

# LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014 AT 7.15 P.M.  
AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE, LLANHARRY.

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: I CLARIDGE (CHAIRMAN); MRS P CLARIDGE; MRS J DILWORTH; W OWEN; D SNOOK; MRS B STEPHENS; B STEPHENS; 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 Stephens declared an interest in item 11, Planning.

4. COMMUNITY POLICING

P.C. Pike and PCSO Bailey were in attendance. Councillor Williams reported that there had been no improvement in parking in the vicinity of Spar and speeding through the village. He also asked whether a speed camera had been deployed as promised. PC Pike reported that he had been on leave for a number of weeks and would look into whether this had happened in his absence.

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

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

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There were also 6 instances of anti-social behaviour.

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.

**Resolved:** that the Clerk make a bank transfer to Deborah Services Ltd for £172.98 for the purchase of heavy duty fencing, gate and clips.

5.2 Bank Reconciliation

A copy of the reconciliation for April 2014 was supplied to members.

5.3 GFAPR14/MAAPR14/BESAPR14

Copies of these documents were presented to Members.

6. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> April 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

Members asked that the barrier repairs highlighted in the Risk Assessment are carried out before the start of the new season.

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

Awaiting a reply.

### 8.4 Food Bank at the Ambulance Hall

Councillor Stephens stated an account would be open shortly to pay in the cheques that he has in his possession.

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

Correspondence has been received regarding the use of a mackintosh probe; Watts & Morgan wanted information on the equipment and said that they have no objections to its use as long as it is non-invasive, subject to the landowner approval.

### 8.6 Play Area Hedging

Councillor Williams stated that the shrubs need reducing in size not just cutting back. It was decided that the Chairman and Clerk look at the area and report back to the next meeting.

### 8.7 Oversize Memorial At The Cemetery

The Clerk confirmed that she has now completed the new rules and regulations for the cemetery. Councillor Claridge reported inviting all local memorial masons to a meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May but unfortunately only Griffith Memorials and South Wales Monuments were in attendance. It was suggested that a new cremation area is created and that a bench is installed to delineate the areas and either a cremation wall or area for the scattering of cremated remains. This would allow the height of cremation stones to be brought into line with those allowed by R.C.T. C.B.C. Members asked for more information on the cremation wall and cremated remains area. The Clerk said she would obtain information for the next meeting.

**Resolved:** to create a new area for the interment of cremated remains.

**Resolved:** to create a list of approved monumental masons. Only those monumental masons who agree to abide by the rules and regulations will be allowed to work in Llanharry Cemetery.

The Clerk informed the meeting that a memorial mason has removed a memorial from the Cemetery without informing her and without agreeing to the rules and regulations of the Cemetery. Members instructed the Clerk to inform all Funeral Directors that this memorial mason is not allowed to carry out any work in Llanharry Cemetery.

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

Councillor Stephens reported the following cuts or changes in R.C.T. C.B.C. services:

- Reduction of street lighting between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. in areas it is considered appropriate.
- Closure of swimming pools/Leisure Centre (not Llantrisant).
- Cost of adult services to be brought in line with the private sector.
- Closure of Museums – with the option that community groups can take over the responsibility.
- Reduction in the amount of subsidies for bus travel.
- Reduction in the number of members of RCTCBC planning committee – currently 75 members which will reduce to 18 members.

Councillor Mrs Dilworth asked whether the allegation that the Community Centre was being run down to enable closure was correct? Councillor Stephens stated that was not the case.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

**Resolved:** to note the following correspondence:

Lloyds Bank – Changes to account names.

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service – Fire Cover Review.

Interlink – Community Link, publication.

NALC – Staff Pensions.

PlayWales – Play for Wales, publication.

Welsh Government

Local Government (Wales) Byelaws Act 2012 – Implementation Consultation;  
Governance in Small Public Bodies;

Access to Information on Community and Town Councils;

Mick Antoniwi AM – An Increased Role for Town and Community Councils.

RCTCBC

Standards Committee – Adjudication Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2012-2013

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – The Code of Conduct Casebook;  
Applications for Dispensation to the Standards Committee – Introduction of revised form.

Mark Group – Free cavity and loft insulation.

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Clerks & Councils Direct – publication.

Shelter Cymru – Letter of thanks for S137 Grant and offer to hold a surgery in the Ambulance Hall.

10 Downing Street – Employment Allowance.

SLCC

The Clerk, publication;

Conference for Wales – Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**Councillor Stephens declared an interest in the following item.**

## 11 PLANNING

**Resolved:** to note the following:

Planning lists from 31<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014.

## 12 GRANTS

**Resolved:** not to give a grant to N.S.P.C.C. as they could not definitely confirm that they were helping or had helped any children in Llanharry.

## 13 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

**Noted:** the report of the Internal Auditor.

Members commended the Clerk on the report.

The Clerk drew attention to the Wales Audit Office report – Financial Management and Governance – a copy of which has been given to each member.

## 14 PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2014 FOR CERTIFICATION PRIOR TO AUDIT

**Confirmed:** to certify the Annual Return prior to audit; the Annual Return was then signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

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15 APPROVAL OF THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2014

Resolved: to approve the Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

16 CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUS SHELTER AT THE MEADOW

Two quotations were received from P & P Gardens and Andrew Vowles. Unfortunately the quotation from P & P Gardens was incomplete and did not include an amount.

**Resolved:** to accept the quotation of Andrew Vowles.

17 CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR WORK TO THE PUBLIC AMENITY AREA AT HAZELDENE

Only one quotation was received for the work.

**Resolved:** to accept the quotation of Andrew Vowles.

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 LIGHTING OF THE CHERRY TREE AT TY ISAF FOR CHRISTMAS 2014

Councillor Stephens stated that he would try to get things moving or else it would again be too late to organise.

20 TREE PLANTING

The Chairman, Councillor Owen, stated that he intended to purchase a number of trees with his allowance to be planted in the grass verges to promote a sense of pride in the village, to encourage residents to take responsibility or ownership of their area or street. Members stated that a 5 – 10 year old tree would cost in the region of £50-£100. Councillor Stephens stated that he would be able to get R.C.T. C.B.C. to plant the trees and that he would ask what trees would be the most suitable.

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21 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> June 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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