

# LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015 AT 7.15 P.M. AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE, LLANHARRY.

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: W OWEN (CHAIRMAN); (MRS) J DILWORTH; I CLARIDGE; (MRS) P CLARIDGE; D SNOOK; (MRS) B STEPHENS; B STEPHENS; MR J MCINTYRE; MR B MORGAN 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 Thomas - accepted.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None.

4. COMMUNITY POLICING

No one was in attendance at the meeting.

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 for December was supplied to members.

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5.3 GFDEC14/MADEC14/BESDEC14

Copies of these documents were presented to Members.

5.4 Bank Statements

Original bank statements were available for Members examination.

6. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Special Meeting and Monthly Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 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

Litter Bin/Dog Waste Bins

The Clerk stated her concerns that RCTCBC had not started emptying the bins despite being informed of their installation on 16<sup>th</sup> December. She stated that she had emailed Steve Gammon on 13<sup>th</sup> January querying this and had yet to receive a reply. Councillor Stephens said that he would query this, that the bins should be emptied on a weekly basis but that changes in personnel might mean it had been overlooked.

8.2 Matters at Tylagarw

To be kept on the agenda.

8.3 Ambulance Hall Covenant

Awaiting a reply.

Insulation

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for installing the insulation for the February meeting.

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

The Clerk confirmed receiving confirmation that soil tests using the Mackintosh Probe may be carried out as long as adequate notice is given before work takes place.

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8.5 Llanharry Community Centre

A copy of a reply from Mr. De Benedictis was circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Members were not happy with the response from Mr. De Benedictis and asked for him to attend a future meeting.

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

There were no reports.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

RCTCBC

Free 50+ Information Calendar;  
Annual Delivery Report 2013/2014.

Came & Company Insurance – Managing Seasonal Issues, newsletter.

Welsh Government – Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2015-2016.

Edenvale Garden Services – Grass cutting/Grounds Maintenance Contract.

Llanharry Senior Citizens Association – Letter of thanks for S137 Grant.

Interlink – Community Link, winter 2014

SLCC – The Clerk, magazine.

Clerks and Councils Direct - publication.

Royal British Legion, Llanharan Branch – Letter of thanks for S137 Grant.

11 PLANNING

**Resolved:** to note the following:

- Planning lists from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015.

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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:-

Tylagarw Community Centre.....£48.00

13 MEETING WITH MR JOHN MCINTYRE AND MR BOB MORGAN OF SUNCREDIT LIMITED

The Chairman welcomed Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Morgan to the meeting.

Mr. McIntyre stated the three issues had arisen out of the public exhibition held in November, these being:

- Drainage – the potential of worsening problems in the area as a result of the installation of the Solar Farm. Mr. Morgan stated they had commissioned a consultation of drainage in the area and in consultation with Natural Resources Wales propose to improve the drainage around the edges of the fields containing the Solar Farm, install new holding ponds, renew a collapsed gully and clean out the existing drainage channel which is currently ‘silted up’. This will improve drainage in the area.
- Transport Disruption – Mr. Morgan stated that the construction period would be approximately ten to twelve weeks, but that for a two week period, the time during which the panels would be delivered via articulated lorries would be the most intensive. They had hoped to send all traffic from the Llanharry end of the lane but this is just not feasible. Therefore all traffic has to travel over the railway line and up past Tylagarw Terrace. Mr. McIntyre stated that they had applied to Network Rail for information regarding the frequency of trains and the times that the barriers were down but unfortunately they were unable to supply it. Suncredit have commissioned a survey to be carried out so that a Traffic Management Plan can be devised. If the application is successful a Communication Plan will be devised and a leaflet printed and dropped to residents which will include contact details for a Traffic coordinator.
- Visual Impact – in the original proposal solar panels were to be sited on an area to the rear of Tylagarw Terrace. This would have had quite a detrimental effect to their rear view, especially during winter months. As a result the proposal has been amended and this area dropped, condensing the original number of panels into the three remaining areas.

McIntyre also stated that if the application is successful Suncredit will want to create a Community Fund aimed at putting something back into the community. No figures are currently available for this but he would like to attend a further meeting, probably in March to discuss this further. Something to consider before then would be:

Who would be adversely affected by the project?

How the fund would be managed and by whom?

Match funding is available from a range of other organisations for a number of projects.

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14 CONSIDERATION OF THE PRECEPT FOR 2015/2016

The Clerk advised not increasing the precept due to the balances projected to be carried forward into 2015/2016.

Members disagreed and felt that the Community Council would be expected to pick up a number of functions from RCTCBC.

**Resolved:** to precept for £81,154.00.

15 CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS FOR 2015/2016

	£	£
<b><u>Capital Projects</u></b>		
Purchase of Land to extend the Cemetery	10,000	
Pre-School Play Area for Tylagarw	10,000	
Total		<u>20,000</u>
<b><u>Revenue Projects</u></b>		
<u>Miscellaneous/Admin</u>		
Additional bins/seats at Ty Isaf	750	
Fencing around cherry tree	2,500	
New computer	750	
Total	<u>4,000</u>	
<u>Ambulance Hall</u>		
Improvements i.e. kitchen, toilet.	6000	
Legal Fees - Covenant	500	
Total	<u>6,500</u>	
<u>Playing field/Play Area (5)</u>		
Improvements to entrance way	3,000	
Seat – playing field	1,000	
Litter Bins	1,000	
Railings between Playing Field and Comm. Centre	11,000	
Wooden fencing for wooded area	1,000	
Drainage/pathway repairs	4,604	
Total	<u>21,604</u>	
<u>Total</u>		<u>32,104</u>
<b><u>Total Projects</u></b>		<b><u>52,104</u></b>

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16 CONSIDERATION OF PAYING FOR CHRISTMAS TREES FOR TYLAGARW COMMUNITY CENTRE

This item was considered under item 12 – Grants.

17 CONSIDERATION OF PUBLISHING A COLUMN IN THE DISTRICT DIARY

The Clerk informed Members of the monthly cost of publishing in the District Diary.

**Resolved:** not to publish a monthly column.

18 CONSIDERATION OF PUBLISHING A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Chairman stated that he thought that the profile of the community council should be raised and that by printing a quarterly or half yearly newsletter this could be achieved. This would enable residents to be kept fully informed of the aims of the Community Council and explain why certain decisions have been made.

**Resolved:** to publish a newsletter.

19 CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERS’ DISMAY “THAT SPORT AND LEISURE SERVICES ARE BEING HAMMERED BY THE CURRENT AUSTERITY MEASURES”

To be removed from the agenda.

20 CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING THE “47” BUS

To be removed from the agenda.

21 CONSIDERATION OF AGGREGATE LEVY

To be deferred until the February meeting.

22 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Resolved:** the date of the next ordinary meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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