

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council held via Zoom remote meetings on Tuesday, 15th February 2022 at 7pm

Present:

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

In the absence of the Chair, it was resolved that Cllr James chair the meeting.

3540 Apologies for absence

Cllr Wynn.

3541 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None.

3542 Minutes

Cllr Kew proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 18th January 2022 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Bevan and agreed unanimously. The minutes will be signed at the next available opportunity due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

3543 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

3544 Financial Matters

a. Payment of Accounts

Payee	Description	Cheque Number	Amount
L Allen	Clerks Salary	Standing Order	£217.53
Cooke & Arkw	Glebelands lease	01032	£ 60.00
Total			£277.53

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

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

The adoption and reconciliation of the Community Council's bank accounts for January 2022 was confirmed.

3545 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

a. Outstanding queries from previous meetings

Members considered the report and noted the following:

Bollards at Tabernacle – no update.

Millbrook Lane road damage – no update, Cllr Addis to provide additional location images.

Letter to NCC re RLDP – letter sent awaiting response

The following correspondence was considered in regards outstanding items:

i. Monmouthshire County Council regarding road safety on the A48 – Members noted the helpful response and agreed that this is a Newport City Council issue as the junction falls within their boundary.

ii. Newport City Council response to road sweeping in the village – it was noted that some sweeping had happened in the village in recent days.

RESOLVED:

To write to NCC requesting a quarterly sweep as a minimum, as one of the highest paying council tax villages in the area, and explain that all other wards receive a service. Proposed by Cllr Boulton, seconded by Cllr Kew and agreed unanimously.

b. Future of Community First Magazine

Members noted the email from the current editor that all avenues had been exhausted with finding a person to take over the publication.

RESOLVED:

To remove this item from future agendas, proposed by Cllr Boulton, seconded by Cllr Addis and agreed unanimously.

c. Grounds Maintenance 2022/23

Members considered the quotation from Newport City Council for the grounds maintenance for 2022/23.

RESOLVED:

To approve the quotation from Newport City Council for the grounds maintenance contract for 2022/23 at a cost of £1,427.91 (*LGA 1976 (Misc Prov), s19*). Proposed by Cllr Boulton, seconded by Cllr Addis and agreed unanimously.

3545 Ward Member Report

Road Sweeping: as per resolution at minute reference 3545a (above) it was agreed that NCC should periodically carry out road sweeping in the village and that it should be synchronised with the roadside hedge cutting as they create a lot of debris.

State of roads: visit to Whitebrook to have the country lanes repaired, have been delays whilst NCC invest in machinery, some work has now been completed. Some areas still in a bad state of repair and will be taken forward for NCC to complete.

Five Lanes Recycling Centre: Monmouthshire County Council cannot enter into agreement with Newport City Council to allow LCC residents to use the facility as it would need to offer the same agreement to other authorities which surround Monmouthshire. In addition MCC would not hit the Welsh Government targets set on recycling and refuse. NCC campaigning for an All Wales strategy of waste and recycling.

Replacement Local Development Plan: would like to work with LCC members to see what the needs and issues are in the village.

3546 Playing Field Matters

a. Fortnightly Inspection Report

Members received the fortnightly inspection report and noted that there are a number of mole hills in Glebelands which should go once the grass cutting commences. In addition there is a build-up of algae and moss on the play equipment.

Members were advised that the annual play inspection has been carried out which Cllr James attended.

RESOLVED:

To ask NCC to organically spray the equipment.

3547 Public Participation

A resident requested that consideration be given to having the cherry tree in the playing field cut back.

3548 Matters of local interest or concern

- i. Query over the road name and Windmill Lane now Windmill Road.
- ii. Residents have been notified of water works happening to run a new water supply to Windmill Farm.

3549 Correspondence List

- i. The meeting received the correspondence set out in the schedule.
- ii. Members considered correspondence received from a resident regarding the trees in the playing field.

RESOLVED:

To respond advising that if they are unhappy with the initial response that they can refer their complaint to the Ombudsman.

Proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Bevan and agreed 3 votes to 2.

- iii. Members considered correspondence from Llanmartin Primary School regarding the vacancy of a Community Councillor Representative.

RESOLVED:

Not to nominate a Councillor to this position.

3550 Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning applications:

22/0070 - Land North Of Woodside Old Turnpike Road Llanvaches
Construction of agricultural access

RESOLVED: Llanvaches Community Council recommend that this application is refused for the following reason(s):

- [1] There is an existing gate on to the property that is currently in use.
- [2] This road is subject to flooding with a high carry over of gravel debris on to the Road
- [3] There is a speed related aqua plane and braking distance vulnerability on the proposed junction.
- [4] This agricultural land is a pathway for water discharge from the Quarry lake into the Lane any excavation work to this bank [as proposed] would aggravate this problem. In storm water conditions water escapes in streams into the lane.
- [5] The Powell Duffryn Quarry map shows that this land area has a series of Quarrying related boreholes that make any development of this land or its immediate area an unacceptable risk.

22/0084 - Little Whitebrook, Whitebrook Lane, Llanvaches

Retrospective application for the retention of existing conservatory and lower ground floor extension.

Observation: Members noted that this application is not on the system.

b. RLDP Subgroup

Members considered a response to the consultation on the draft Vision, Issues and Objectives – consultation end date 25.3.22.

RESOLVED:

To respond once the village site meeting has been held with Newport City Council.

3551 Further comments for future consideration

Cllr Addis to forward location and picture images regarding the pot holes in Millbrook Lane.

3552 Date of next meeting

Confirmed that the next ordinary meeting will take place on Tuesday, 15th March 2022 at 7.00pm via Zoom meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

SignedCHAIR

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