llanvaches, in general is on the Street Name Plate register for future consideration when resources permit."*

2697 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

a. Weekly Inspection Report

No issues were reported on the weekly inspection reports however it was noted that the bench in the football field had yet to be cemented to the ground and that only some of the tree cutting had been carried out in the playing field. The Clerk to contact the contractors to request updates.

b. Llanvaches Residents Group

Members considered the request from Llanvaches Residents Group regarding the suspension of the bye laws on the playing field.

RESOLVED:-

To suspend all except one of the Bye Laws on the Llanvaches playing field in order to facilitate the celebrations of the Queens 90th Birthday on Saturday 11th June 2016. The bye law not suspended is "no person shall allow any dog belonging to them to run loose".

2698 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the Community Council offered their thanks to a local resident who had installed the "Keep Dogs on Leads" signs on the entrance gates to both the playing field and football field.

2699 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

a. Highways

Members considered the state of the R118 highway in the village and noted correspondence received from a local resident requesting that the R119 be taken into consideration too.

Members noted that there are not just one or two potholes on these roads, but many which makes them impossible to avoid as they are all close together.

RESOLVED:-

The Clerk to write to Newport City Council, Highways department to request that, as soon as is feasible in respect of the weather, the R118 and the R119 be made a priority in respect of the filling in of the pot holes or that consideration be given to possible resurfacing.

b. Velothon

Members considered the affects that the velothon has on the residents in the village. The road closures which are put in place to facility this event make it very difficult for residents to carry out planned activities away from the village as the diversions in place mean longer journeys and increased traffic.

RESOLVED:-

The Clerk to write to the organisers of the velathon explaining that whilst the Community Council supports the event that, unfortunately they have a number of concerns. These being; the length of time that the roads are closed; the affect that road closures have on small business in rural areas and; that it makes it very difficult to carry out planned activities away from the village with some events last year having to be cancelled due to the road closures and diversions which are in place.

2700 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Members received and considered correspondence set out in the schedule emailed to members prior to the meeting.

2701 PLANNING MATTERS

a. Amenity Land

The Clerk reported the response received from the City Council regarding amenity land in the village as follows:-

The land in question is marked as Environmental Space on the Local Development Plan which means it is prohibited from development unless:-

1. The existing or protected environment qualities of the site will be improved or complemented;
2. There is no adverse impact on nature conservation interest;
3. There is not a loss, without appropriate replacement, of a recreational, open space, or amenity resource for the immediate locality unless it can be demonstrated that there is an excess of provision or facilities can be enhanced through development of a small part of the site.

The Officer from the City Council further advised that any adverse possession claims are made to the Land Registry Office and therefore the Council would not be involved unless the claim potentially affects Council land.

2702 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Members raised concerns regarding the bins at the Rock and Fountain obstructing the view of the road for drivers and that the problem may only exist on the days in which the bins are emptied. The meeting requested that the Clerk contact the owners to ask if it would be possible to move the bins a couple of metres for the safety of drivers pulling out onto the main road.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Llanvaches Community Council will take place on Thursday, 28th April 2016 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Llanvaches.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed **CHAIRMAN**

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