

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH
FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.15 P.M. AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE, LLANHARRY.

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: (MRS) DILWORTH (CHAIRMAN); W OWEN; D SNOOK; (MRS)
B STEPHENS; B STEPHENS; R WILLIAMS AND MRS G LEWIS (CLERK).

1. ELECTION OF MEMBER TO PRESIDE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND
VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman was present.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor (Mrs) Claridge, Councillor Claridge and Councillor Thomas - accepted.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None.

4. COMMUNITY POLICING

PC Wilson and PCSO Butler sent their apologies that they are unable to attend due to being on rest days.

Crime Report

The recorded crime for December to date is as follows:

Theft – 1 recorded crime.

There were 4 instances of anti-social behaviour during this period.

Speeding operations carried out in January/February recorded an average speed of 24mph in the 30mph area and 36mph in the 40mph area.

Unfortunately the detailed information relating to warning tickets issued previously is not available.

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Members voiced their dissatisfaction about the fact that warning letters were still being issued to those parking on the zig zags outside Spar and in the bus stop. They feel that the time for warnings is long gone and that offenders must be issued with penalty notices.

PACT

The next PACT meeting is to be held on Sunday 14th February 2016, 2pm at the Ambulance Hall, Birchgrove, Llanharry.

Councillor Snook reported an individual who is contacting residents via leaflets and social media offering a service to monitor, patrol and check properties and providing an “emergency response to incidents”. Councillor Stephens informed members that the Police were aware of the service and were concerned. Members asked that the Clerk write to the Police informing them of their concerns regarding this matter.

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

5.1 Payment of Accounts

Resolved: To make payment of all accounts presented, as per the list attached to the minutes.

5.2 Bank Reconciliation

A copy of the reconciliation January was supplied to members.

5.3 GFJAN15/MAJAN15/BESJAN15

Copies of these documents were presented to Members.

6. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Audit Meeting and the Monthly Meeting both held on 13th January and a Special Meeting held on 28th January were confirmed.

7. SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

8. MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Playing Field/AFC Matters

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The Clerk confirmed receiving fixtures for February from Llanharry AFC.

The Clerk confirmed purchase a WW2 memorial bench, which is to be sited in the playing field.

8.2 Matters at Tylagarw

Councillor Owen reported that he and the Clerk attended a very productive, informative meeting with Network Rail and members of the public on the 20th January to discuss the length of time the barriers are down on the crossing. Network Rail is aware that it is a problem and are looking at possible solutions.

Councillor Owen also reported a meeting of Tylagarw Community Centre with Councillor Stephens about the possible future of the centre. Due to budget cuts RCTCBC is looking to transfer ownership of the community centre to an Independent Body or Committee but it is up to the current committee and users to decide whether they wish to proceed down this avenue. Councillor Stephens stated that he thought unless an organisation is prepared to take over the running of community centres that it is likely that they will be closed.

The Clerk confirmed receipt of two memorial benches for Tylagarw, one WW1 and one WW2. **Resolved:** to site one in front of the Community Centre and the other on the left hand side of the bus shelter.

8.3 Ambulance Hall Covenant

Awaiting a reply.

8.4 Proposed New Play Area in Llanharry

Councillor Stephens stated that he was unsure as to what the current situation is but that he would find out. He was asked whether there was still money available as a result of planning gains and confirmed that he believed £22,000 was available.

8.5 Additional Dog Waste Bins

The Clerk reported a conversation with Steve Gammon at RCTCBC who confirmed that they would be emptied depending on the proposed locations. He stated that they should be sited near to a highway or at the beginning or end of a walk for ease of emptying. The Clerk has asked for a map or list of current bin locations so that the locations can be decided upon. She confirmed that she has ordered three bins with the council's logo from a supplier recommended by Mr. Gammon.

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8.6 Condition of the Alleyways in Llanharry

Councillor Stephens informed members that the issue of broken fencing in the alleyway between Alder Road and Birchgrove is the responsibility of the householder concerned not RCTCBC. The surfacing of the alleyway has been inspected twice and found to be in a satisfactory condition. The trees obscuring the lighting have been cut back. The Clerk reported complaints from residents regarding the installation of LED street lamps which appear much less bright. Councillor Stephens replied that RCTCBC have to make savings in their budget somewhere and it has been decided that one area is to be street lighting and that the installation of the LED bulbs will bring in a saving of approximately £500,000 per year.

Resolved: to hold a Site meeting on Tuesday 23rd February at 12.30 p.m.

9. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND COMMITTEES

Home to School Transport Charges

Councillor Stephens reported that he had spoken with the Director of Education regarding the promise that when the then Llanharry Secondary Modern School was turned into a Welsh school that no Llanharry child would ever have to pay to travel to school. The Director said that it would be taken into consideration but could not be guaranteed due to budget cuts. Councillor Stephens stated that the decision is due shortly. He agreed with members that the promise should be binding.

Traffic Calming Meeting held on Monday 12th October

Members asked the Clerk to remind RCTCBC that they promised that a Speed Indicator Device would be installed to remind drivers of their speed.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

SLCC

News bulletin;

The Clerk, magazine.

One Voice Wales – Training Opportunitites – February 2016.

Welsh Government – Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 – Limit for 2016-2017.

Llanharry Senior Citizens Association – Letter of thanks for grant.

Andrew RT Davies AM – contact details.

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RCTCBC – The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended by The Local Government Act 2003) Adoption of new Model Byelaws on skin piercing activities.

One Voice Wales – Membership 2016/2017 – **Resolved:** not to join One Voice Wales.

11 PLANNING

Resolved: to note the following:

Planning lists - 14th December to 15th January 2016.

Correspondence

RCTCBC – Consultation on the proposed Treforest Industrial Estate and Parc Nantgarw Local Development Order – Members asked for more information about this.

12 GRANTS

Resolved: that the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972(amended), should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interest of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:-

Ysgol Y Pant.....	£100
Shelter Cymru.....	£100
Wales Air Ambulance.....	£280
Bobath Children’s Therapy Centre Wales....	£100

It was decided not to award a grant to Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

13 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEWSLETTER

Members asked when items need to be submitted for inclusion in the next newsletter. Members also stated that residents need to be informed of what the community council is doing and what they plan to do in the next financial year.

14 CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Clerk informed members of the retirement of Gwyn Evans.

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Resolved: to appoint Nicola Eyre as the Internal Auditor for the current year.

15 CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR FELLING THE CHERRY TREE IN THE PLAYING FIELD

Two quotations were received from Marcon and Andrew Vowles.

Resolved : to accept the quotation of Marcon.

16 CONSIDERATION OF UPGRADING TO FIBRE BROADBAND

Resolved: to upgrade to fibre broadband.

17 CONSIDERATION OF THE QUARTERLY INSPECTION OF THE PLAY AREA

Resolved: to note the quarterly inspection report of the play area.

18 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 9th March 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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