

## LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llanvaches Community Council held online via Zoom on  
Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr I Norrie  
Councillors: C Bevan, K James, D Kew  
In Attendance: Mrs Lucy James (Clerk)  
Public Attendance: 1

*In the absence of the Chair the Council resolved to appoint Cllr I Norrie to chair the meeting.*

### **4124 Apologies for absence**

Cllr E Sutton, Cllr C Wynn.

### **4125 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

None.

### **4126 Minutes**

Cllr Norrie proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously, subject to the following amendment:

Item 4115 a. Outstanding queries from previous meetings:

*Remove:* 60mph of Tabernacle Lane – to request reconsideration to reducing the road speed to 60mph.

*Replace:* 60mph of Tabernacle Lane – to request reconsideration to reducing the road speed to 30mph.

The minutes will be signed at the next available opportunity.

### **4127 Matters arising from the minutes**

None.

### **4128 Financial Matters**

#### **a. Payment of Accounts**

Clerk	Clerks Salary – February (LGA 1972, s112)	Standing Order	£291.72
Zoom	Hybrid meeting - February (LGA 1972, s111)	PAYPAL BACS	£16.79
Online Playgrounds	2 x replacement swing seats (LGA 1976, (MP), s19)	001137	£126.80
Expenses claim	Postage (LGA 1972, s111)	001138	£142.22
Greenleif Landscapes	Christmas Tree (LGA 1972, s145)	001139	£120.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£697.53</b>

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

## **b. Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation**

- i. The adoption of the receipts and payments for January 2026.
- ii. The adoption of the bank reconciliation for January 2026.

## **c. Q3 budget report to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

Members received the Q3 budget report for the financial year 2025/26 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

## **d. Llanvaches Residents Social Group (LRSO)**

Members considered the response received from previous member of LRSO regarding remaining funds held with the community council.

Cllr Bevan requested that it be minuted that there are discussions ongoing with previous members of LRSO who will advise within the next few weeks of their decision for the remaining funds. Furthermore it is Cllr Bevans view that the Community Council distanced themselves from the group and therefore should not decide where the money is spent.

### **Resolved:**

- a) That the funds remain with the Community Council until the previous members of LRSO advise the Council of their wishes but that this is given an appropriate timeline.
- b) Cllr Kew will advertise on the village What's App group to see if there are any residents interested in setting up a new constituted group where the funds could be transferred to. At a minimum there needs to be a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

## **e. Internal Audit 2025/26**

Members considered the Letter of Engagement from the Internal Auditor.

### **Resolved:**

To approve signing the Letter of Engagement from Parish & Town Auditing Services as required by the Accounts & Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 for Internal Audit services for 2025/26.

## **f. Clamber stack**

Members reviewed the quotation of £1,245.18 for purchasing and installing two replacement logs for the clamber stack. Concerns were expressed about the high cost of replacing a single timber, recognising that all the timbers will eventually deteriorate and require replacement. It was noted that none of the timbers have decayed to a dangerous state, so further consideration is needed as to whether the climbing frame should remain as is until replacement becomes necessary due to decay. Alternatively, given that timber play equipment will always be susceptible to decay, the Community Council may wish to consider replacing it with a more durable and long-lasting option.

### **Resolved:**

That Cllr Bevan will contact the local saw mill for a second quote due to the high cost of the quotation. Council will then consider the future of the clamber stack.

## **4129 Council Management Matters**

### **a. Outstanding queries from previous meetings**

Members received the list of outstanding queries awaiting completion following Community Council meetings noting the following:

- The swing seats have been installed.
- The wall has not been repaired - To be raised with the Ward members when they next attend a meeting.

- Cllr Bevan will investigate a route through Welsh Water in regards the pot hole - to be raised with the Ward members when they next attend a meeting.

**b. Consultation: Draft Proposals for Community Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements Review**

Members considered a response to the consultation on the Draft Proposals for Community Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements noting that there were no changes proposed for Llanvaches Community Council.

**Resolved:**

To confirm with the Ward Councillors that there are no changes proposed for the Llanvaches village.

**c. Financial Regulations**

Members considered the changes to the Financial Regulations, which now contain the Community Council's specific payment levels and authorities.

**Resolved:**

To adopt the revised Financial Regulations.

**4130 Ward Member Report**

Not present.

**4131 Playing Field Matters**

**a. Fortnightly Inspection Report**

Members considered the fortnightly inspection report noting that all items were ok apart from following:

Playing Field

Multiplay climbing frame

- build up of moss at outer edge
- central log has gash and is rotten inside

Overall field surface - mole hills lower down

Perimeter hedge and fence - no fence to a resident's property but hedge growing Llanvaches CC right of way via Birchfield - NOT OPEN

Glebelands Field (sports field)

Bye-law notice - post slowly rusting through - still sturdy

Standard goal posts x2 - rusty but OK

Goal post netting - needs supporting at the back

Wooden kissing gate (lane side). OK - lack of wire netting on outer fencing

Wooden kissing gate (footpath side) - gate hard to close

Overall field surface - OK - a few mole hills

Perimeter hedge, fence or trees – OK - wire fence still has broken top wire.

Defibrillator: OK

**4132 Public Participation**

Asked if the Community Council were still giving the churchyard donations – LCC confirmed that they have been sent for this financial year.

The Community Council expressed their thanks and appreciation to the resident undertaking the planting and maintenance of the village green.

**4133 Matters of local interest or concern**

None.

**4134 Correspondence List**

Members received the correspondence set out in the schedule.

**4135 Planning Matters**

**a) Revised Local Development Plan**

None.

**b) Planning Decisions**

Noted the following applications have been approved by Newport City Council:

25/0955        Wide Horizons, Rectory Road  
Proposed dormer installation

25/0973        Hawthorn House, Whitebrook Lane  
Conversion and extension of existing domestic garage into living accommodation for use by family member

**4136 Further comments for future consideration - *items for next meeting***

None.

**4137 Date of next meeting**

Confirmed that the next Ordinary meeting of Llanvaches Community Council will be on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.00pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed .....CHAIR

Date.....