

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council
held via Zoom remote meetings on
Tuesday, 21st September 2021 at 7pm

Present

Chair: Cllr D Boulton
Councillors: C Bevan, K James, D Kew, C Wynn
City Councillor: R Mogford
In Attendance: Mrs Lucy Allen (Clerk)
Public Attendance: 1

3480 Apologies for absence
Cllr E Addis.

3481 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
None.

3482 Minutes
Cllr Kew proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 20th July 2021 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr James, and agreed unanimously. The minutes will be signed at the next available opportunity due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

3483 Matters arising from the minutes
None.

3484 Financial Matters

a. Payment of Accounts

Payee	Description	Cheque Number	Amount
L Allen	Clerks Salary - August	Standing Order	£217.53
L Allen	Clerks Salary – September	Standing Order	£217.53
L Allen	Zoom August & September	001024	£28.78

Late payment reported and added to the payments for September 2021:

K Morgan	Village Boundary Planting	001025	£34.00
TOTAL			£497.84

Cllr Kew proposed that the above payments be approved, seconded by Cllr James, and agreed unanimously.

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

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

c. Budget setting 2022 - 2023

Members considered the Community Council priorities and aims for the financial year 2022 - 2023 prior to the preparation of the budget.

Resolved:

To continue with the budget setting for 2022 – 2023 using the existing budget heads.

d. Christmas Tree

Members considered the costs associated to install a Christmas Tree on the village green and the removal at the end of the festive season.

Resolved:

To approve the costs associated with installing a Christmas Tree on the village green and the removal at the end of the festive season at a cost of £150.00 (LGA 1972, s145).

3485 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Outstanding queries from previous meetings

Members considered the report and noted the following outstanding items:

Bollards at Tabernacle – no update, chased.

Millbrook Lane, road damage – no update, chased.

Internet Church Hall – waiting for a response.

To be added:

Village road sweeping – to contact NCC to ask how many scheduled sweeps are made in a calendar year and to request additional sweeps.

b. Future of Community First Magazine

Members were advised that a report would be available at the next meeting in October.

3486 Ward Member's Report

Cllr Mogford reported on the following issues in the village:

Community First Magazine – no interest to date from anyone wishing to take over the publication.

A48 – members noted correspondence from Gwent Police circulated prior to the meeting: *“For your information, on the 1st September 2021, a covert speed monitor was deployed on the A48, near the Rock & Fountain Public House, within the 50mph speed limit section, on lamppost NK179.*

The monitor recorded the volume and speed of all traffic in both directions 24/7.

Analysis of the speed data, showed over seven days between 00:01hrs on Thursday, 02/09/21 and 23:59hrs on Wednesday 08/8/21, a total of 42826 vehicles passed the monitor with an average speed of 45mph and 85th percentile of 52mph. The 85th percentile is the speed at which 85% of vehicles would travel at or below on the road in free-flowing traffic.

I have today checked the personal injury collision records held by Gwent Police for the road over the past three years, which show a total of three slight injury collisions, one speed related, with the nearest collision to the Rock & Fountain Public House, being over half a mile away.”

From the speed data and personal injury collision history, the road does not meet the ‘Go Safe’ criteria for enforcement.

Still trying to get the speed limit reduced from 50mph to 40mph in some areas.

Further discussion was held around the no right turn (coming from Chepstow) by the Rock and Fountain and the fact that these signs are covered in debris and trees and noted that this is a Monmouthshire County Council highways issue.

Welsh Government survey – initiative on 20mph in residential areas.

Road to Whitebrook – working with NCC to have the potholes repaired.

3487 Playing Field Matters

a. Fortnightly Inspection Report

Members received the fortnightly inspection report and noted that one of the trees in the playing field had died, in addition a few of the saplings planted in the summer in the football field were also not looking healthy.

Resolved:

To ask Newport City Council, as the landlord, to remove the dead tree and to see what happens to the saplings over the winter.

3488 Public Participation

A member of the public requested contractor access to the playing field to have trees cut down which overhang from their garden into the field, and if possible, for the work to be completed prior to the next Council meeting.

Resolved:

To allow access to the field subject to sight of the contractors Public Liability Insurance and that a sign and lock is placed on the gate advising that the field is closed whilst tree maintenance work is carried out. Documents to be circulated via email to all Councillors.

Members thanked Ken Morgan for the floral display on the village green and Cllr Addis and John Wood for the work carried out on the village green furniture during the summer.

3489 Matters of local interest or concern

a. Junction at Rock and Fountain

Members discussed the Freedom of Information report received along side the report from the ward Councillor under item 3486.

Resolved:

To write to Monmouthshire County Council requesting that consideration be given to two high-risk issues: the driving speeds in the National speed limit area and the number cross carriageway junctions pulling out onto this road. Furthermore, to review the speed reduction limit from 60 mph to 50 mph. Cllr Bevan agreed to draft the letter for circulation to all Members prior to sending.

3490 Correspondence List

The meeting received the correspondence set out in the schedule.

3491 Planning Matters

a. Newport Revised Local Development Plan

Members received the newsletter dated August 2021 detailing the current stage of the RLDP. The Clerk raised a procedural issue in regards the subgroup, consisting of one Councillor, set up to engage with residents in regards the RLDP and reiterated the need to be caution in regards GDPR and contacting residents on Council business.

Resolved:

To consider the terms of reference and scope for the RLPD working group at the next meeting.

b. Planning Applications

Noted the following decision of Newport City Council:

Planning Application 21/0473 Type: Full Application
Site: Fisheries Lodge Whitebrook Lane Llanvaches Newport NP26 3BA
Proposal: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE AND ERECTION OF PROPOSED
TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION INCLUDING DORMERS, SINGLE
STOREY REAR EXTENSION INCLUDING BALCONY AND ERECTION OF
FRONT PORCH
Decision: GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS

3492 Further comments for future consideration

None.

3493 Date of next meeting

Confirmed that the next ordinary meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19th October 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom meetings.

3494 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved:

To exclude the press and public for the discussion of **Item 3495 Confidential Item** owing to the confidential and sensitive nature, this is in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

3495 Confidential Item

Members considered the confidential item.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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