

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.15 P.M. AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE, LLANHARRY.

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: I CLARIDGE (CHAIRMAN); MRS P CLARIDGE; B STEPHENS; M THOMAS; R WILLIAMS; V WILLIAMS; P.C. D 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

Councillor Snook – accepted.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Stephens – Planning, item 11.

Mrs G Lewis – Review of Wages, item 15; Quotations, items 20 & 21.

4. COMMUNITY POLICING

P.C. Pike reported that there were three reported crimes for the month of August:

Violence against the Person – 2 crimes recorded;

Burglary – 1 crime recorded.

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There were also 8 instances of Antisocial Behaviour.

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

5.1 Payment of Accounts

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Members confirmed the payments for August.

Resolved: To make payment of all accounts presented, as per the list attached to the minutes.

5.2 Bank Reconciliation

Copies of the reconciliations for July and August were presented to Members.

5.3 GFJUL13/MAJUL13/BESJUL13 & GFAUG13/MAAUG13/BESAUG13

Copies of these documents were presented to Members.

6. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 10th July 2013 and the Site Meeting of 15th July were confirmed.

7. SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

8. MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Playing Field/AFC Matters

Fixture lists for October have been received and forwarded to R.C.T. C.B.C. Councillor Stephens asked for a copy to be forwarded to him.

8.2 Matters at Tylagarw

Correspondence has been received from Natural Resources Wales stating that the responsibility for the drains is not theirs and is most likely that of R.C.T. C.B.C.

8.3 Ambulance Hall Covenant

The Clerk was asked to chase up a reply on this matter.

8.4 Graffiti Art

To be arranged with Bradley Woods and Bob Meier now the Youth Club has started back.

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8.5 Cleaning of the boundary wall of Appletree Close.

Councillor Thomas confirmed that this has now been carried out by Rhondda Housing Association.

8.6 Keeping chickens on an allotment

At the Site meeting held on 15th July one member observed three large rats on the allotment with chickens. This has been reported to R.C.T. C.B.C. Pest Control who have visited twice to date.

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

No reports.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

ICCM

AGM 2013,
The Journal, Autumn issue.

Vale of Glamorgan Council – Local Development Plan 2011 – 2026 Revised Delivery Agreement.

Community Health Council – seeking additional members.

RCTCBC – Community Boundary and Electoral Arrangements Review – Invitation to Contribute.

Natural Resources Wales – Draft map of open country and registered common land – consultation.

One Voice Wales – Training programme September to December 2013.

PlayWales – Play for Wales, issue 40, Summer 2013.

Sandra Phelps – bus service to Cowbridge Comprehensive School from Llanharry – copy forwarded to Councillor Stephens.

Welsh Government

Consultation of the proposed Designated Persons Order;
Expert Group on Local Government Diversity – Call for Evidence.

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Clerks & Councils Direct, monthly publication,
Notice of AGM.

Councillor Stephens declared an interest in the following item.

11 PLANNING

The following were noted:

11.1 Planning lists from: 1st July– 23rd August 2013

11.2 Correspondence - Rhonda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Town & Country Planning Act 1990; Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995:

- Ref: 13/0538/10
Proposal: Retrospective consent for access track and proposed stables.
Location: Land off Rhyd Y Castell, Llanharry Road. CF72 9UP
- Ref: 13/0662/10
Proposal: Erection of stables.
Location: Plots 1 & 2, Llanharry Road, Llanharan. CF72 9RN.
- Ref: 13/0664/10
Proposal: Erection of a Day Room.
Location: Plots 1 & 2, Llanharry Road, Llanharan. CF72 9RN

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.....£500

13 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

The Clerk reported that the external audit has been concluded and that there are no issues arising; no matters to which they wish to draw the Council's attention and they have not identified any misstatements that require correction.

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Members expressed their appreciation for the work of the Clerk.

14 APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

Resolved: to formally approve the Annual Return for the ended 31 March 2013.

The Chairman signed section 3 of the Annual Return in accordance with section 9 of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2002(amended).

The Clerk declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting.

15 REVIEW OF WAGES

Resolved: to accept the 2013/2014 pay award for local council clerks with effect from 1st April 2013.

