

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11th JUNE 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; MRS B STEPHENS; B STEPHENS; M THOMAS; R WILLIAMS; PCSO CARTER 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

No apologies.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Thomas in item 12 – Allotment charges.
Councillor Mrs Stephens in item 20 – Llanharry Community Centre.
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4. COMMUNITY POLICING

P.C. Pike sent his apologies that he could not attend the meeting as he was in court all day. PCSO Carter was in attendance. He informed members that he has been transferred from Brynna to Llanharry. The Chairman welcomed him to the meeting.

Parking in and around the vicinity of the Bear Inn and Spar shop was again highlighted as a problem area. Councillor Stephens informed members that one of the stipulations of the planning permission granted for a new dwelling to the rear of the Post Office House was that the parking was sorted out. The Clerk was asked to write to RCTCBC Highways again regarding this matter.

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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 for May 2014 was supplied to members.

5.3 GF MAY14/MAMAY14/BESMAY14

Copies of these documents were presented to Members.

6. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of 14th May, the Annual General Meeting and the Monthly Meeting of the same date were confirmed.

7. SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

8. MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Playing Field/AFC Matters

The Clerk confirmed that she and Councillor Thomas have observed work being carried out to the barriers.

Dog Waste Bins – the Clerk was asked to contact RCTCBC and inquire whether they can provide additional bins for the playing field.

8.2 Matters at Tylagarw

Councillor Owen informed members that to date no work has been carried out by R.C.T. C.B.C.

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8.3 Ambulance Hall Covenant

The Clerk has received correspondence from Mr Croydon stating that he would take this matter up with the C.E.O. and try his best to expedite a reply.

8.4 Food Bank at the Ambulance Hall

The Clerk informed members of the delay in setting up a bank account has been due to the ill health of the Relationship Manager who was setting up the account. Members stated their concerns regarding the lack of a paper chain for any referrals. Councillor Stephens stated that he agreed the referral system needs reviewing

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

Awaiting a reply.

8.6 Oversize Memorial At The Cemetery

Two members of the public were in attendance at the meeting and voiced their concerns that only two memorial masons were currently authorised to work in the cemetery. The Clerk explained that this was because only two attended a meeting regarding the new rules and regulations for the cemetery and that other masons could submit applications to work in the cemetery; which will then be considered by the Council. Members stated that the new rules and regulations had been brought in to safeguard not only the Council but also grave owners and memorial masons.

8.7 Tree Planting

Councillor Stephens suggested that the Clerk contact Ray Edwards, Countryside Officer for RCTCBC but stated that he had been informed that this matter was problematic.

8.8 Lighting of the Cherry tree for Christmas 2014

It was suggested that an alternative to decorating the cherry tree is considered – the purchase and installation of a Christmas tree adjacent to the Community Centre; which would not involve Street Lighting.

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

Councillor Stephens reported that he had been elected deputy mayor of R.C.T. C.B.C. The Chairman and members congratulated him on his appointment.

Councillor Williams stated that he had been in contact with one of the trustees of the Allotment and Recreation Ground Charity Ystradowen to familiarise himself with, and find out more information about the charity.

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10. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved: to note the following correspondence:

Welsh Government

Access to Information on Community and Town Councils – paper copy attached (**Appendix A**) or <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/access-to-information-town-councils/?lang=en>;

Mick Antoniw AM – An Increased Role for Town and Community Councils – an exploratory report. (By 11th June) (**Appendix B**);

Public Health White Paper – Listening to you: Your health matters (**Appendix C**)

Y Pant School – Invitations to attend Annual Prize Giving, Thursday 26th June at 7.30 p.m.

Western Power Distribution – Free Parish Council Pack – Helping people to cope during power cuts.

The Ramblers' – Walk, magazine.

ICCM – The Journal, summer 2014.

11 PLANNING

Resolved: to note the following:

Planning lists from 5th to 23rd May 2014.

Councillor Thomas declared an interest in the following item.

12 CONSIDERATION OF ALLOTMENT CHARGES

Resolved: that allotment charges remain at £15 per full plot and £9 per half plot for the year commencing 1st July 2016.

13 CONSIDERATION OF THE FLOWER BEDS AT TY ISAF

The Clerk was asked to write to P & P Gardens stating that they consider that the beds at Ty Isaf to be unsatisfactory and not as stipulated in the specification for the contract.

14 CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE AND PLACEMENT OF AN OLD TRAM AT TY ISAF

Resolved: to consider this matter when setting projects for the next financial year.

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15 CONSIDERATION OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Resolved: to hold a site meeting at 11a.m. on Tuesday, 17th June 2014.

16 CONSIDERATION OF CUTTING/REMOVING THE SHRUBS IN THE PLAY AREA

The Chairman stated that he had visited the play area and felt that the shrubs needed cutting back. The Clerk produced photographs taken the previous day which showed that the shrubs had been trimmed and the majority of members felt that this was satisfactory.

17 CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL REGARDING REMUNERATIONS TO COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

Prior to the meeting members were given a copy of the Survey of Remuneration – 2013/2014.

Resolved: to note the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

18 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 for another month.

19 CONSIDERATION OF A LOGO FOR LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Resolved: that this matter to be deferred until the next meeting to allow pupils of Ysgol Llanhari to submit some designs.

Councillor Mrs Stephens and Councillor Stephens declared an interest in the following item.

20 LLANHARRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Chairman suggested that the Council approach RCTCBC with a proposal to take over the running of the community centre. Councillor Stephens stated that ultimately he believed that the cuts in RCTCBC spending would mean a large number of county buildings being handed over to community groups but that at the moment the request was premature.

Concerns were voiced regarding the fact that an Annual General Meeting had not been held this year and that a Management Committee had not been formed since the dissolution of the previous one in May 2013. It was reported that a number of residents wished to become part of the Management Committee.

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Councillor Stephens stated that he would, in his capacity of County Borough Councillor, consider the proposal of the Community Council taking over the running of the community centre.

21 ADOPTION OF THE GRASS VERGES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Resolved: to defer this matter until the next 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, 9th July 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

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