

# LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council  
Held at Llanvaches Church Hall on  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7PM**

## Present

Chairman:- Cllr Liz Williams

Councillors:- P Lawrence, L Morgan

Ward Councillor:-

In attendance:- Lucy Allen (Clerk)

Public Attendance:- 3

## 2649 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr K James.

## 2650 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

## 2651 MINUTES

Cllr Morgan proposed that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Lawrence and agreed unanimously, the minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

## 2652 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

## 2653 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### a. Payment of Accounts

i.	Clerks salary October 2015 by standing order	£182.27
ii.	J Storey	£17.00
iii.	WM Garden Services	£534.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£733.27</b>

Cllr Morgan proposed that the above payments 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 October 2015 was confirmed.

### c. Draft Budget 2016-2017

Members considered the budget requirements, priorities and aims for the financial year 2016-2017. During discussions concerns were raised regarding the current contractor not being able to fully carry out the Council's requirements in regards to hedge cutting and therefore this be separated from the grass cutting contract and quotations obtained.

Consideration was also given to the ongoing maintenance / repair of the playground equipment and the football posts and the possibility that the toddler swing would need to be replaced in the near future.

**RESOLVED:-**

That priorities for the 2016-2017 provide for:-

- Hedge cutting to be separated from the grass cutting contract and quotations obtained
- Playground Equipment - ongoing maintenance plan and equipment replacement with a view to replacing the toddler swing in the near future
- To have maintenance carried out to the trees in the playing field as a matter of priority and to budget accordingly
- To provide a contingency budget in line with guidance outlined in the Governance and Accountability for Local Councils in Wales

**d. Llanvaches Residents Group**

Members considered the request from the Llanvaches Residents Group for a donation towards the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations to be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

Members are keen to support the celebrations however need further information to be able to satisfy the Councils standing orders and internal audit requirements.

**RESOLVED:-**

In line the Council's standing orders and internal audit requirements to request sight of the accounts / bank statements of the Llanvaches Residents Group.

**2654 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS**

**a. Christmas Tree**

Members were advised that advise had been taken from the provider of the Christmas Tree who confirmed that the tree is still alive, however due to its size and the stoney ground which it has been planted into that it may take a further year to settle in.

**2655 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS**

**a. Weekly Inspection Report**

The meeting was advised that one of the straps on the toddle swing was possibly damaged at the rear and that there is thought that the swing would still be under a guarantee. The Clerk to investigate to see when the swing was installed and if it is still under guarantee.

The meeting was reminded that the inspection reports need to be emails back to the Clerk on a weekly basis in order to comply with insurance requirements.

**b. New Playground Equipment**

Members noted that the Chairman and the Clerk have met with the contractors who installed the play equipment and had an official hand over that the Community Council were now in receipt of the guarantees which came with the equipment.

**c. Hedge Cutting**

The meeting was advised of the issues regarding the hedge cutting and note that some work had been carried out by the contractor. The hedges have received a harsh cut due to brambles growing from within them and three hedges had been cut down to the stump but that they should all grow back.

**2656 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Two younger members were present and expressed that they are delighted with the new playground equipment which had recently been installed in the play area.

**2657 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN**

**a. Dog Notices**

A Member raised concerns regarding dogs being off leads in the playing field and football field and requested that the Council consider erecting signs for both the fields requesting that dogs are kept on leads at all times. This is in line with the bye laws and to protect those using the field for recreational purposes. The Clerk to obtain quotations.

**2658 CORRESPONDENCE LIST**

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

A Member requested information on the item dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 from One Voice Wales - Review of Revenue Grant Funding to Community and Town Councils.

**2660 PLANNING MATTERS**

None.

**2661 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**2662 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of Llanvaches Community Council will take place on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Llanvaches.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed ..... CHAIRMAN                      Date.....