

# LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER 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; P C PIKE 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

All members were present.

## 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No interests disclosed.

## 4. COMMUNITY POLICING

P.C. Pike reported the crime figures for the month of October as follows:

- Violence against the Person – 2 crimes recorded;
- Burglary – 1 crime recorded;
- Theft/Handling – 4 crimes recorded;
- Criminal Damage – 1 crime recorded.

There were eight instances of anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Williams again complained about parking on the zig-zag lines outside Spar and in the bus stop. P.C. Pike said that he would try to put an operation together to target this.

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Councillor Snook asked whether the Police could issue tickets for dog fouling in the playing field. P.C. Pike replied that they could not and that it was a matter for R.C.T. C.B.C. Councillor Stephens stated that he would put a note in his Diary column.

## 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.

Members agreed to withhold payment of £80 to P & P Gardens for the provision of bedding plants to the beds at Ty Isaf and shrubs at the Cemetery which they believe forms part of the existing grounds maintenance contract.

### 5.2 Bank Reconciliation

A copy of the reconciliation for October was supplied to members.

### 5.3 GFOCT14/MAOCT14/BESOCT14

Copies of these documents were presented to Members.

### 5.4 BANK STATEMENTS

Copies of the bank statements were available for member's perusal.

## 6. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the and monthly Meeting held on 8th October, Audit Committee Meeting held on 14th October and Site Meeting held on 23rd October 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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### Litter Bin/Dog Waste Bins

The Clerk confirmed delivery and that quotations for their installation are to be consider later in the meeting.

### 8.2 Matters at Tylagarw

Flooding - Councillor Owen confirmed that work to clear the drainage ditch has now been completed by Natural Resources Wales.

Trecastell Solar Park – Members reported attending an exhibition on Tuesday, 4th November at Tylagarw Community Centre. It was agreed to send a letter of support for the proposal. Members felt that any financial gain should be paid directly to the ward of Llanharry & Tylagarw rather than being lost in the coffers of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

### 8.3 Ambulance Hall Covenant

Awaiting a reply.

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

Awaiting a reply.

### 8.5 Lighting of the Cherry tree for Christmas 2014

The Council confirmed the action of the Clerk in arranging for the pruning of the cherry tree –which was carried out before the meeting due to the time constraints in getting the work done and the lighting sorted in time for this Christmas. (Those members who were in attendance were told informally at the Site meeting held on 23rd October).

The Clerk distributed copies of emails between her and R.C.T. C.B.C. concerning the pruning of the cherry tree – the matter has now been resolved and the pruning will be completed on Tuesday 18th November. Bryan Morris of R.C.T. C.B.C. will be in attendance. The Clerk also pointed out the email sent from John Spanswick giving permission for the erection of the lighting and fencing but with a disclaimer regarding any liability arising from the installation of lighting and fencing. She confirmed conferring with the Council’s Insurer’s on this matter. Members agreed to accept liability stating that each contractor used had their own public liability and that by erecting security fencing they were showing due diligence. Councillor Stephens suggested that a notice should be attached to the fencing – “Keep Out!”, which was agreed by Members.

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## 8.6 Pedestrian Crossing

To be kept on the agenda.

## 8.7 Llanharry Community Centre

The Clerk has been informed that R.C.T. C.B.C. has inspected the ash tree at the Community Centre and is of the opinion that it does not need removal. Members asked that the Clerk request this in writing in case this matter is brought up again.

Members asked that the Clerk write to the Community Centre's Manager requesting the following information:

- The current members of the Management Committee;
- The last published accounts including a copy of the asset register;
- The date and minutes of the last AGM;
- The date and minutes of the last ordinary meeting;
- Why Special Measures have been enforced.

## 8.8 Consideration of a logo for Llanharry Community Council

The Clerk informed members that the cost of the logo was expected to be around £200 but was dependent on the amount of work going into it. Members were delighted with the design produced but asked to change the colour.

## 8.9 Adoption of the grass verges within the village

Resolved: to defer this matter until the next meeting.

## 8.10 Site Meeting to consider sites for tree planting

The Clerk confirmed that Llanhari Primary School would like some saplings and so would Llanharry and Llansannor Church in Wales School is any were available. Ysgol Llanhari declined as they had successfully applied for their own trees.

