

**Minutes of a meeting of Laleston Community Council held at
Blandy Hall – Thursday, 17th February 2011.**

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

Cllr E Hughes in the Chair

11/13 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

11/14 General Public

The Chairman suspended the meeting to receive representations from residents of Shakespeare Avenue and Wordsworth Avenue [five in total], with regard to the proposal to install playground equipment on the open green space.

The residents, in attendance, did not wish for the project to proceed and some complained that they had not received notice of the Planning Application [Dec 2010] nor the original Consultative letter in April 2010. The Clerk confirmed that he had visited each house/bungalow overlooking the proposed site and had personally delivered the Consultative letter.

11/15 Wordsworth Avenue Project.

Following the return to the meeting, the Council discussed the way forward. Cllr Mrs C Green stated that if the project went ahead, the Council would monitor and review the usage and possible levels of nuisance/disturbance to residents.

Cllr Major W Morgan moved that the project proceed as planned. The motion was seconded by Cllr Mrs B McLeer. There was no amendment to the motion which was carried.

11/16 Minutes

It was resolved that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of the January meeting.

11/17 Matters arising from the Minutes and not on Agenda.

11/3, 10/106[iii] Lack of pavement at Rogers Lane: Clerk read reply letter from BCBC which confirmed that the junction had been added to the schedule for regular hazarding in order to maintain the vision splay. Cllr E Hughes argued the need to install some form of a reflector to remind motorists. However it was decided to defer further discussion until such time as a review had been undertaken of the effectiveness of the proposed road hatching and warning signs to be installed by BCBC.

11/6[i] May Gurney Recycling of Waste: Clerk read a reply letter from BCBC Waste Services Manager who explained that

'... two man crews were the crew size agreed in the tender with May Gurney. This method of operation is more efficient than three man crews, a fact which has been evidenced by increased productivity over recent months ... it is neither desirable nor practical to introduce three man crews.'

Council discussed this at length and were unhappy with Health and Safety issues and unsafe working practices. It was agreed to reply to the letter with a copy to be forwarded to the local PACT Police meeting.

11/6[iii] Pot holes at Longfellow Drive: letter from BCBC confirmed that these would be repaired.

11/7 Broadlands Underpass Graffiti: Clerk confirmed that the paint had been purchased and handed over to the Reparation Team. He was told that the repainting would be undertaken very soon. There should be enough left over to cover any further episodes of graffiti at this site.

11/10 Broadlands Western Loop Road: Clerk confirmed that BCBC Officer had agreed to review the naming of the inner and outer western loop roads for Broadlands

11/18 Accounts and Grants

It was resolved that the under-mentioned receipts be noted and the invoices be passed for payment –

Receipts

Allotment rents	365.00
Whist group rents	15.00
Stitchers club rents	120.00

Invoices

J B Joyce - clock deposit paid	935.00
Blandy Trust – insurance	428.66
Welsh Water – allotments	62.65
Denzil John – chipper expenses	211.00
TL-R refunds- Swalec £89.46	
Wicks paint £145.45 postage £7.68	242.59

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.

Bridgend and County Borough Veterans -	£1,000
Maesteg Animal Welfare	- £500

11/19 Correspondence

Council noted receipt of the under-mentioned correspondence –

BCBC - Members Code of Conduct – training day – 28th March 2011. Training to be held at the Council Chamber. Cllrs P Claridge and Major W Morgan wished to attend.

Consultation responses from T&C Councils on planning apps.

Town and Community Council Forum – 2nd March at 4pm.

Waste Bin at Laleston MUGA

Maes yr Eirlys – No playing of ball games signs.

Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM – proposed Skateboard Park at Shakespeare Avenue, Cefn Glas. Clerk replied that he had replied to the letter and had hopefully clarified the misconception.

St David's Church Social Committee – Annual Fete 16th July 2011 – approved.

Mrs Mary Issac – application for use of Blandy Hall by Laleston Book Club – approved.

Web Server Statistics for Laleston Community – Clerk read out a summary of statistics for 12 months to 31st January 2011 and Council were pleased to note that there were 17,276 successful requests [hits] for information – busiest month was May 2010 when there were 324 requests for pages.

Kidney Wales Foundation – Walk for Life – Sunday March 27th.

Neil Robinson – New table tennis table for Blandy Hall? – Council decided to place request on agenda for the next meeting.

11/20 Allotments

Clerk reported that allotment rents had been collected and only one whole and one half allotment plots had been re-allocated over the New Year period. Council expressed thanks to allotment holders for work undertaken on hedges and approved the supply of another skip to remove heavy rubbish from inner car park.

11/21 Christmas Festive Lighting

Clerk confirmed that, together with Mr C Blackshaw of BCBC Lighting, he had visited the site of Cherry tree in grassed area in front of St David's Church to ascertain options for Christmas festive lighting.

Cheapest estimate and easiest option appeared to be extending lighting supply from nearest standard and decorating the large tree with 10-12 sets of LED lights [ball park figure of approx £1,500 plus supply of electricity] – lights to remain the property of Laleston CC.

Mr Blackshaw suggested that if Council wished to purchase an actual Christmas tree, then Civic Trees offer rooted trees at a cost of between £2,000 and £4,000, Depending upon height. The Council decided to trial the lighting of the Cherry Tree with LED lights for Christmas 2011.

11/22 Change in Catchment Area for Trelales Primary School and need for Community Footway.

Cllr Mrs C Green explained that BCBC were faced with overcrowding at Ysgol Yr Haul at Broadlands and the need to redraw catchment area to allow for overspill to be accommodated at Trelales Primary School. The actual re-adjustment seemed to depend on the availability of monies to construct a new lighted footway / pavement along the old Caeau Gleision [Gipsy] Lane – estimated costs in the region of £60,000.

Council discussed the situation at length with varying opinions. However it was acknowledged that such a footway would be to the benefit of local residents as it would provide an easier link to all the facilities within Laleston.

Council decided, in principle, to consider financial support towards the construction of the footway and that Cllr Mrs Green was asked to commence discussions with Members of BCBC Cabinet.

11/23 Reports and Complaints

[i] Pot holes: Cllr T Berrow reported pot holes at various locations

- Milton Drive – near bridge
- Byron Avenue, outside number 1
- Islington Drive – towards bottom of road.

[ii] Hedgerow near cycle path / Llywn Castan: Cllr Mrs B Davies drew attention to the condition of the hedgerow at this site. It is in need of layering to preserve structure otherwise it will become too tall and spindly. Clerk to visit site and liaise with Messrs Llanmor Homes.

[iii] Sunken manhole cover on outer western loop road, Broadlands: Cllr Major W Morgan reported a sunken manhole cover probably caused by heavy lorries at the Cae Gleision estate. Clerk to check and write to Charles Church.

[iv] Muddy roadway at Carreg Llwyd – Llys Fitzhammon: Cllr Mrs P Davies reported unsatisfactory clearance of mud from roadway due to construction of Llys Fitzhammon. Clerk to liaise with Llanmor Homes Ltd.

11/24 Planning Applications.

Cllr E Hughes declared an interest and departed from Chair and meeting. Cllr M Major W Morgan took over the Chair.

Council noted receipt of the under-mentioned applications and decided to make no objections.

P/11/54 two storey and single storey extension and boundary wall to northern cartilage of the plot – 8 Nant y Wennol, Broadlands.

P/11/68 extension for new chapel and vestry, convert ext chapel to foyer and hall to W/C / kitchen and demolish rear W /C – Bethel Chapel, High Street, Laleston.

P/11/97 conversion of integral garage to habitable room – 73 Llys Pentre. Broadlands.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed Chairman

Date