

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council Held at Llanvaches Church Hall on **Tuesday 17th February 2015 at 7PM**

Present

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| Chairman:- | Cllr Liz Williams |
| Councillors:- | C Carlson, K James, L Morgan |
| Ward Councillor:- | R Mogford |
| In attendance:- | Lucy Allen (Clerk) |
| Public Attendance:- | 4 |

2537 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr P Lawrence

2538 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA None.

2539 MINUTES Cllr Morgan proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 20th January 2015 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously, the minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

2540 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES **Item 2527 Matters Arising From Minutes - Item 2506(b) Matters of Local Interest or Concern - Footpath at entrance to Wentwood Drive** - Members were advised that the Clerk is continuing to pursue Newport City Council with reference to the issue of slippery paths at the entrance to Wentwood Drive but that a response had not yet been received.

2541 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Payment of Accounts

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| i. Clerk's salary February 2015 by cheque | £180.00 |
| ii. Sports field Rental 2/2/15 - 1/2/16 | £ 60.00 |
| iii. Clerks Expenses | £ 38.91 |
| TOTAL | £278.91 |

Cllr Carlson proposed that the above payments be approved, which was seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously.

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

The adoption and reconciliation of the Community Council's bank accounts for January 2015 was confirmed.

c. Budget Review

Members considered the budget report for period ending 31st January 2015 which had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED

To accept the Budget Report, circulated with the agenda, for period ending 31st January 2015 and note the possible forecast variance against the budget.

d. Llanvaches Parochial Church

Members reconsidered correspondence received from Llanvaches PCC who are requesting financial assistance towards the substantial costs incurred in eliminating the dry rot problems discovered in the Church Hall porch and roof.

RESOLVED

To defer consideration of financial assistance for Llanvaches Parochial Church towards the substantial costs incurred in eliminating the dry rot problems discovered in the Church Hall porch and roof, until the next meeting of Llanvaches Community Council on Tuesday, 17th March 2015.

e. Society of Local Council Clerks and One Voice Wales Joint Conference

Members considered attendance at the third annual Society of Local Council Clerks and one Voice Wales Joint Conference being held in Llandrindod Wells on 14th May 2015.

RESOLVED

Not to attend the third annual Society of Local Council Clerks and One Voice Wales Joint Conference. The Clerk would already be in attendance and had agreed to feedback any items of interest to Llanvaches Community Council.

f. Membership of One Voice Wales

Members considered renewal of the membership to One Voice Wales 2015-2016 at an annual cost of £46.

RESOLVED

Cllr Williams proposed that the Community Council renew their membership with One Voice Wales for the financial year 2015-2016 at an annual cost of £46, seconded by Cllr Morgan and agreed unanimously. (*LGA 1972, s111*)

In view of the confidential nature of the next item, **Item 2541 (f) 2014/2016 National Salary Award**, Members resolved to vary the order of business and move the item to the end of the meeting and to exclude the press and public.

2542 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Village Green Planting

Members were pleased to note that a resident had offered to take over the planting of the village green and considered an appropriate budget for the purchase of bulbs and plants.

RESOLVED

Cllr Williams proposed that a budget of £60 be allocated for the purchase of plants and bulbs for the village green, seconded by Cllr Morgan and agreed unanimously. Cllr James to be the key contact for the resident to offer any advice. (*LGA 1972, s144*)

2543 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

a. Weekly Inspection Report

Members were informed that a quotation to repair the plastic straps on the child's swing had been received and would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Concerns were raised that the contractor had only cut the hedges on one side of the field, the hedges which backed onto the properties on Wentwood Drive had not been cut. The Clerk agreed to chase Newport City Council for the rest of the hedges to be cut.

b. Replacement Play Equipment

The meeting was advised that the “Awards For All” lottery bid has been successful and that a conditional grant has been offered of £5,000 for enhancements to Llanvaches Playing Field subject to the terms and conditions being met. The grant is to fund a rubber mulch pathway and Members thanked Cllr Williams for the hard work involved in obtaining the grant.

2544 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident undertook to contact Chepstow Garden Centre to see if they would consider donating the plants required for the village green provided that a plaque was made recognising the donation.

Concerns were raised regarding road safety and the cars parked near to the T junction on Wentwood Drive.

A resident advised that the grassed entrance to the playing field had been churned up by the contractors who cut the hedges. The Clerk advised that she would contact Newport City Council and request a site visit from the Head of Streetscene to sort out the issue going forward.

A Member raised concerns regarding a reflective mirror which had been erected in the hedge opposite the entrance to Wentwood Lodge. The Member advised that they would contact Newport City Council to see if planning permission was required to install reflective mirrors.

Ward Cllr Mogford confirmed that the lights for the Christmas tree had now been paid for, however he did note that the Christmas Tree was leaning over and requested that this be looked into.

The next Ward Meeting is on Tuesday, 17th March 2015 at St John’s Hall. As this date coincides with the next Llanvaches Community Council meeting any issues which Members have can be emailed to Cllr Mogford, for him to raise, and that he would insure that the minutes were reported back to all Councillors.

2545 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

a. Litter Bins

Members were advised that the litter bins in the Play Park would be removed as soon as weather permits.

2546 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

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

2547 PLANNING MATTERS

None.

2548 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The “Big Lunch” was planned for Saturday, 6th June 2015 with a suggestion that Llanvaches Community Council have a stand. This item will be on the agenda at the next meeting of Llanvaches Community Council.

2549 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Llanvaches Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 17th March 2015 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Llanvaches.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

To exclude the press and public owing to the confidential nature of the following items:

Item 2541 g. 2014/2016 National Salary Award

2541 g. 2014/2016 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD

The meeting considered the 2014/2016 National Salary Award which had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED

To authorise payment of the 2014/2016 National Salary Award, a copy of the Clerks confidential report identifying the new salary to be appended to the minutes, proposed by Cllr Carlson, seconded by Cllr Morgan and agreed unanimously.

The Meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signed.....CHAIRMAN

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