

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH
SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.15 P.M. AT TYLAGARW COMMUNITY CENTRE, TYLAGARW

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS W OWEN (CHAIRMAN); I CLARIDGE; (MRS) P CLARIDGE;
(MRS) B STEPHENS; B STEPHENS; M THOMAS 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 Snook (Holidays) – accepted.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public present: Mrs M Maisie; Mrs S Rees and Mrs Johnstone.

The following matters were raised by the members of the public present:

- The need for a “Tylagarw” sign. The Chairman informed them that money had been set aside to provide a sign this year.
- Cutting back of the public right of way that runs from Tylagarw to Brynsadler. It is currently very overgrown.
- Provision of a pavement from the Boar’s Head up past the Forestry. Councillor Stephens stated that this has been investigated by RCTCBC officers who had concluded that nothing could be done as the road is too narrow. He stated that he had “Pedestrians in the road” signs erected and “Slow” markings painted on the road. The residents stated that the road markings had made no difference to the speed of motorists and that traffic calming measures were needed. Councillor Stephens stated that unfortunately Tylagarw does not meet the criteria stipulated by the Welsh Government for traffic calming measures but that he would ask

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RCTCBC to conduct another survey to assess the impact of the measures introduced to date. The Clerk stated that a sign had been installed at the Llanharry end of Tylagarw Lane informing drivers that it was “Unsuitable for HGV’s” but not at the Tylagarw end. The Chairman also stated that there must be a weight limit for the bridge over the river. Councillor Stephens stated that he would look into both issues.

5. COMMUNITY POLICING

PCSO Butler sent her apologies that she cannot attend the meeting as she is on a course.

4.1 Crime report:

One burglary was reported and 8 instances of anti-social behaviour.

Speeding Operations on Red Hill resulted in average reported speed of 28mph in the 30mph zone and 36mph in the 40mph zone.

Parking is continued to be monitored and appropriate action taken regarding any vehicles seen parked inappropriately.

PACT Priorities: (1) Speeding; (2) Parking.

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

Parking

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Tony Pearce of RCTCBC, Transport section on 1st September and requested a site meeting with him to discuss the parking restrictions. He stated that he would look at the current situation and arrange a meeting at a later date.

Councillor Claridge reported a vehicle with a very loud exhaust driving out of Birchgrove and around the village between the hours of midnight and 2am. He asked that the Clerk report it to the police.

6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

6.1 Payment of Accounts

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

Resolved: to confirm the payments for August.

6.2 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: to accept the bank reconciliation for July and August

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6.3 GFJUL16/MAJUL16/BESJUL16 & GFAUG16/MAAUG16/BESAUG16

Resolved: to accept the GF Sheet, Budget Estimates and Monthly Expenditure Sheet for July and August.

6.4. Bank Statements

Original bank statements were available to members for perusal.

7. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Audit Meeting of 13th July were confirmed.

Resolved: to rescind the minutes on page 2681 & 2682 of the Monthly Meeting held on 13th July (motions about the grounds maintenance contract) as they contravened Standing Orders.

The remaining minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 13th July and the Special Meeting of 21st July were confirmed.

8. SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Monthly meeting were duly signed by the Chairman.

9. MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Playing Field/AFC Matters

Play Area - The Clerk confirmed that the installation of the cantilever has been scheduled for week commencing 19th September.

AFC - The Clerk confirmed that fixture lists have been received from Llanharry AFC.

Playing Field

The Clerk reported that a request has been received from Stacey Thorne to hold an event for the Make A Wish Charity on Sunday 9th October. She has been informed of the conditions of using the field such as arranging insurance, cleaning up after the event and what is allowed on the field. She informed the Clerk that RCTCBC is covering the insurance for the event. This has been confirmed by Councillor Stephens. Councillor Claridge questioned how it was possible for RCTCBC to do this but Councillor Stephens stated that officers of RCTCBC had confirmed to him that the insurance would cover everything including public liability. Councillor Claridge requested that a copy of the confirmation from RCTCBC is provided to the Clerk by Councillor Stephens. Councillor (Mrs) Claridge stated that all rides and bouncy castles, etc. needed their own insurance and needed to carry

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a copy on the day. Councillor Stephens stated that he would make Stacey Thorne aware of this.

Junior Football Team

Councillor Stephens had asked whether a junior team would be permitted to use the football pitch. The Clerk voiced concerns regarding the overplaying of the pitch now that Llanharry AFC has two senior teams. She suggested liaising with Llanharry AFC over this matter.

9.2 Matters at Tylagarw

Solar Park Community Benefit Fund

The Chairman reported that he had received several suggestions for the CBF which he would pass onto Councillor Stephens.

9.3 Ambulance Hall

The Clerk reported that the installation of the electrical supply to the garage has been scheduled for 21st September.

9.4 Proposed New Play Area in Llanharry

Councillor Stephens confirmed that the play area was going ahead, that he had met the designer and that the equipment was on order and due for installation in late October. The project is being led by RCTCBC Officer Lisa Austin. The Clerk queried who would maintain the play area. Councillor Stephens confirmed that the play area would be maintained by RCTCBC. Councillor Stephens also confirmed that the new development at Elms Farm would have a play area as a result Section 106 agreement with the developers.

9.5 Condition of the Alleyways in Llanharry

The Chairman reported speaking to Gareth Griffiths, RCTCBC Corporate Estates, regarding ownership of the boundary fence of alleyway between Birchgrove and Alder Road. He would chase up this matter. Councillor Stephens stated that he had been chasing up this matter and the question of ownership of the alleyways (RCTCBC or RCT Homes) has yet to be resolved.

