

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council
held via Zoom remote meetings on
Tuesday, 15th July 2021 at 7pm

Present

Chair: Cllr D Boulton

Councillors: E Addis, C Bevan, D Kew, C Wynn

City Councillor: R Mogford, W Routley

In Attendance: Mrs Lucy Allen (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

3466 Apologies for absence
None.

3467 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
None.

3468 Minutes
Cllr Kew proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 18th June 2021 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Addis and agreed unanimously. The minutes will be signed at the next available opportunity due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

3469 Matters arising from the minutes
None.

3470 Financial Matters

a. Payment of Accounts

Payee	Description	Cheque Number	Amount
L Allen	Clerks Salary – June	Standing Order	£217.53
Void Cheque		001020	£0.00
NCC	Grounds Maintenance Q1	001021	£411.89
L Allen	Zoom June & July	001022	£28.78
S Bushell	Internal Audit	001023	£150.00
TOTAL			£808.20

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

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

The adoption and reconciliation of the Community Council's bank accounts for June 2021 was confirmed.

c. 1st Quarter Budget Monitoring Report

Members considered the 1st quarter budget report to end of June 2021.

Resolved:

To approve the 1st quarter budget monitoring report to end of June 2021.

3471 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Outstanding queries from previous meetings

Members considered the report and noted that the following items could be removed as the issues had been resolved or the work has been completed:

Footbridge – remove from list work completed.

Drains Tabernacle & Wentwood Drive – remove as works completed.

Bollards at Tabernacle – no update, chase.

Millbrook Lane, road damage – no update, chase.

b. Future Meetings

Members noted that the current advice from One Voice Wales under the Local Government & Elections Wales Act 2021- Community and Town Council meetings is as follows:

“One Voice Wales is currently recommending that Community & Town Councils continue to meet remotely because the Act gives a statutory right to any Councillor, member of the public or press to join a Council’s physical meeting remotely. If the Council does not have the facilities to accommodate remote attendance for the person requesting it the meeting would be unlawful”.

Spectrum Internet to be contacted in regards internet connection into the village hall.

c. Future of Community First Magazine

Members received a report on the future of Community First Magazine and noted:

- that the final edition the current team would produce is May 2022.
- boundary changes mean that Underwood and Bishton will join the Langstone Ward equating to an additional 1000 households.
- consideration needs to be given as to whether the publication is a value to the community and if so, put a plan together to find a way to resource the magazine going forward.
- the last 5 years it has been run in a similar way, but slight changes could be made to make it more cost effective and streamlined in terms of how produced.
- everything is paid for by the advertising and there may be an opportunity to expand this to employ someone to do the work.
- exiting profits are put back into the community.

Resolved:

Cllr Wynn to investigate ways in supporting the future of the Community First Magazine to include discussions with other Community Councils, to be reported back to September’s meeting. Proposed by Cllr Bevan, seconded by Cllr Kew and agreed unanimously.

3472 Ward Member’s Report

Cllrs Mogford and Routley reported on the following issues in the village:

Newport Local Development Plan – Langston Ward Community Councils are developing what they want to see in the LDP feeding back to the Ward Councillors with August being the deadline.

A48 – meeting arranged with the Police, Gosafe and NCC Highways to discuss speeding from entry at the Rock and Fountain through to the Coldra.

Flooding report – A S19 report from events on 23rd December 2020 is expected and Ward Cllrs are asking NCC what steps are being taken for flood management in Langstone going forward. The report will detail what happened and what can be learnt and should include reports from people directly affected, Ward Members have been alerted that the report may not cover the whole of the ward and are therefore questioning the cabinet member.

Off road cycling/quad bike – a follow up onsite meeting with relevant agencies has been arranged to discuss steps which can be taken on motorised traffic through the forest.

Tabernacle Road – several issues are being raised with NCC:

- remedial action requests put in for potholes,
- bottom of road is collapsing being exasperated by heavy traffic coming into the village
- drains need to be in good working order throughout the year.
- road signs appear to be substandard.
- faded road markings.

3473 Playing Field Matters

a. Fortnightly Inspection Report

Members received the fortnightly inspection report and noted that one of the trees in the playing field looks as if it is dying and that the village green furniture needs attention, bench legs are decaying, and the furniture needs to be painted.

Resolved:

Cllr Addis agreed that he would repaint the village green furniture and that Cllr Boulton to discuss repairs to the bench with a local resident who has maintained the furniture in the past.

3474 Public Participation

None.

3475 Matters of local interest or concern

a. Junction at Rock and Fountain

Members were advised that a Freedom of Information request had been submitted to Gwent Police on the accident data at the junction.

b. Defibrillator and training

i. Members considered the installation of a second defibrillator in the village at a cost of £200 and, if appropriate, a suitable location.

Resolved:

To approve the installation of a second defibrillator and that this will be installed near to the notice board at the triangle. Proposed by Cllr Bevan, seconded by Cllr Wynn and agreed unanimously at a cost of £200 for the defibrillator (*LGA 1972, s137*).

ii. Members were advised that approximately 20 residents indicated that they would be interested in the training at a date to be confirmed. Subject to weather conditions the training will be held in the playfield with an alternative location being the Church Hall.

3476 Correspondence List

The meeting received the correspondence set out in the schedule and discussed correspondence from the agent for the Football Field.

3477 Planning Matters

a. Newport Revised Local Development Plan

i. Members received an update on discussions held with several community stakeholders in regards issues in Llanvaches and the RLDP. The critical points are that the application for candidate sites opened on 30th June and runs for 6 weeks – Longmeadow and Rock Farm is a candidate site along with one other in the village.

ii. Will prepare the report on Longmeadow and Rock Farm in readiness for the consultation with NCC.

3478 Further comments for future consideration

Windmill Farm – noted that the access for heavy goods vehicles had been changed.
Tabernacle Road – consider a 7-tonne limit through the lanes.

3479 Date of next meeting

Confirmed that the next ordinary meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21st September 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed CHAIRMAN Date.....

Appendix A

LCC Planning sub group Purpose.... to engage with NCC Planners so that they can make informed decisions that help us protect and enhance our Village.

Draft approach on how this will work includes

drafting a Llanvaches Development Plan for discussion with NCC Planners and Planning Committee to be part of an efficient communications network - everyone acts and replies on correspondence major on RLDP in the immediate term and there after build a Llanvaches Development Plan engage and involve all of Llanvaches residents initially on the LDP consultation and thereafter in a professional relationship with LCC and NCC Planners.

Engage with Villagers on LDP

ideally sign on Villagers from all areas of the Village to support consultation on review of LDP listen to their issues in their locality and chunk this up into an issues review with the LCC incorporate LCC added value as prep for onward communication to All Villagers hopefully members of the sub group will have their own local comms networks if not LCC can consider appropriate communication channels

Invite Lyndsay Christian [+ NCC] to a Village walkabout then Zoom session

major on Village boundaries, property boundaries, rights of access include NCC ownership of Village Land and enforcement as appropriate flooding issues and resultant sewage emission problems risk assessment and land management in reservoir sinkholes and overflow areas review candidate sites in Llanvaches in August 2021 [applications open June 30th]. prep for Long Meadow and Rock Farm now [these sites included in previous LDPs]

Draft a Plan and timeline for LCC sub group work