

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER 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; P.C.PIKE; 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

Councillor Stephens – accepted;

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor (Mrs) Dilworth – item 10, Correspondence.
Councillor Owen – item 11, Planning.

4. COMMUNITY POLICING

P.C. Pike and P.C.S.O. Carter attended the meeting

Members complained about traffic speeding along the main road through the village late at night.
P.C. Pike said he would report this to the Traffic Section. P.C.S.O. Carter reported that he has
received a number of complaints regarding traffic speeding on Red Hill at the end of the school day
and that he proposed to be there at that time.

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

- Violence Against the Person – 3 crimes recorded;
- Burglary – 3 crimes recorded;
- Theft/Handling – 3 crimes recorded;

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- Criminal Damage – 5 crimes recorded
- Anti-social behaviour – 5 instances of anti-social behaviour were reported.

PACT Meetings – P.C.S.O. Carter reported that the PACT meetings were restarting at the Café, Ty Isaf at 5.30 pm on Thursday (11th September) and then on 6th November.

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 confirmed the payments for August.

5.2 Bank Reconciliation

Copies of the reconciliations for July and August 2014 were supplied to members.

5.3 GFJUL14/MAJUL14/BESJUL14 /GFAUG14/MAAUG14/BESAUG14

Copies of these documents were presented to Members.

6. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 9th July, Site Meeting of 24th July, Audit Committee Meeting of 30th July and the Site meeting of 30th July 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

Litter Bin

The Clerk confirmed that the issue with locking mechanism on the bin had not been resolved and recommended replacing the bin. A price has been obtained from Broxap Limited which is £248.00 & VAT.

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Resolved: to purchase a new bin and arrange for the removal of the other.

Dog Waste Bins – this is item 16 on the agenda.

Llanharry AFC

The Clerk reported that she is receiving fixture lists from the Chairman, Gareth Williams and that these are being forwarded to Councillor Stephens (Community Centre) and to R.C.T. C.B.C. (cutting and marking of the pitch) for their information. She also reported an instance of an individual making a request through Councillor Stephens for the pitch to be cut the day before an unscheduled match.

8.2 Matters at Tylagarw

The Clerk has received confirmation from Natural Resources Wales that the work will be added to their programme of work to be carried out this autumn.

8.3 Ambulance Hall Covenant

Awaiting a reply.

8.4 Food Bank at the Ambulance Hall

The Food Bank has been removed from the Ambulance Hall.

Resolved: to ask Councillor Stephens and Councillor Snook to return their key to the Clerk.

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

A letter was posted on 18th August but still no reply has been received.

8.6 Lighting of the Cherry tree for Christmas 2014

The Clerk confirmed that she had tried to contact Mike Stephens of Centregreat regarding this matter but had been unsuccessful to date.

8.7 Pedestrian Crossing

R.C. T. C.B.C. has requested further information regarding the proposed position of the crossing.

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8.8 Llanharry Community Centre

The Clerk reported a telephone conversation with the Community Centre’s Manager Mr. Rino De Benedictis – who stated that Llanharry Community Centre was operating under special measures at the moment and for the foreseeable future. Any issues regarding the community centre and applications to join the management committee should be addressed to him directly. Members asked that the Clerk request Mr. De Benedictis puts this in writing.

8.9 Consideration of a logo for Llanharry Community Council

Members approved the logo produced to date.

8.10 Adoption of the grass verges within the village

Resolved: to defer this matter until the next meeting.

8.11 Possible sites for tree planting in the village

The Clerk reported correspondence from R.C.T. C.B.C. Corporate Estates which clearly states that planting of any description would not be allowed at Ty Isaf as they are “highway” verges. Members asked whether the Clerk had written to R.C.T. C.B.C. The Clerk stated that she had not as the planting sites within the village had not been definitely decided upon. Members asked that the Clerk request a site meeting with Corporate Estates to ascertain where planting of trees and bulbs would be considered.

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

There were no reports.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved: to note the following correspondence:

Welsh Government

Devolution, Democracy and Delivery – White Paper – Reforming Local Government;
Welsh National Marine Plan.

Clerks and Councils Direct – publication, July & September.

PlayWales – Play for Wales, publication

One Voice Wales

2014 Conference & AGM;
2014 Training programme.

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Dogs Trust – Canine Care Card Scheme.

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places within the Parliamentary Boundary of Rhondda Cynon Taf;
Corporate Plan

County Borough Councillor Andrew Morgan, Leader of the Council – Sustaining Community Services.

Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation – CISWO Schemes of Benefit.

Change Step – Peer mentoring project for military veterans.

The Ramblers – Walk, magazine.

SLCC

Notice of AGM;
The Clerk, publication.

ICCM

The Journal, publication;
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014;
AGM.

Wales Audit Office – redistribution of reserves.

Councillor (Mrs) Dilworth declared an interest in the following correspondence.

Mr John Dilworth – re photograph of Councillor Stephens in notice boards and on website. Members agreed with Mr Dilworth that it could be misleading and asked the Clerk to replace the photograph of Councillor Stephens to one in which he is not wearing his chain of office for his position of Deputy Mayor of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Councils.

Councillor Owen declared an interest in a planning application.

11 PLANNING

Resolved: to note the following:

- Planning lists from 30th June 2014 to 29th August 2014
- Correspondence

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council: Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995:

14/0893/13 – Development of Site to provide up to 80 dwellings with associated infrastructure (Outline).

Location: Elms Farm, Off Stryd Silurian, Llanharry.

14/0570/10 Detached dwelling – approval of minor “as built” changes in architectural details – Plot to rear of 1-3 Ffordd Helygen, Elms Farm, Llanharry – a decision has now been made to grant permission.

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

14/1128/15 – Variation of Condition 2 and removal of Conditions 47,48 & 49 of planning permission 12/1102/10 to allow minor alterations to the approved plans comprising a reduction in net sales area, internal and external alterations to the approved store and alterations to the layout of plant within the service yard – Sainsbury’s Supermarkets Ltd, Land South of A473, Talbot Green.

12 GRANTS

The Clerk asked that the application from Llanharry Community Centre Management Committee be deferred until the next meeting as all the information has yet to be received.

Members denied this request, stating that as special measures are in force they felt it would not be prudent to consider giving a grant at this time. They stated that they would be willing to consider a future application when the special measures are no longer in force and when an annual general meeting has been held and financial statements are available. They felt it was essential that any organisation that is given financial assistance must be seen to be accountable and transparent to the community it serves.

13 CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED AUDIT CERTIFICATE AND OPINION OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Resolved: to note the proposed audit certificate and Auditor’s opinion.

14 APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014

Resolved: to approve and certify the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2014.

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15 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 for another month.

16 CONFIRMATION OF THE PURCHASE OF DOG WASTE BINS FOR THE PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk reported that the price of purchasing dog waste bins through R.C.T. C.B.C. is £170 each and the cost direct from Broxap is £145.

Resolved: to purchase three dog waste bins from Broxap.

17 CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER PLANTING IN THE PLAY AREA

It was agreed to consider this matter once the Rowan tree has been purchased.

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

The Clerk was asked to obtain a rough costing of providing a basic kitchen in the bottom corner of the Ambulance Hall.

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

The Clerk was asked to obtain a rough costing of providing gents toilet in the storage room of the Ambulance Hall.

20 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 8th October 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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