9.6 Consideration of whether to apply for outline planning permission for the land either side of Laureldene allotments

To be kept on the agenda.

9.7 Current position of the purchase of land to extend the Cemetery

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The Clerk confirmed that we are now in a position to sign for the land and that she had received a copy of the proposed title deed and plan from DW Harris.

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

Councillor Stephens stated that he was not elected by the Community Council to an outside body or committee but was an elected member of a senior authority but that he was prepared to answer any questions put to him.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved: to note the following correspondence:

Newtown Memorials – Oversize memorial.

Planning Aid Wales

Community Engagement Network Event;
General Introduction to planning training, Merthyr Tydfil.

Virgin Media – Bringing ultrafast broadband to Llanharry.

One Voice Wales:

Welsh Government- Questionnaire on planning policy in Wales;
Flood and coastal erosion committee consultation;
Key dates for the First World War centenary commemoration in Wales;
New Training Schedule – September – December;
Chairing Skills Training, Bridgend, 27th September.

Fields in Trust – Survey.

Wales Valleys Walking Festival 2016 – leaflet.

SLCC

Notice of AGM:
The Clerk, magazine.

ICCM – The Journal, autumn 2016.

Stacey Thorne – email request to use the playing field for a charity event on Sunday 9th October.

Clerks & Council Direct – publication.

The Festive Lighting Company – brochure.

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12. PLANNING

Resolved: to note the following:

12.1 Planning lists 27th June to 5th August 2016.

12.2 Planning Correspondence

RCTCBC – Planning Application 15/0940/10 – Raising Garden level – Wayde Evans, 51 Heol Pant Gwyn, Llanharry

13. 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:-

Llanharan Mini Rugby Section.....£500

14. CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Resolved: to adopt the revised Standing Orders.

15. CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Resolved: to adopt the revised Financial Regulations.

16. CONSIDERATION OF THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Due to the recent complaints regarding the Cemetery the Clerk asked that members carefully consider the contract for the coming year. Members asked that a copy of this year’s contract is emailed to them so that they can consider any changes.

The Clerk also informed members of a complaint from a grave owner regarding the deliberate damage to a family grave. She reported that she has reported this matter to the PCSO Butler and has asked Councillor Stephens to mention it in his Diary column.

17. CONSIDERATION OF THE QUARTERLY PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT

Resolved: to accept the inspection report.

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The Clerk informed members that another inspection has been carried out and the report has not yet been received. When this inspection was carried out the wire on the cableway was found to be defective and needed replacing at a cost of £390. The Clerk liaised with the Chairman and Vice Chairman who agreed the expenditure.

18. CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE GRASS VERGE OUTSIDE THE AMBULANCE HALL

To be kept on the agenda.

19. CONSIDERATION OF INSTALLING A FENCE ADJACENT TO THE CEMETERY SHED

Two quotations were received from Andrew Vowles and APW Support Services Ltd.

Resolved: to accept the quotation of APW Support Services Ltd.

20. CONSIDERATION OF CANOPIES FOR TY ISAF SHOPS

The Chairman reported that he had been liaising with a company for the provision of canopies and that all the shop keepers were for the idea.

Resolved: to provide canopies for the shops at Ty Isaf.

Resolved: to temporarily transfer funds from Tylagarw Play Area to cover the cost of the canopies, if necessary and to be replaced in the next financial year.

21. CONSIDERATION OF THE CHRISTMAS EVENT AND THE HIRE OF REINDEER

The Clerk informed members that the Christmas lights switch on has been arranged for Monday 28th November and that she had contact Emma Coates, Head Teacher of Llanharry Primary, who confirmed that pupils will be in attendance to sing carols.

Reindeer, Mother Christmas, elves and a sleigh have been arranged for the event, at a cost of £750.

Councillor Claridge said that Llanharry and Tylagarw Community Association will pay for this.

Councillor Stephens asked whether LCTA needed the Community Centre for the evening and stated there would be no charge for it.

Councillor (Mrs.) Claridge said that she had arranged for Father Christmas to visit and that she would book a hog roast for the event!

The Chairman also supplied a copy of a poster he has had printed to advertise the event.

22. CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

The Chairman stated that he has met with a representative of RCTCBC Street Lighting regarding the suitability of lighting columns in Tylagarw and Llanharry for Christmas lighting.

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In Tylagarw all of the lighting columns were found to be unsuitable but lighting is to be put on the trees, which is to be funded by Tylagarw Community Centre.
Lighting columns along the Main Road have been deemed suitable for Christmas Lighting but the shorter columns at Ty Isaf have been deemed unsuitable.
Members agreed that the Clerk inquire about the availability and cost of additional Christmas lighting and if it would be possible for the sockets to be installed on lighting columns in readiness for this Christmas.

Resolved: to transfer funds from Tylagarw Play Area, if necessary, this will be replaced in the next financial year.

23. CONSIDERATION OF THE WEEKLY INSPECTION OF THE PLAY AREA DURING THE CLERK'S HOLIDAYS

Councillor Claridge and Councillor Thomas volunteered to carry out the visual inspection whilst the Clerk is on holiday.

24. CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER TO LIMIT THE TIME AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS FOR REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved: that the time allowed for representations from members of the public is left to the discretion of the Chairman who will take into consideration items of business on the agenda at that meeting.

25. CONSIDERATION OF THE COST OF INTERMENTS AND MEMORIALS AT THE CEMETERY

Members asked that a copy of the fees for interments and memorials is placed in the notice boards. Councillor Claridge asked whether a copy was available on the council's website. The Clerk confirmed that it is.

26. CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 12th October 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.38 p.m.

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