

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH
DECEMBER, 2018 AT 7.15p.m. AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE, LLANHARRY

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: I CLARIDGE (CHAIR); P CLARIDGE; E COATES; J DILWORTH; D SNOOK AND
G LEWIS (CLERK).

1. ELECTION OF MEMBER TO PRESIDE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Vice-Chair presided over the meeting due to the absence of the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Evans; Councillor Owen; Councillor Parsons & Councillor Thomas - accepted.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Coates declared an interest in item 13, Grants.
The Clerk declared an interest in items 15 & 16, Quotations.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were in attendance.

5. COMMUNITY POLICING

P.C.S.O. Phelps sent his apologies that he could not attend the meeting as he was on a rest day.

PACT Meeting – Tuesday 18th December, 6.30pm at the Ambulance Hall, Birchgrove.

Crime Reports:

10th October to 14th November:

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Anti Social Behaviour – 3 Accounts

Burglary – 2 Accounts

Damage – 2 Accounts

Theft and Handling – 1 Account

Drugs – 1 account

54 Calls were made to Police between Oct 10th 2018 and Nov 14th 2018.

Nov 14th 2018 to Dec 6th 2018:

Anti Social Behaviour – 1 Account

Burglary – 1 Accounts

Theft and Handling – 1 Account

Drugs – 1 account

22 Calls were made to Police between Nov 14th 2018 and Dec 06th 2018.

Speed monitoring Tyla Coch, Llanharry

We have finally completed the speed survey at the above location for you. The survey was conducted near to the junction with Llys Joseph. A summary of the data is below;

Total No. of Vehicles Surveyed – 30,848

Date of Survey – 16-23 Nov 18

Average Speed – 27mph

85th Speed Percentile – 32mph

Within the last 3 year period, there has been 1 x slight collision on Llanharry Rd between the junctions with Sycamore Rd and Forest Rd.

Unfortunately, as the average speed falls below the posted speed limit and the 85th speed percentile falls below the prosecution threshold of 35mph, the site does not meet the criteria for enforcement.

6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

6.1 Payment of Accounts

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Resolved: to make payment of all the accounts listed below:

TalkTalk Business	Telephone & broadband	57.54
Wages	December	1037.00
HMRC	Tax & NI December	130.02
Office Rental	December	100.00
P & P Gardens	Grounds Maintenance-General/Cemetery/Church	1000.00
Marcon Services	Grounds Maintenance - Playing field	510.00
RCTCBC	Ambulance Hall Rates	134.00
RCTCBC	Trade Waste - Cemetery	43.02
Wales Audit Office	2017/18 Audit of Accounts	301.50
SSE/SWALEC	Ambulance Hall Electricity	26.10
Urban Recreation Ltd	November Inspection	54.00
Andrew Vowles	Installation of stanchions/Base & bench	1040.00
Urban Recreation Ltd	Inclusive roundabout	6780.00

6.2 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: to accept the bank reconciliation for November

6.3 GFNOV18/BESNOV18

Resolved: to accept the GF Sheets and Budget Estimate for November.

6.4 Bank Statements

Original bank statements were available for inspection.

7. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Audit Meeting and Monthly Meeting held on 14th November were confirmed.

8. SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings were duly signed by the Chair.

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9. MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Playing Field/AFC Matters

AFC

Fixture lists for December have been received by the Clerk.

9.2 Matters at Tylagarw

Councillor Dilworth reported flooding of the gardens in Coed Mieri from the Nant Melyn river, which she asked is reported to Natural Resources Wales.

9.3 Purchase of seats

Still awaiting the lease.

9.4 Planning Applications at Laureldene & Hazeldene

To be kept on the agenda.

9.5 Items for the newsletter.

To be kept on the agenda.

9.6 Consideration Of The Re-Siting Of The “Welcome To Llanharry” Sign

To be kept on the agenda.

9.7 Consideration Of The “Twinning” Of Llanharry

Councillor Coates informed members that Twin Towns UK has now ended but that a new initiative “Towards A Common Chapter” is to commence. She is awaiting further information as it is at the very early stages but links communities with those in Ireland.

9.8 Review of Electoral Arrangements by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales

To be kept on the agenda.

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9.9 Consideration of the erection of stanchions at the Play Area for Christmas Lighting

The Clerk informed members that she had requested icicle light strings from Centregreat but was awaiting a reply regarding availability.

9.10 Provision of dog bag dispensers.

The Clerk has looked at various suppliers and is awaiting information from Wybone on their dispenser which dispenses one bag at a time as opposed to many dispensers which dispense their bags from a roll which could result in wastage.

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

No reports.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved: to note the following correspondence:

SLCC

Practitioners' Conference - 14th & 15th February 2019;

Employment Briefing E02-18 | 2018-2019 National Salary Award

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new pay scales for 2019-2020 to be implemented from 1 April 2019. The attached Annex lists the new pay scales for clerks and other employees employed under the terms of the model contract including SCPs 50 and above. These calculations have been checked by the ALCC and are based on the changes agreed by the NJC. These should be applied from 1 April 2019. Due to the introduction of the national living wage, the NJC agreement includes the introduction of a new pay spine on 1 April 2019 and the attachment translates the existing spinal column points and scale ranges used in the sector to the new scales.

