

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council
Held via Microsoft Teams remote meetings on
Tuesday, 19th January 2021 at 7pm

Present

Chairman: Cllr Dan Boulton
Councillors: K James, D Kew, R Mogford, C Wynn
City Councillor: W Routley
In Attendance: Mrs Lucy Allen (Clerk)
Public Attendance: 0

3370 Apologies for absence
None.

3371 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
None.

3372 Minutes
Cllr James proposed that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 17th November 2020 and the extraordinary meeting on 5th January 2021 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Wynn and agreed unanimously. The minutes will be signed at the next available opportunity due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

3373 Matters arising from the minutes
None.

3356 Financial Matters
a. Members considered making contributions to the Tabernacle United Reform Church, Bethany Baptist Church, St Dubritius Church and Gilgal Chapel for which a budgetary provision of £100 per church has been made.

Resolved:

To approve the contributions to the Tabernacle United Reform Church, Bethany Baptist Church, St Dubritius Church and Gilgal Chapel for which a budgetary provision of £100 per church has been made. Proposed by Cllr Wynn, seconded by Cllr Addis and agreed unanimously (*LGA 1972, s214*).

b. 3rd quarter budget report

Members considered the 3rd quarter budget monitoring report.

Resolved:

To approve the 3rd quarter budget monitoring report to end of December 2020.

c. Payment of Accounts

Payee	Description	Cheque Number	Amount
L Allen	Clerks Salary – December	Standing Order	£217.53
L Allen	Clerks Salary – January	Standing Order	£217.53
Cooke & Arkwright	Glebelands Rent	001002	£ 60.00
Newport CC	Q3 Grounds Maintenance	001003	£392.44
Wicksteed	Play Equipment Inspection	001004	£ 72.00
St Dubrituis Church	Cemetery Grant	001005	£100.00
Bethany Chapel	Cemetery Grant	001006	£100.00
Tabernacle Church	Cemetery Grant	001007	£100.00
Gilgal Chapel	Cemetery Grant	001008	£100.00

TOTAL **£1,359.50**

Cllr Wynn proposed that the above payments be approved, seconded by Cllr Addis and agreed unanimously.

d. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

The adoption and reconciliation of the Community Council's bank accounts for November and December 2020 was confirmed.

e. Annual Return and External Audit 2019/20

Members considered the outcome of the external audit of the Annual Return 2019/20.

Resolved:

To approve and accept the outcome of the external audit report for the financial year 2019 - 2020 and note that on the basis of their review and in their opinion, the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters had come to their attention giving cause for concern that the relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

3375 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Outstanding queries from previous meetings

Members received and considered the list of outstanding queries awaiting completion following Community Council meetings as follows:

Website: new website will be launched within the next 2 weeks.

Tree in playing field: Newport City Council have removed the tree but had left the stump – request to be made asking for the stump to be ground away.

Footbridge: Newport City Council have received the new bridge and are waiting for better weather to install it.

Drains: to contact Newport City Council asking for an update on what action will be carried out following a recent survey of the drains at Tabarnacle Road.

3376 Ward Member Report

Members welcomed Ward Cllr William Routley to the meeting who gave an update on ward issues, particularly flooding and potholes. The meeting was advised that Ward Councillors are meeting with the Senior Highway's Coordinator of Newport City Council to discuss issues of flooding, drains being blocked and the state of the lanes in the village and noted that desilting and unblocking drains is very important to alleviate flooding.

In regards the roads, 12 months ago both Ward Councillors had requested that a conditioning survey of the roads be carried out however due to the Covid-19 pandemic this has not happened to date.

Members were advised that once a month a vehicle drives through the village to survey the potholes and then once a year someone walks the roads to undertake a visual survey. Ward Councillors are calling for the monthly report to be made available and if possible, they will attend the survey at the same time. A request is also being made for monthly drain inspections to be added to this survey to clear any blockages immediately rather than wait for a buildup.

Recent village issues have made the Ward Councillors re-evaluate and be more resilient and advised that it was important to have a greater working relationship with the Community Council to be given the opportunity to work through any village issues.

In regards the recent flooding over Christmas it was very difficult to get any real support from the City Council as their resources were elsewhere therefore a local reserve of sand bags has been requested for storage on a local farm and is currently being considered by NCC Cabinet members.

3377 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

a. Fortnightly Inspection Report

Members received the fortnightly inspection report and noted that there is concern over one of the trees in the playing field which will be monitored.

b. Annual Inspection

Members considered the annual inspection report for the play equipment and noted that most items were of a low risk.

Resolved:

To accept the annual inspection and to carry out the following actions to the “medium risk”:

- a. Log Climber – advised that there was moss/algae growth and to ask Newport City Council to clean this following the winter.
- b. Traditional Swing – excess links at the top of the swing – Cllr Boulton agreed to investigate but also to go back to Wicksteed as this was reported on the last inspection and rectified.

3378 Public Participation

None.

3379 Matters of local interest or concern

a. Environmental issues in Llanvaches

Members noted that much of the issues surrounding flooding, sewerage outflow, reservoir and potholes were being dealt with by the Ward Councillors however in line with the Community Councils previous resolution the effect on the village of the refilling of the reservoir would be closely monitored.

3380 Correspondence List

The meeting received the correspondence set out in the schedule.

In addition, Members received the resignation from Cllr Mogford as a Community Councillor.

3381 Planning Matters

a. Newport Replacement Local Development Plan

To defer consideration of the item until the next meeting in February.

With the consent of the meeting the following Planning Application was considered:

Planning Application Number: 21/0007

Address: Greenacre House Whitebrook Lane Llanvaches

Proposal: PROPOSED GARAGE CONVERSION AND ASSOCIATED EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS

Comments: **Recommend approval.**

3382 Further comments for future consideration

None.

3383 Date of next meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting of Llanvaches Community Council will take place on Tuesday, 16th February 2021 at 7.00pm via Microsoft Teams meetings.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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