

**Minutes of a meeting of Laleston Community Council
Held at the Blandy Hall – 15th April 2010**

Present: Councillors T Berrow, P Claridge, Mrs B Davies, Mrs C Faulkner P Faulkner, Mrs C Green, T Green, E Hughes, Mrs B McLeer and S Sloan.

Cllr Mrs C Green in the Chair.

10/27 Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Mrs P Davies, R Green and Major W Morgan MBE.

10/28 Minutes

It was resolved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be signed as a true record of the meeting.

10/29 Matters arising from the Minutes and not incl. in agenda.

10/15, 10/19: Rhosla Lane – reply letter from BCBC confirmed that temporary repairs had been completed and the lane re-opened. Permanent repairs were due to be undertaken in the near future.

10/20: Winter Service Grit Bins – Councillors nominated the following four sites but decided to allow a further month for other sites to be put forward for consideration –

- Merlin Crescent junction with Barnes Avenue
- Nant Ffornwg
- Entrance to Bryntirion Comprehensive School
- Road rising to St David's Church, Laleston

10/22: Cefn Glas Teenager Project – the Clerk confirmed that he had delivered 'Information / Consultative' letters to residents adjoining and within sight of the proposed open space at Cefn Glas. As yet only one objection had been received ie., from Mr & Mrs P Owen of Wordsworth Avenue. It was resolved to allow a further month for residents to express their views.

10/30 Correspondence

Council acknowledged receipt of the under-mentioned correspondence –

Home-Start Bridgend - letter of thanks for grant

Ombudsman - Leaflets 'Want to complain about a Public Body?'

Play for Wales - Issue 31.

Mazars - notification of Audit for 2009/10

BCBC - reply letter re water holding at junction Bryngolau / Llangewydd Road – letter confirmed that the site had been examined and that an additional gully would be constructed as soon as practicable.

Draft SPG16 – Educational Facilities + residential development.

10/31 Accounts and Grants.

It was resolved that the under-mentioned accounts be passed for payment –

Aon Ltd	-	insurance annual fees	1,556.07
Blandy Trust	-	water rates and rent	139.12
BCBC	-	bus shelter at Ffordd Tirion	3,152.08
	-	litter bins	1,801.28
TL-R refunds-		postage and cartridge refill	43.81

Resolved that the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 and 139 of the LG Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure –

Bryntirion AFC: requested grant aid in order to have the opportunity to gain extra funding in the sum of £20,000 from the Sports Council for Wales 'Ground Development Scheme'. If successful the funding would be used to develop the area between the two main pitches into a designated training area.

Cllr E Hughes moved a motion that a grant of £2,000 be given; this was seconded by Cllr Mrs C Faulkner. Cllr Mrs B Davies moved an amendment to the motion that the sum of £5,000 be awarded on condition that the monies be returned to the Council if the application to the Sports Council of Wales be not successful. Cllr S Sloan seconded the amendment. Following a show of hands the amendment was carried 5 votes to three votes [2 abstentions].

£5,000

Police Schools Liaison Youth Activities: resolved to make an additional grant of £250 but that the Police be asked to monitor the number of participants from schools within this community area.

£250

10/32 Councillors Reports and Observations.

Potholes: Cllr S Sloan gave notice that he would present a report on the state of the roads throughout the community, especially with regard to potholes.

'A' sign Advertising: Cllr T Berrow objected to the advertizing 'A' sign situated in the layby on the A48 near the Broadlands roundabout. Clerk to check and report to Highways Department as appropriate.

MUGA Management meeting: Cllr T Green reported that the MUGA Group had met and were very pleased with the provision. It had been agreed that –

- The tennis nets be left up throughout the summer
- A booking be accepted on a regular basis for local lads 5 aside soccer
- The policy of closing each evening be relaxed and that the situation be monitored.

Cllr T Green requested that notices be erected at the MUGA prohibiting dogs, swearing and consumption of chewing gum within the MUGA – some children deposited remains of gum on floor of MUGA. He requested also the supply and erection of a largish waste bin. Clerk to arrange and obtain costs of a spare tennis net.

Boules Match: Following a request from Cllr Mrs B McLeer, Clerk agreed to arrange Boules match with Bridgend town Council.

Laleston Cemetery Tap: Cllr Mrs C Faulkner reported that the public tap needed attention – Clerk to report to BCBC.

Road damage at junction of Merlin Crescent and Tennyson Drive, Cefn Glas: Cllr P Faulkner drew attention to the continuing deterioration of the surface at this road junction. Clerk to remind BCBC of this problem.

Bilingual Street Name Signs: Cllr P Faulkner reported a complaint from a local resident that the street signs in Llangewydd court were not bilingual. Cllr Mrs C Green explained that BCBC policy had changed recently and the practice of providing replacement signs in bilingual form had ceased.

Bryngolau 'first impressions': Cllr P Faulkner reported a further complaint from a local resident with regard to the poor first impression given to visitors to Cefn Glas, Bryntirion and Llangewydd Court when travelling through Bryngolau – especially the parking of cars on grass verges and the inevitable destruct of the verge. Clerk to write to BCBC and provide a copy of the reply to Cllr Faulkner.

Wheelie Bins trial: the Clerk delivered a complaint from Cllr Mrs P Davies, who was upset that no public consultation had been undertaken with regard

to the effectiveness of the trial of wheelie bins [in Broadlands] prior to awarding the recent 7 year Waste collection contract. The Council were in agreement and instructed Clerk to write a letter of concern to BCBC even though the situation was 'fait accompli'.

10/33 Keep RAF Chivenor open.

Council resolved to support the campaign to keep this emergency provision open as a guardian for the South Wales valleys and coastal communities.

10/34 Review of Councillors' Allowances Regulations.

It was resolved that the Clerk complete the 'response to questions' on behalf of the Council.

10/35 Planning Applications

Resolved that no objections be raised to the under-mentioned applications –

P/10/189 Relax standard condition of consent P/05/269 to permit the period of approval for a further five years – Great House Hotel, Laleston

P/10/217 Pitched roof and rear extension to existing garage – 7 Ffordd y Dderwen, Broadlands.

P/10/218 Convert half of double integral garage into habitable room, replace one garage door with bay window. – 3 Rhodfa Mes, Broadlands.

P/10/255 Two storey extension at 29 Well Street, Laleston

Signed Chairman

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.