

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER 2013
AT 7.15 P.M. AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE, LLANHARRY.

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: I CLARIDGE (CHAIRMAN); MRS P CLARIDGE; D SNOOK; B STEPHENS; R WILLIAMS; P.C. D PIKE 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 Owen – accepted.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Stephens declared an interest in item 11, Planning.

4. COMMUNITY POLICING

P.C. Pike that there were eight reported crimes during the month of November:
Violence against the person – 3 recorded crimes;
Sexual Offences – 3 recorded crimes;
Burglary – 2 recorded crimes;
Theft – 1 recorded crime;
Criminal Damage – 5 recorded crimes.

There were also 6 instances of anti-social behaviour reported.

Parking outside Spar, in the bus stop and in the vicinity of the crossing was reported to P.C. Pike.

Councillor Stephens joined the meeting, giving his apologies for his lateness.

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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 was presented to Members.

5.3 GFNOV13/MANOV13/BESNOV13

Copies of these documents were presented to Members.

6. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 13th November were confirmed.

7. SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings were duly signed by the Chairman.

8. MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Playing Field/AFC Matters

Fixture lists have been received and forwarded to R.C.T. C.B.C. and to Councillor Stephens for his information.

8.2 Matters at Tylagarw

To be kept on the agenda.

8.3 Ambulance Hall Covenant

The Clerk reported having confirmation from St John Wales that they have received the documentation and that it is under consideration.

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8.4 Food Bank at the Ambulance Hall

Councillor Stephens stated that he has had a good response from Aldi and unveiled the poster advertising the Food Bank, which lists all its supporters. Shelving is being provided by GrEW a subsidiary to RCT Homes and is due to be fitted shortly. Councillor Stephens also stated that the launch of the Food Bank is to be Friday 13th December. Members asked what organisations would be able to refer people to the Food Bank . Councillor Stephens said that, as in other areas, the provision to utilise the Food Bank would be for a three week period and referrals would be from various people and organisations such as Police, Social Services, Doctors, Benefits Agencies, etc.

8.5 Christmas Lighting of the Cherry Tree at Ty Isaf

The Clerk confirmed contacting Centregreat immediately after the last meeting but unfortunately there was not enough time to order the lights for the tree and carry out the necessary work. Members stated that arrangements would be put in place earlier for next year and that a Site meeting with R.C.T.C.B.C. Street Lighting and Centregreat should be scheduled for early 2014.

8.6 Correspondence from Watts & Morgan regarding the purchase of land to extend the Cemetery

The Clerk confirmed informing Watts & Morgan of the possibility of hiring a Mackintosh Probe and has enquired whether this would incur the same charges as more invasive measures. A reply has yet to be received.

8.7 Consideration of the Play Area Quarterly Inspection Report

The Clerk circulated a copy of the quarterly inspection report carried out on 9th December. It was felt that the work to the play area should be considered as a project for the forthcoming financial year.

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

No reports.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

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RCTCBC

Consultation on the South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party (SWRAWP) Regional Technical Statement 1st Review;
Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate – Proposed Re-Alignment of Learning Support Classes;
Community Boundary and Electoral Arrangements Review – Draft Proposals.

Llanharry Senior Citizen’s Association – invitation to Christmas Dinner on 19th December.

PlayWales – Play for Wales, issue 41.

ICCM – The Journal, publication.

Welsh Government

“Section 137 Expenditure”: Limit for 2014-15;
Consultation on the Proposed Revocation and Remaking of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005.

BoilerHut – Free boiler upgrades.

Historic Counties Trust – Glamorgan Flag.

Councillor Stephens declared an interest in the following item.

11 PLANNING

The following were noted:

Planning lists from 4th to 29th November 2013.

12 GRANTS

Resolved: to defer the application from Linden Court Social Club until more detailed information is received.

Resolved: to defer the application of Shelter Cymru until the February 2014 meeting.

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:-

Llanharry Senior Citizens Association.....£300

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13 CASUAL VACANCY

To be kept on the agenda.

14 ELECTION OF A COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ALLOTMENT AND RECREATION GROUND CHARITY, YSTRADOWEN

It was decided to defer this decision until the next meeting.

15 PROJECTS FOR 2014/2015

A number of projects were discussed and these will be considered further at the next meeting.

The Clerk declared an interest in the following item.

16 CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR 2014/2015

Quotations were received from Andrew Vowles, Marcon Services and P & P Gardens.

The lowest quotation, that of P & P Gardens, was accepted.

17 CONSIDERATION OF THE LITTER PICKING & REMOVAL OF RUBBISH FROM THE PLAYING FIELD & PLAY AREA

No official confirmation has been received regarding the position of RCTCBC and permanent arrangements cannot be put into place until the situation is confirmed.

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

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 8th January 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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