Resolved: to increase the level of remuneration of the Clerk to SCP23 from the 1st April 2014.

(Proposed: BS, Seconded: IC. Vote: 5 For, 1 Against. Councillor V Williams asked that his objection to this proposal is included in the minutes).

The Clerk rejoined the meeting.

16 CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OF SIGNS FOR THE PLAYING FIELD AND CEMETERY

Resolved: to purchase two signs for the playing field and one for the Cemetery from R.C.T. C.B.C. at a cost of £1165 (supply and fit). Members agreed that this could be funded from the surplus in the budget from the painting projects.

17 CONSIDERATION OF A PLAY AREA FOR TYLAGARW

Resolved: to defer this item until the October meeting due to the absence of Councillor Owen.

18 CONSIDERATION OF HOLDING A FOOD BANK IN THE AMBULANCE HALL

Resolved: to agree to hold a Food Bank at the Ambulance Hall subject to obtaining more information.

19 FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE PATHWAY THROUGH THE PLAYING FIELD TO THE FOX AND HOUNDS PUBLIC HOUSE

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Resolved: to hold a Site Meeting on Tuesday, 8th October 2013 at 7p.m. All members are urged to attend in order that a decision can be made on this contentious item.

The Clerk declared an interest in the following two items and left the meeting.

20 CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR CLEARING LAND AT HAZELDENE

Two quotations were received from W Lewis and A Vowles.

Resolved: to accept the lowest quote, that of W Lewis.

No reply was received from P&P Gardens and C D Liley Ltd.

21 CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR FENCING AT HAZELDENE

Two quotations were received from W Lewis and A Vowles.

Resolved: to accept the lowest quote, that of A Vowles.

No reply was received from P&P Gardens and C D Liley Ltd.

The Clerk rejoined the meeting.

22 CONSIDERATION OF THE PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL TRADE WASTE BIN AT THE CEMETERY

The Clerk confirmed that a number of missed collections had resulted in a build-up of waste during the period when residential waste transferred from weekly to fortnightly collections but that it had been cleared and that a bigger bin, was not needed at the moment, in her opinion.

23 CONSIDERATION OF THE LITTER PICKING & REMOVAL OF RUBBISH FROM THE PLAYING FIELD & PLAY AREA

The Clerk informed members that the litter picking of the playing field and the emptying of the bins by R.C.T. C.B.C. suddenly stopped at the end of July and since then with the agreement of the Chairman and Councillor Mrs Claridge she had engaged the Grounds Maintenance to carry out these duties.

Councillor Stephens asked whether the Clerk had received formal notice of the cessation of this service. She confirmed that she has not. Councillor Stephens asked that this matter be deferred until the next meeting to allow him to obtain more information

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24 CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING THE ERECTION OF AN 8" X 10" COMMUNAL GREENHOUSE AT FFOREST ROAD ALLOTMENTS

This item was withdrawn by Councillor Thomas.

25 CONSIDERATION OF THE ERECTION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE CHERRY TREE AT TY ISAF

Resolved: to seek permission from RCTCBC to commission Centregreat to carry out the necessary work from the nearest lighting column to the base of the cherry tree. Members agreed that this was to be funded from the surplus from the painting projects.

26 CONSIDERATION OF HOW BEST TO UTILISE THE FUNDING FOR THE WELSH GOVERNMENT FOR THE CREATION/IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITES

Councillor Claridge and Councillor Stephens both stated that they had knowledge of setting up a website or had contacts that have. The Clerk informed members that she has no experience in this matter.

27 CONSIDERATION OF THE PLAY AREA QUARTERLY INSPECTION REPORT

Resolved: to purchase a new chain link and seat assembly for the cableway.

28 CONSIDERATION OF THE SSE CONTRACT RENEWAL OFFER FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO THE AMBULANCE HALL

The Clerk was asked to look at the cost of electricity from other suppliers.

29 CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM WATTS & MORGAN REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF LAND TO EXTEND THE CEMETERY

The Clerk was instructed to ask Watts & Morgan for an estimate of how much they would expect to charge for Valuer's fees to inspect the field should they wish to proceed with digging test holes.

30 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 9th October 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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