

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9th JULY 2014 AT 7.15 P.M.
AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE, LLANHARRY.

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: W OWEN (CHAIRMAN); I CLARIDGE; MRS P CLARIDGE;
MRS J DILWORTH; D SNOOK; 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

Apologies:

Councillor Stephens – accepted;

Councillors (Mrs) Stephens – not accepted;

Councillor Williams – not accepted.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor (Mrs) Claridge - items 19 & 20.

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4. COMMUNITY POLICING

P.C. Pike sent his apologies that he could not attend the meeting as he was working day shift. The Clerk reported the continuing problem of a bus parking in the vicinity of the Bear Inn junction to P.C. Pike via email.

Parking in and around the vicinity of the Bear Inn and Spar shop was again highlighted as a problem area. The Clerk read out an email forwarded to her by Councillor Stephens regarding the implementation of parking regulations before the commencement of development of a new dwelling to the rear of the Post Office house and car parking for the Bear Inn.

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Crime Figures for the month of June were reported as follows:

- Violence Against the Person – 4 crimes recorded;
- Sexual Offences – 1 crime recorded;
- Burglary – 1 crime recorded;
- Theft/Handling – 1 crime recorded;
- Criminal Damage – 1 crime recorded

- Anti-social behaviour – 6 instances.

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 June 2014 was supplied to members.

5.3 GFJUN14/MAJUN14/BESJUN14

Copies of these documents were presented to Members.

6. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 11th June and the Site meeting of 17th June 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

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Councillor Thomas asked why one litter bin in the playing field had been covered over. The Clerk replied that there was a problem with the locking mechanism which meant it was difficult to open and close the bin and a cover had been put over to prevent the public from using it until the problem is resolved.

Dog Waste Bins – the Clerk confirmed contacting R.C.T. C.B.C. regarding additional bins for the playing field and is awaiting a reply.

8.2 Matters at Tylagarw

Councillor Owen informed members that the ditches have been cleared but that a length of about 10 feet has been omitted. The Clerk was asked to inform R.C.T. C.B.C of this and inform Natural Resources Wales that it has been carried out so that they can clear out any ditches on their land.

8.3 Ambulance Hall Covenant

Awaiting a reply.

8.4 Food Bank at the Ambulance Hall

The Clerk informed members that as no progress had been made with Natwest regarding opening an account, she has approached Lloyds instead. Members asked whether any systems had been implemented regarding referrals since the last meeting. Members asked the Clerk to call a special meeting to consider the removal of the Food bank from the Ambulance Hall.

Resolved: to hold a Special meeting at 7.15pm on Wednesday 30th July 2014.

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

Still awaiting a reply.

8.6 Tree Planting

The Clerk reported discussing this item with Mr Ray Edwards, R.C.T. C.B.C. Countryside Officer. He outlined the following issues: any grass verges alongside a highway would come under the jurisdiction of the Highways Department and permission would have to be sought from them. This would usually mean taking over the grass verge, including all liabilities including maintenance. R.C.T. C.B.C. have no plans of buried services and information from service providers when available tends to be vague. Consideration has to be made regarding vision splays near junctions which can be up to 100m. There are also conditions regarding shrub planting near junctions – shrubs can be no higher than 12 inches.

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Resolved: to hold a site meeting on Thursday 24th July at 11a.m. starting at Ty Isaf to identify any suitable sites.

8.7 Lighting of the Cherry tree for Christmas 2014

The Clerk informed members that a site meeting had been arranged with a representative of the Street Lighting Department on Monday 14th July.

8.8 Flower beds at Ty Isaf

Resolved: to consider this further at the Site meeting, to be held on Thursday 24th July.

8.9 Pedestrian Crossing

Awaiting a costing from R.C. T. C.B.C.

8.10 Llanharry Community Centre

The Chairman suggested that a letter is sent to the Leader of R.C.T. C.B.C., in response to his article asking for ideas to meet the £26 million deficit they are facing, offering to take over the community centre. Members were aghast to find out that there has not been an A.G.M. since 2012 and no published accounts for at least a year.

Members asked the Clerk to contact R.C.T. C.B.C to ask how the village/villagers take back control of their community centre.

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

There were no reports.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved: to note the following correspondence:

Newtown Memorials – application to work in the cemetery.

Resolved: to allow Newtown Memorials to work in the cemetery, subject to his agreement to abide by the rules and regulations of the cemetery.

Y Pant School – Letter of thanks for support annual prize giving awards.

The Festive Lighting Company – brochure.

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Public Services Ombudsman – Annual Report 2013/2014.

National Museum of Wales – cost of beaker image for website. Members were outraged that they wish to charge the village for use of an image of the beaker and asked the Clerk to convey their feelings on the matter.

SLCC – The Clerk, magazine.

11 PLANNING

Resolved: to note the following:

Planning lists from 26th May to 27th June 2014.

12 CONSIDERATION OF THE LITTER PICKING AND REMOVAL OF RUBBISH FROM THE PLAYING FIELD

Resolved: to ask Andrew Vowles to continue litter picking the playing field and emptying the bins until September.

13 CONSIDERATION OF A LOGO FOR LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Members agreed that the Clerk should take the image from the bronze plaque and produce a logo.

14 ADOPTION OF THE GRASS VERGES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Resolved: to defer this matter until the next meeting.

15 CONSIDERATION OF THE UNUSED PART OF THE CEMETERY

Resolved: to scatter “meadow mix” seed on the unused part of the cemetery.

16 CONSIDERATION OF A CHRISTMAS TREE AT TY ISAF

To be deferred until the next meeting.

17 CONSIDERATION OF ALTERATIONS TO THE PLAYING FIELD ENTRANCE

Resolved: that this item is considered when setting projects for the next financial year.

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18 CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER PLANTING IN THE PLAY AREA

Resolved: that the Clerk purchase a Mountain Ash (Rowan) tree for the corner of the play area nearest the bus shelter.

Councillor Claridge and Councillor (Mrs) Claridge declared an interest in the following two items.

19 CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING LLANHARRY & TYLAGARW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO USE THE AMBULANCE HALL FOR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Resolved: to agree in principle to LCTA using the Ambulance Hall for any fundraising events if so required.

20 CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING THE STORAGE OF LLANHARRY & TYLAGARW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EQUIPMENT IN THE AMBULANCE HALL GARAGE

Resolved: to allow LCTA to store their paperwork and equipment at the Ambulance Hall free of charge.

21 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 10th September 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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