

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present

Chairman:- Cllr Liz Williams
Councillors:- K James, P Lawrence, L Morgan
Ward Councillor:-
In attendance:- Lucy Allen (Clerk)
Public Attendance:- 1

2550 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr C Carlson, Cllr P Challenger

2551 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None.

2551 MINUTES
Cllr Morgan proposed that the minutes of the last Ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 17th February 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.

2552 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

2544 Public Participation - (i) Chepstow Garden Centre had been contacted with regards to providing plants for the village green and had requested a meeting with the member of public to discuss further.

(ii) There are still road safety concerns with cars parking near to the T junction on Wentwood Drive. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways to see if there is any implication to putting polite notices on the cars asking for drivers to help with the road safety and to park away from the T junction.

(iii) There was a conflicting response from the City Council as to whether the reflective mirror opposite the entrance to Wentwood Lodge needed planning permission. Clarification was still being sought with the main concern being that it is safely installed.

(iv) A member confirmed that the Christmas Tree would be looked at to ensure that it is straight now that it had had time to settle.

2553 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Payment of Accounts

i. Clerk's salary March 2015 by cheque	£180.00
TOTAL	£180.00

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

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

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

c. Budget Review

Members considered the budget review to the end of February 2015, which had been circulated with the agenda, and noted the projected forecast variance.

RESOLVED:-

To accept the budget review, circulated with the agenda, for the period ending 28th February 2015 and note the projected forecast variance.

d. Llanvaches Parochial Church

The meeting considered a donation to Llanvaches Parochial Church for the substantial costs involved in eliminating the dry rot problems discovered in the Church Hall porch and roof. Members agreed that the church hall was a vital part of the village and to the community groups who hold help and support meetings there.

RESOLVED:-

To donate £500 to Llanvaches Parochial Church for the substantial costs involved in eliminating the dry rot problems discovered in the Church Hall porch and roof. The money to come from the unspent budget provision of £90 under heading Church Hall Rent and Grant and £410 from savings on other budget heads. Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Lawrence and agreed unanimously. (*LGA 1972, s133*)

e. Play Area Swings

Members considered a quotation received for the replacement of the yellow straps on the swings in the play area at a cost of £130 for supply and fit.

RESOLVED

Not to replace the yellow straps on the swings in the play area at this time but to ask the contractor, who will be appointed to install the new play equipment, to replace the straps at the same time as the equipment installation. The straps only have hairline cracks and are still in good working order but will be closely monitored on the weekly inspection report.

f. 1st Llanmartin Rainbows and Brownies

Members considered a donation to 1st Llanmartin Rainbows and Brownies for the purchase of art and craft materials as well as Guiding books and badges.

RESOLVED:-

Not to offer a donation to 1st Llanmartin Rainbows and Brownies for the purchase of art and craft materials as well as Guiding books and badges as any donations from the Community Council should be for the direct benefit of the residents of Llanvaches.

2554 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Consultative Documents

Members noted that the following consultative documents had been issued and that One Voice Wales would make an appropriate sector response to the Welsh Government document's on behalf of all community and town councils.

1. Welsh Government's White Paper – Reforming Local Government Power to the People for which a response is required by 28th April 2015.

2. National Training Strategy - The Wales Training Strategy 2016-2019 for which a response is required by 19th March 2015.

RESOLVED:-

Not to submit a Community Council response on either the Welsh Government's White Paper - Reforming Local Government Power to the People or the National Training Strategy - The Wales Training Strategy 2016-2019 as One Voice Wales would make an appropriate sector response to the Welsh Government document's on behalf of all Community and Town Councils.

b. Big Lunch

The meeting noted that the "Big Lunch" is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 6th June 2015. Members considered whether to have a stand at the event to meet with local residents to discuss local issues and to promote the work of Llanvaches Community Council.

RESOLVED:-

To have a stand at the "Big Lunch" event scheduled to take place on Saturday, 6th June 2015 to meet with residents to discuss local issues and to promote the work of Llanvaches Community Council. There is also the desire that this be the official unveiling of the new play equipment.

2555 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

a. Weekly Inspection Report

There were no issues to report on the weekly inspection report however close attention would be drawn to the yellow straps on the swings.

b. Replacement Play Equipment

Members were advised that a confirmation letter for the grant from the "Awards for All" Big Lottery Fund had been received and that there would be an official press announcement on 17th March 2015 by the Big Lottery Fund.

The meeting also noted that a specification of requirements and quotations for the new play equipment was to be finalised and sent as a matter of priority. It is hoped to have the play equipment and rubber mulch path installed by the beginning of June 2015.

c. Hedge Cutting and Tree Maintenance

Members were advised that Newport City Council had started to cut the hedges in the playing field but had to cease due to the ground being too wet. They hoped to finish the work week beginning 16th March 2015.

2556 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

2557 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

a. Footpaths in Wentwood Drive

Members noted that confirmation has been received from Newport City Council that a works order has been raised to treat the moss on the paths in Wentwood Drive and Castle Rise.

2558 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

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

2559 PLANNING MATTERS

None.

2560 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

To consider an ongoing maintenance plan for the repair and replacement of the play equipment.

2561 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Llanvaches Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 21st April 2015 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Llanvaches.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed CHAIRMAN

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