

## LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present:

Chair: Cllr C Wynn

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

In Attendance: Mrs Lucy James (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 1

Ward Councillors R Mogford, W Routley

### **4138 Apologies for absence**

None.

### **4139 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

None.

### **4140 Minutes**

Cllr Norrie proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously. The minutes will be signed at the next available opportunity.

### **4141 Matters arising from the minutes**

None.

### **4142 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
<b>Total</b>			<b>£308.51</b>

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 February 2026.

ii. The adoption of the bank reconciliation for February 2026.

#### **c. Grounds Maintenance Contract 2026 – 2027**

Members considered renewal of the Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2026-2027 with Newport City Council.

#### **Resolved:**

To approve the quotation received from Newport City Council for the Grounds Maintenance contract for 2026/2027 at a cost of £2,179.73 (*LG (MP) 1976, s19*). Proposed by Cllr Wynn, seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously.

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

a. Members considered correspondence from a former member along with an update from Cllr Bevan following discussions with the former members as to where they would like the money held by the Community Council to be transferred. This is due to the fact that no one from the village has come forward to reset up a LRSB.

Members noted that all the active committee members have requested that the outstanding funds be transferred to the Church Hall fund where some of the money may be directed to Severn Area Rescue Association. During discussions it was noted that the former secretary, who was present at the meeting, had not been consulted or copied into the email from Cllr Bevan.

#### **Resolved:**

1. For Cllr Bevan to forward the email to the former Secretary.

2. For Cllr Bevan to provide the paper trail from all former members confirming that they are individually agreeable with the proposal in order to provide a satisfactory audit trail for the release of the funds.

b. There was no discussion to advertise via Facebook and the Village Green notice board for a group of residents due to the above.

#### **4143 Council Management Matters**

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

i. Members considered any next steps from the list of outstanding queries awaiting completion following Community Council meetings and noted the following:

Road Markings – have been repainted on the recently repaired Gilfach Lane (bearing off left by the Scout Hut off Llanvaches Lane road number 118).

##### Cherry Trees

1. Near rocker and climbing frame – see how it is this year and review at a later stage

2. Far corner – covered in mistletoe but this is the only growth – review in couple of weeks

Rock & Fountain junction – unsure if this has been cleaned due to the rain and request that the double yellow lines are repainted.

Byelaw Signage – has been installed.

Post replacement – contractor chased and work should be completed shortly.

Pot Hole on Millbrook Lane – has been filled.

ii. Members received an update from the ward councillors regarding the damaged wall under minute reference 4077i on the outstanding queries report noting that as the wall is privately owned NCC are legally unable to repair the wall. It was noted that NCC have exhausted every avenue to try and resolve the issue and that LCC had written to the owner but not received a response.

##### **b. Local Government and Elections (Wales) 2021**

Members considered correspondence from Ward Councillor Ray Mogford requesting that the Community Council hold in person meetings following his survey on the village Facebook page where 15 people responded. Members were disappointed with the phrasing of the question and felt that it was not balanced or objective.

It was noted that Councillors are volunteers and give up their time for free and there has been a vacancy on the Council for a number of years which no one has filled.

**Resolved:**

That, as per the legislation, the Community Council resolves each month how it will hold the next meeting taking into account any important issues that may require an in person meeting. It was suggested that the Community Council would hold at least one meeting in person each year however, as there is no wifi available in the Church Hall, it is unable to offer a hybrid meeting and will be in person only.

**4144 Ward Member Report**

a. Members received an update from the Ward Councillors on any issues relating to the village and noted:

Tabernacle Lane speed limit - Ward Councillors have been working with a number of stakeholders regarding the speed limit however until the Welsh Government change their policies on the lanes the speed limit will not be reduced. It was requested that should Cllr Bevan receive any responses from the Senedd or Newport City Council that he share these with the Ward Councillors. LCC noted that NCC reduced the speed limit on Pike Road but refused Tabernacle Lane and it is difficult to understand why it was treated differently. The 20mph sign near the property known as Avarla needs to be moved to a more prominent position.

Ward Councillors requested a meeting with Cllr Bevan to further discuss this.

LCC recognised that the Ward Councillors are supporting the desire to slow traffic down in the village.

Whitebrook Village and access route via Pike's den junction – The road markings have been painted.

Pot Hole – noted it is a long standing problem, no response has been received despite writing to Highways therefore an internal investigation has been requested as to why the request has been ignored. It was noted that safety barriers have been placed across the hole.

Face to face meetings – the Ward Councillors confirmed that they value face to face meetings and feel it would be more constructive to meet in person and offer hybrid meetings. In addition it was noted that NCC's meetings often clash with LCC however the Ward Councillors are trying to change the time to allow them to attend LCC meetings.

b. Members discussed an appropriate way forward of updating on non-urgent items. Ward Councillors requested that if a Councillor contacts them that it needs to be clear whether it is as an individual villager or as a Councillor.

**Resolved:**

To avoid email exchanges and to carry out discussion in meetings and any email exchanges are only to address items that are part of LCC agenda. A monthly update will either be delivered in person or in writing.

**4145 Playing Field Matters**

**a. Fortnightly Inspection Report**

Members considered the fortnightly inspection report noting that all items were in a good state of repair apart from following:

Playing Field

Gate post and fence repair has not been completed.

Goal net has multiple holes and is degraded due to being out in all weathers.

Grass is now getting quite long.  
There is a small amount of mole hills.

**Resolved:**

To purchase a replacement net and rope to attach at a cost of approximately £50.00 (*LGA 1976, s19*).

Park

A number of mole hills, some are quite large.

Benches all appear fine.

Playing equipment is all serviceable.

The two timbers of the climbing stack with a small amount of rot appear safe for the time being and not in need of immediate repair. Future consideration will need to be given to either repair or replacement due to the costs for repair.

The grass is getting quite long.

No growth on the tree in the far corner of the field, appears dead but will know in the next month.

E-mail addresses have now been updated.

Cllr K James agreed to undertake the inspection in April.

**b. Correspondence**

Members noted correspondence received regarding the muddy path around the playing field and the offer to co-ordinate laying new wood chippings from Ward Councillor Mogford.

**Resolved:**

To review the state of the path in 6-months' time to see if replacement wood chippings are required.

**4146 Public Participation**

None present.

**4147 Matters of local interest or concern**

The wood benches and notice board on the village green need to be painted.

**Resolved:**

That Cllr James will ask a resident if he is interested in doing the work.

**4148 Correspondence List**

Members received the correspondence set out in the schedule.

**4149 Planning Matters**

**a) Revised Local Development Plan**

Members noted that there was no update however once it is known when the next consultation is the Ward Councillors will hold a face to face meeting for all residents to attend.

**b) Planning Decisions**

Members noted the following applications received by Newport City Council:

26/0075 - Trostrey Cottage Trostry Lane Llanvaches Newport NP16 6LZ

Proposal: Partial discharge of condition 3 (landscaping) (part b only) of 23/0207 single storey extension with pv array, new entrance porch and associated landscaping works to existing cottage (resubmission).

**4150 Further comments for future consideration**

Cllr Caroline Wynn tendered her resignation from the Community Council.

**4151 Date of next meeting**

Confirmed that the next Ordinary meeting of Llanvaches Community Council will be on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 7.00pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 08.40pm

Signed .....CHAIR

Date.....