

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12th MARCH 2014 AT 7.15 P.M. AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE, LLANHARRY.

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: I CLARIDGE (CHAIRMAN); MRS J DILWORTH; W OWEN; D SNOOK; 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 Mrs Claridge - accepted.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Stephens declared an interest in item 11, Planning;
Councillor Claridge in item 10, Correspondence from Llanharry & Tylagarw Community Association.

4. COMMUNITY POLICING

Crime figures for the month of February:

Drugs – 1 recorded crime;
Violence against the person – 2 recorded crimes;
Burglary – 1 recorded crime;
Theft/Handling – 1 recorded crime.

There were also 16 instances of reported antisocial behaviour.

Mobile Police Station – PCSO Waygood stated that the mobile police station would be visiting the village on a monthly basis – dates to be confirmed.

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Parking outside Spar - Councillor Stephens informed members that Traffic Enforcement Officers had visited the area and issued tickets for illegal parking.

PC Pike – stated that he is unable to attend the April meeting.

PCSO Waygood informed members that she would be leaving the area on the 28th of this month. Members thanked her for all her endeavours and wished her all the best in her new career.

Bins at Spar – members reported that people were raiding the bins at Spar when it closed for out of date food. The Police and Spar are aware of this.

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 February 2014 was supplied to members.

5.3 GFFEB13/MAFEB13/BESFEB13

Copies of these documents were presented to Members.

6. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Audit Meeting and the Monthly Meeting of 12th February were confirmed.

7. SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

8. MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Playing Field/AFC Matters

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

Resolved: to note the quarterly inspection of the play area.

8.2 Matters at Tylagarw

It was reported that following a site meeting with Gareth Roberts of Natural Resources Wales, Councillor Stephens, Councillor Owen and the Clerk, it appeared that the responsibility for the land drains lay mainly with R.C.T. C.B.C.

8.3 Ambulance Hall Covenant

Members requested that the Clerk write and remind St John Wales that we are still awaiting a reply to correspondence sent some time ago.

8.4 Food Bank at the Ambulance Hall

Councillor Stephens reported that he had encountered problems with the Aldi Area Manager but had received a £50 donation from Llanharry Workingmen's Club for the purchase of food as well as the promise of a cheque from the Rotary Club. The staff of HSBC Bank are also collecting tins and foodstuff.

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

The Clerk has confirmed that Watts & Morgan have had a problem with their email and did not receive correspondence sent in December. This has now been rectified and we await their reply.

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

Councillor Stephens reported he has yet to receive the dates for the road closure in Tylagarw from Network Rail for maintenance work.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved: to note the following correspondence:

RCTCBC

Rhondda Cynon Taf Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Submission of Draft Charging Schedule for Examination;

Statutory Notices regarding Learning Support Class Re-alignment;

Realignment of Learning Support Classes.

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Post Office – Changes to Llanharry Post Office.

Welsh Government – Draft Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions)(Wales) Regulations 2014 and Related Statutory Guidance.

SLCC

Local Audit and Accountability Act – DCLG Update;
Repeal of section 150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972;
The Clerk, magazine.

Mick Antoniw, AM – The Williams Report – An increased role for Town & Community Councils? – Meeting, Thursday 20th March, 6.30 p.m.

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2014/2015.

ICCM – The Journal, Spring issue.

Clerks Councils & Direct – publication.

The Ramblers – Walk, spring issue.

The Chairman, Councillor Claridge declared an interest in the following correspondence:

Llanharry & Tylagarw Community Association – request to use the playing field for an event on Saturday, 3rd May 2014.

Resolved: to grant approval subject to the usual conditions regarding adequate, insurance, licenses and removal of any and all litter following the event.

Councillor Stephens declared an interest in the following item.

11 PLANNING

Resolved: to note the following:

Planning lists from 3rd to 28th February 2014.

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:-

Shelter Cymru.....£100

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Members asked that the Clerk include an offer to allow Shelter Cymru to use the Ambulance Hall free of charge to hold an advice surgery in the village.

13 CONSIDERATION OF AN OVERSIZE MEMORIAL AT THE CEMETERY

The Chairman and Clerk reported meeting with the Family concerned and the Memorial Mason to discuss the problem. Members were told that the Mason had admitted wrongly advising the family and stated he was unaware of the regulations despite carrying out work in the Cemetery for many years.

Resolved: to allow the memorial as not to cause further upset to the family.

Resolved: to get a solicitor to draw up a watertight contract which all Memorial Masons must sign before they are allowed to carry out any work in the Cemetery.

Resolved: to review our rules and regulations.

Resolved: to make the Grave owners aware of the rules and regulations of the Cemetery and not rely on the integrity of the Memorial Masons.

14 DATE OF THE ANNUAL INVENTORY

Resolved: that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk carry out the Annual Inventory on Wednesday, 19th March at 11a.m.

15 DATE OF THE ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Resolved: that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk carry out the Annual Risk Assessment on Wednesday, 19th March at 11a.m.

16 CONSIDERATION OF THE UPFRONT ANNUAL PAYMENT OF TELEPHONE LINE RENTAL

Resolved: to pay for telephone line rental for a year in advance.

17 CONSIDERATION OF A REPLACEMENT PRINTER

Resolved: that the Clerk purchase a suitable printer.

18 CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES

Resolved: not to join One Voice Wales.

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

Resolved: to defer this until the next meeting.

20 CONSIDERATION OF LIGHTING OF THE CHERRY TREE AT TY ISAF FOR CHRISTMAS 2014

Councillor Stephens stated that despite repeated emails he has yet to make any progress setting up a site meeting to discuss putting Christmas lighting onto the tree.

21 CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Councillor Owen stated that he had made enquiries and that a number of organisations had shown an interest. He confirmed that he would bring more information and ideas to the next meeting.

22 CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON RED HILL

Resolved: to contact R.C.T. C.B.C. regarding road width restrictions on Red Hill.

23 CONSIDERATION OF A NOTICE BOARD IN THE ELMS FARM AREA

Members agreed that this could be considered for Corporate Sponsorship.

24 CONSIDERATION OF THE PLAY AREA HEDGING

Resolved: that this could be assessed by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk when they carry out the annual risk assessment.

25 CONSIDERATION OF THE BUS SHELTER AT THE MEADOW

Resolved: that this could be assessed by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk when they carry out the annual risk assessment.

26 CONSIDERATION OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

Resolved: that this could be assessed by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk when they carry out the annual risk assessment. It was noted by members that a new contractor has taken over the contract from 1st March.

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27 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 9th April 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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