

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council
Held at Llanvaches Church Hall on
Tuesday 20th January 2015 at 7PM

Present

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

2524 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr P Challenger

2525 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None.

2526 MINUTES
Cllr Lawrence proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16th December 2014 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.

2527 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES
Item 2506 (b) Matters of Local Interest or Concern - Footpath at entrance to Wentwood Drive - Members were advised that there had not been a response to the issue of slippery paths at the entrance to Wentwood Drive and that the Clerk will continue to chase Newport City Council.

2528 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Payment of Accounts

i. Clerk's salary January 2015 by cheque	£180.00
ii. Newport CC Q4 Grounds Maintenance Charge	£262.70
iii. St Dubritius Church (Cemetery Maintenance)	£100.00
iv. Bethany Chapel (Cemetery Maintenance)	£100.00
v. Tabernacle Church (Cemetery Maintenance)	£100.00
TOTAL	£742.70

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

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

The adoption and reconciliation of the Community Council's bank accounts for December 2014 was confirmed.

c. Revised Draft Budget 2015-2016

Members considered the revised Draft Budget for the financial year 2015-2016 prepared by the Clerk and circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk advised that the only amendment made was to the amount of precept requested.

RESOLVED:-

Cllr Morgan proposed that the revised Draft Budget for the financial year 2015-2016 be accepted, which was seconded by Cllr Carlson and agreed unanimously.

d. Concurrent / Precept Grant

Members noted that the Concurrent / Precept grant application had been completed and submitted to Newport City Council.

e. Grounds Maintenance Quotation

Members considered the report, prepared by the Clerk, detailing the quotations which had been received for the Grounds Maintenance Contract for the financial year 2015-2016.

RESOLVED:-

Cllr Carlson proposed to accept the quotation from Newport City Council for the Grounds Maintenance Contract for the financial year 2015-2016, which was seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed unanimously.

In appointing Newport City Council, Members agreed that a better working relationship needed to be established to ensure that works detailed in the contract are completed satisfactorily.

2529 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Website

Members noted that correspondence had been received from Vision ICT confirming that the quotation, dated 28th November 2014, for the provision of a new Community Council Website is valid from the start of the new financial year 2015-2016. Cllr Carlson has offered to oversee the development of the new website.

2530 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

a. Weekly Inspection Report

Members were informed that the plastic straps on the child's swing were damaged and that a quotation to repair had been sought earlier in the year. The Clerk advised that this would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

There was some concern that the joints needed to be tightened on the zip-wire which a resident has offered to repair.

A peg in a bench in the playing field was damaged and a resident has kindly made a replacement which will be put back in place to secure the bench.

b. Replacement Play Equipment

The meeting was advised that the "Awards For All" lottery bid application had been sent off on 6th January 2015 and a response was expected within 8 - 10 weeks.

c. Football Field "Kissing Gate"

Members noted that Newport City Council footpath department had installed a temporary gate before Christmas and that a replacement would be installed in the New Year.

d. Football Field Maintenance Gate

A Member advised the meeting that the resetting of the maintenance gate to the football field had been carried out.

2531 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ward Cllr Mogford advised the meeting that there had been issues in obtaining the monies from Newport City Council Neighbourhood Funds for the repayment of the Christmas tree lights to the Llanvaches Events Committee. Cllr Mogford confirmed that “Community First” magazine had funds and payment would be made via them.

Concerns were raised regarding the recycling lorry which collects from the Village and the amount of refuse which falls off the back when it is travelling through the lanes. Ward Cllr Mogford agreed to take this issue up with Newport City Council.

2532 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.

b. Community First

The meeting noted that the Clerk had submitted an extract from the minutes of Council from November 2014 and December 2014 and also put notices in regarding the removal of litter bins from the play park, request for a volunteer to take over the village green planting and notice of Community Councillor vacancy.

c. 2nd Defibrillator

Members considered correspondence received regarding a 2nd defibrillator in the Whitebrook / Gilfach area of the village. It was noted that there is a maximum of 8 minutes from initial patient illness to shocking the patient as a recommended guideline.

RESOLVED:-

Not to pursue the installation of a 2nd defibrillator in the Whitebrook / Gilfach area of the village. It was decided that as there is only a maximum of 8 minutes from initial illness to shocking, the residents of Whitebrook / Gilfach would not live close enough to be able to utilise the defibrillator effectively.

d. Defibrillator Training

The meeting noted that the First Responder in the village has offered refresher / retraining on the use of a defibrillator.

RESOLVED:-

To ask the First Responder to suggest a date for refresher / retraining in the use of a defibrillator and to put a notice in the “Community First” magazine. The Clerk to book the Church Hall once a date has been agreed.

2533 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

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

With consent of the Chairman, the Clerk reported the following late items of correspondence, received too late to be put on the agenda, for decision:-

a. Newport City Council - Proposed future mechanism of the Community Council's Concurrent Expenditure.

Members considered correspondence received from Newport City Council detailing the three options proposed for the concurrent grant allocation for the financial year 2015/2016. The three options are based on either the Community Councils:-

1. Tax base - currently 239
2. Population as at December 2014 - currently 376
3. Precept allocated in 2014/2015

RESOLVED:-

To select option 1 "Concurrent precept to be allocated on tax base" as a preferred option for the calculation of the concurrent precept for the financial year 2015-2016.

b. Planning - Solar Farm, Magor Road, Langstone

Members considered correspondence received regarding the resubmission of a planning application to erect a Solar Farm on land at Court Farm, Magor Road, Langstone. The resubmission follows a successful appeal for a similar site within a neighbouring County.

RESOLVED:-

Not to submit a letter of objection to the Planning Application to erect a Solar Farm on land at Court Farm, Magor Road, Langstone due to the there being no grounds for objection as the land is not within the Llanvaches Community Council area.

2534 PLANNING MATTERS

None.

2535 FURTHER COMMENTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Ward Councillor Mogford advised that the next ward meeting will be in March 2015.

2536 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The Meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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