

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council held via Zoom remote meetings on Tuesday, 18th February 2025 at 7pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr C Wynn

Councillors: C Bevan, K James, D Kew, I Norrie, E Sutton

In Attendance: Mrs Lucy Allen (Clerk)

Public Attendance:

3978 Apologies for absence

None.

3979 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None.

3980 Minutes

Cllr Norrie proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday 21st January 2025 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Wynn and agreed unanimously. This is subject to the addition of Cllr D Kew being marked as present. The minutes will be signed at the next available opportunity.

3981 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

3982 Financial Matters

a. Payment of Accounts

Payee	Description	Cheque Number	Amount
L Allen	Clerks Salary – February	Standing Order	£282.70
Zoom	Hybrid meeting - February	PAYPAL BACS	£15.59
Audit Wales	2029/20 audit fees	001112	£240.65
Total			£538.94

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

b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation

i. The adoption of the receipts and payments for January 2025.

c. Unpresented cheque

Members noted that cheque number 1084 dated 27.1.24 payable to Tabernacle United Reform Church for £100.00 has not been presented for payment.

Resolved:

That Cllr Wynn will make contact with a parishioner who attends the church to obtain new contact details.

3983 Council Management Matters

a. Outstanding queries from previous meetings

Members considered the list of outstanding queries awaiting completion following Community Council meetings and noted:

Min Ref 3640 - Council Management Matters b. Trees in Glebelands Field

Update: quote received of £900 for removal of ash tree near road – hold until required.

Update: Members noted that the top branch which has been overhanging the telephone cable has broken off and it was agreed to review the tree once in full leaf.

Min Ref 3643 – Public Participation

ii. Uneven pavement in Castle Rise is dangerous.

Update: 23.11.23 - NCC inspector attended, advised that it did not meet intervention level but that the area will be monitored.

Action: keep on file and chase periodically

Min Ref 3657 - Council Management Matters, c. Warning signage re heavy/wide and long vehicles on Gilfach Lane.

Update 25.7.23 – NCC response - location is on the traffic sign maintenance list and remains a location for considering future work. Unfortunately, other areas have been deemed of a higher safety critical status.

Action: keep on file and chase periodically

Min Ref 3674 - Public Participation

Wentwood Drive: path surface is in a bad state of repair and the resin coating has eroded.

Action: see action under 3643 above

3873 Matters of local interest or concern

Concerns raised by a resident regarding the Scotts Pine on village green.

June Update – emailed NCC

3889 Matters of local interest or concern

Road markings in the village are very worn.

July Update: 18.6 request raised via Contact Centre - Service request #20750895

3920 Playing Field matters

Parking - To raise the issue with Newport City Council and request that a notice be erected or a white line be painted on the road to indicate no parking in front of the entrance to the Children's Play area. The entrance should be kept clear allowing emergency vehicles to access the park.

Update: 7.10.24 request to NCC ref 21720075

In addition it was requested that NCC be asked to repaint the road markings on Tabernacle Lane for road safety reasons.

Resolved:

For the above outstanding queries be chased by the Clerk and for Cllr Wynn to discuss the highways issues with Ward Councillors Ray Mogford and Will Routley to include: Gilfach Lane, Pike Road, Tabernacle Road, Wentwood Drive and Windmill Farm

b. Newport City Council

Members noted that the next liaison meeting with Community Councils will take place at 6pm on Thursday 13th March 2025 in Committee Room 1 or via Teams and Cllr Wynn will be attending.

c. One Voice Wales

Members considered attendance at the One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting being held online on Tuesday 11th March 2025 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Resolved:

Not to attend due to the timing of the meeting being during working hours.

3984 Ward Member Report

Not present, apologies received. Members noted that there is often a clash in meetings and request that the Ward Councillors prepare a Ward Report similar to that which used to be published in the Community First magazine.

3985 Playing Field Matters

a. Fortnightly Inspection Report

Children's Play Area

- 1) Regarding Birchfield hedge border 'Right of Way' into the Children's playing field the 12 feet wide entrance gap is blocked with brambles and bushes.
- 2) Children's Play Area: two swing seats the rubber has split on both sides - monitor.
- 3) A number of items on swing chains are getting rusty - monitor.
- 4) Wooden Climbing Frame: wood splitting - monitor.
- 5) Hedge on right hand side of entrance to Children's Playing Field may need to be trimmed by NCC in spring 2025.
- 6) Children's Playing Field entrance from Wentwood Drive. Suggest a White line on road or notice to stop vehicles parking across entrance to Children's Playing field.
- 7) Lots of mole hills in Children's Recreation field.
- 8) Children's Playing Field footpath may need attention/resurfacing as it is getting a bit uneven and difficult for parents to push children's buggies and Monica to ride along the path on her mobility scooter.
- 9) Monitor Cherry tree.

Sports Field:

Check Ash Trees in Spring/Summer 2025. A lot of mole hills in Sport's field.

Resolved:

For Cllr Norrie to meet with Newport City Council Grounds team to discuss the grounds maintenance contract and to add on cutting of hedge on entrance to the playing field, trimming of the overhanging tree branches to stop green algae growing on wooden climbing frame and attention to the footpath in the playing field.

b. Vehicular access to playing field

Members considered installing a sign on a post on the left on the entrance to the lane that leads to the playground noting that the post belongs to a resident. Sign to say No Parking, access required 24hrs, or similar.

Resolved:

That Cllr James will discuss the issue with the resident and ask if a small sign can be installed on the hedge.

3986 Public Participation

None present.

3987 Matters of local interest or concern

Members discussed rock crushing on Cayo Farm raising concerns that rock crushing deposits to have effect on the Long Meadow drainage in the village.

Resolved:

That Cllr Wynn will discuss this with the Ward Councillors.

3988 Correspondence List

Received and considered correspondence set out in the schedule.

3989 Planning Matters

a. Revised Local Development Plan

No updates.

3990 Further comments for future consideration - *items for next meeting*

Donation to the Scout Hut – review of year-end finances

Councillor vacancy

3991 Date of next meeting

Confirmed that the next Ordinary meeting of Llanvaches Community Council will take place on Tuesday, 18th March 2025 at 7.00pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

SignedCHAIR

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