Resolved: to hold a special meeting to discuss this matter on 9th January at 6.30 p.m.

Welsh Government

Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972

Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2019-20

This is to notify you that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2019-20 is £8.12.

Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the

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expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2019-20 will be £8.12 per elector.

For the financial year 2019-20, the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4) is calculated by applying the formula set out in Schedule 12B to the 1972 Act.

The Retail Price Index increased by 3.3% between September 2017 and September 2018. This means that, by application of the formula, the maximum sum for 2019-20 increases from £7.86 to £8.12 per elector.

Yours sincerely

Local Government Finance & Workforce Partnerships Division

One Voice Wales

Module 8 - Introduction to Community Engagement training – Pontypool - 4th December

Training Schedule, January to March 2019:

14/01/19, Bridgend - Module 10 - Chairing Skills
17/01/19, Barry - Module 17 - Making Effective Grant Applications
22/01/19, Pontypool - Module 4 - Understanding the Law
23/01/19, Usk - Module 12 - Community/Place Planning
24/01/19, Cowbridge - Module 6 - Local Government Finance
06/02/19, Barry - Module 8 - Introduction to Community Engagement
06/02/19, Swansea - Module 12 - Community/Place Planning
07/02/19, Bridgend - Module 22 - Mediation & Conciliation
11/02/19, Caldicot - Module 15 - Information Management
14/02/19, Cowbridge - Module 16 - Use of IT, Websites & Social Media
19/02/19, Bedwas - Module 22 - Mediation & Conciliation
20/02/19, Usk - Module 19 - Devolution of Services / Community Asset Transfer
26/02/19, Pontypool - Module 13 - Community Engagement Part II
27/02/19, Bridgend - Module 5 - The Council Meeting
28/02/19, Neath - Module 21 - ADVANCED Local Government Finance
07/03/19, Usk - Module 16 - Use of IT, Websites & Social Media
13/03/19, Barry - Module 16 - Use of IT, Websites & Social Media
14/03/19, Cowbridge - Module 19 - Devolution of Services / Community Asset Transfer
19/03/19, Bedwas - Module 21 - ADVANCED Local Government Finance
20/03/19, Bridgend - Module 9 - Code of Conduct
21/03/19, Neath - Module 18 - Effective Staff Management
25/03/19, Caldicot - Module 6 - Local Government Finance
25/03/19, Swansea - Module 20 - Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015/Sustainability

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Allotment & Recreation Ground Charity, Ystradowen – correspondence relating to Councillor Claridge’s resignation as a trustee and requested copy of constitution.

12. PLANNING

Resolved: to note the following:

12.1 Planning lists

From 29th October to 2nd December.

12.2 Planning Correspondence

Correspondence from RCTCBC:

18/1301/10 - Demolish existing conservatory and garage and construct new two storey extension to side and rear, with single storey to rear, new shed to side and additional parking space to front - The Lea, 4 Llwyn Onn, Tyle Garw, Pontyclun, CF72 9ET.

18/1224/10 – Proposed construction of a garage and hobbies workshop at rear – 6 Ashgrove, Llanharry.

18/1255/10 – Outbuilding for 6 chickens – Woodside, Fforest Road, Llanharry

18/1280/10 – To over-sheet the pitched metal roof coverings to the warehouse are of Unit E1 – Unit E1, Coed Cae Industrial Estate, Talbot Green, Pontyclun.

18/1306/10 – To over-sheet the pitched metal roof coverings to the warehouse area of Units H1 & H2 – Units H1 & H2, Coed Cae Industrial Estate, Talbot Green, Pontyclun.

Correspondence from WYG:

This pre-application consultation relates to the intention of Rhondda Housing Association to submit to the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council a full planning application relating to the demolition of the existing building and erection of 22 affordable residential homes, access arrangements, car parking, landscaping and associated ancillary works.

Resolved: that an objection to the application is submitted to WYG.

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Councillor Coates declared an interest in the following application and left the meeting.

13. GRANTS

The Clerk was asked to request further information from 2nd Pontyclun Guides to enable consideration of the application.

Councillor Coates rejoined the meeting.

14. CONSIDERATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT LITTER PICK

To be kept on the agenda.

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

15. CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS FOR THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2019-2020

Quotations were received from P&P Gardens, Marcon Services, Andrew Vowles Landscaping and J A Landscape Services.

Resolved: to accept the lowest quotation, that of Marcon Services .

16. CONSIDERATION OF THE CEMETERY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2019-2020

Quotations were received from P&P Gardens, Marcon Services, Andrew Vowles Landscaping , J A Landscape Services BM James Grounds Maintenance & Grave Digging Services.

Resolved: to accept the lowest quotation, that of Marcon Services.

The Clerk rejoined the meeting.

17. CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS 2019-2020

A list of possible projects was compiled for consideration and will be referred to the January meeting when a decision will be made.

18. CONSIDERATION OF THE PRECEPT FOR 2019-2020

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The Clerk informed members of the tax base for the precept. A decision on this matter will be made in January when detailed figures will be available.

19. CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION OF A TRUSTEE FOR THE ALLOTMENT AND RECREATION GROUND CHARITY, YSTRADOWEN

Resolved: that the Chairman, Councillor Owen, is elected as the council’s trustee.

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

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting is confirmed as Wednesday 9th January 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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