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

There were no reports.

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## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

Richard Barret, Keep Wales Tidy – the Clerk confirmed that the four areas needing attention (Hazeldene, Laureldene, Ty Isaf planters and the perimeter of the playing field) had been sorted out and that she had sent the thanks of the Council to both Richard Barrett and Steve Gammon and his team at R.C.T. C.B.C.

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

Natural Resources Wales – Trees in Wales’ Towns & Cities.

NSPCC – Connect, Autumn 2014.

RCTCBC – Council Tax Precepts 2015-2016.

One Voice Wales – AGM, Wed 22nd October.

Ramblers Cymru – Glamorgan Rambler.

Llanharry Senior Citizens Association – Invitation to Christmas Dinner on Thursday, 18th December.

### SLCC

9th Practitioners Conference;  
The Clerk, magazine;  
Conference and Training Programme 2015.  
Clerks & Councils Direct, publication.

## 11 PLANNING

**Resolved:** to note the following:

- Planning lists from 29th September to 24th October 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:-

Llanharry AFC.....£700

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Llanharry Senior Citizens Association.....£400

13 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 the end of the current financial year (March).

14 CONSIDERATION OF THE PROVISION OF KITCHEN FACILITIES AT THE AMBULANCE HALL

Letters have been sent to Howdens Joinery and Leekes regarding this matter but no reply has yet been received.

15 CONSIDERATION OF THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL TOILET FACILITIES AT THE AMBULANCE HALL

A letter has been sent to Leekes regarding this matter but no reply has yet been received.

**The Clerk declared an interest in items 16 and 17.**

16 CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR THE CUTTING OF HAZELDENE/FENCING AT HAZELDENE

(a) Cutting and Raking of the grassed area at Hazeldene.

Two quotations were received from P & P Gardens and Andrew Vowles.

**Resolved:** to award the contract to Andrew Vowles.

Members feel unable to award further work to P & P Gardens until various issues pertaining to the grounds maintenance contract are resolved.

(b) Fencing of the grassed area at Hazeldene

Only one quotation has been received.

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

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17 CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF BINS AT THE PLAYING FIELD.

Only one quotation was received.

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

18 CONFIRMATION OF THE CHANGE OF SEXTON

**Resolved:** to confirm that the new Sexton is Simon Harris Grave Digging Services.

19 CONSIDERATION OF GIVING CHRISTMAS SELECTION BOXES TO PRIMARY PUPILS

The Chairman confirmed that he has purchased selection boxes for the primary pupils of Llanhari Primary School and Ysgol Llanhari.

20 CONSIDERATION OF CHANGING THE NAME OF THE AMBULANCE HALL TO LLANHARRY VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Williams stated that we should exercise caution and that permission should be sought from St John Wales before any decision is made. The Clerk was asked to do so.

21 CONSIDERATION OF THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE COMING YEAR

**Resolved:** to include litter picking of the playing field and multi-use games area; emptying of the bins in both the playing field and play area, cutting of the grassed area and hedges at Hazeldene, area to the far side of Laureldene allotments and the filling and maintenance of the three flower beds to the rear of Ty Isaf to the contract.

**It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders for 15 minutes in order to consider the remaining items on the agenda.**

22 CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS FOR THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR

A number of projects were suggested and the Clerk was asked to produce a list for the next meeting. Members were asked to contact the Clerk if they think of anything they would like to add to the list.

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23 CONSIDERATION OF DOG FOULING AT THE PLAYING FIELD

Members heard at the earlier meeting that dog fouling was a problem and that Llanharry AFC have to inspect and clear the pitch prior to matches being played.

Members discussed further signs around the playing field and hope that the installation of dog waste bins eliminates the problem. Hopefully P.C. Pike will liaise with RCTCBC Street Care and that enforcement officers will visit the area.

Councillor Snook reported one resident who has been observed allowing his dogs to foul and the Clerk has arranged for a warning notice to be sent to him.

24 CONSIDERATION OF FINANCING PONTYCLUN DAY CENTRE

**Resolved:** to refuse the request to finance Pontyclun Day Centre.

25 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Resolved:** the date of the next ordinary meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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