

**Minutes of a meeting of the Laleston Community Council  
Held at the Blandy Hall – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

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

Cllr Mrs C Green in the Chair.

Prior to opening the meeting, the Chairman welcomed two representatives of the Bridgend Schools Community Police Officer Team who gave an excellent presentation of activities undertaken with vulnerable and possibly underprivileged school pupils [nominated by school teachers]. Activities involved hill walking and river / canal canoeing in the Brecon Beacons.

**10/17 Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mrs P Davies, Mrs B McLeer and R Green.

**10/18 Minutes**

Resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the previous meeting.

**10/19 Matters arising from the Minutes.**

10/4, 10/12: Mural at Broadlands Subway: Clerk reported that he had examined the 'painted over' murals and was of the opinion that in some areas, the underlying base coats of the murals were degrading from damp seeping through the concrete. Resolved to take no further action.

10/5, 10/12: Police Schools Liaison Youth Initiative: as a result of the earlier presentation, Council decided to place the subject on the agenda for the next meeting in order to reconsider grant allocation.

10/15: Rhosla Lane: Cllr E Hughes confirmed that work had been undertaken to improve the road surface.

10/15; Flytipping near Gipsy Lane / Zig Zag Lane: Clerk confirmed that the flytipping had been partially removed but that the tyres remained at entrances to fields.

10/15: Schol warning lights at Bryngolau: Clerk reported that BCBC Lighting Dept. claimed that the Xmas lighting would not interfere with the electricity supply to the flashing warning lights. The remote switch located at Bryntirionj Infants School would be examined for faults.

10/15: Chippings at Nant Fforngw: reply letter from BCBC confirmed that the contractor had been directed to clear the surplus chippings.

## **10/20 Correspondence**

The undermentioned items of correspondence were noted and acted upon as follows –

One Voice Wales - Invitation to membership for 2010/11  
Annual fee - £1,231 Resolved to decline the invitation

BCB Council Proposed changes to traffic restrictions on High Street, Well Street, The Well and Heol Trelales.

Safety concerns - A48 Red Hill to Parcau Isaf Farm. reply letter from the Highways and Transportation Section BCBC, gave details of the site meetings undertaken by Police and BCBC Traffic Management Team, including creation of extra drains for surface water, additional crash barriers and the installation of a rain activated warning sign. The sign will be illuminated when the sensors pick up any surface water on the roads near the location of the two serious collisions

Winter Service Grit Bins – letter gave details of the BCBC winter service provision for ice and snow gritting. The letter included an offer of a partnership agreement for provision and service of new grit bins throughout the community – cost in the region of £200 to £250 each bin. Resolved to place subject on agenda for next meeting and that Councillors examine their area for possible sites.

## **10/21 Accounts**

Resolved that the under-mentioned accounts be passed for payment –

Already Paid:	
Gavin Downes – Web and Newsletter	625.00
For Payment:	
TL-R refunds –	
BCS photocopies	6.00
Parry's – Tube and Starter [Elec]	4.80

Postage	3.60
Braceys – chippings for allotments	103.35
Symposium Print [Newsletter]	355.00
Welsh Water – allotments	50.40
Mr Martin Lewis – half year footpath clearance	370.00
HCI Data Ltd – Website hosting + domain name	117.50
HM Revenue and Customs – Employer NI conts	362.52

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 –

Miss Rebecca Jones – Field trip to Zambia with St John’s Ambulance	£250
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Homestart – Cllr E Hughes moved a motion that a grant of £1000 be awarded, this was seconded by Cllr T Berrow. An amendment was moved by Cllr S Sloan and seconded by Cllr Major W Morgan that the grant be £2,000. The amendment was carried – grant £2000.

## **10/22 Reports and Observations**

Pot holes at Brynglas: Cllr T Berrow reported that there were pot holes along the length of Brynglas. Clerk to report to BCBC.

Daffodil Bulbs: Cllr T Berrow reported that he had received thanks to Laleston Community Council with regard to the daffodil bulbs which are about to open.

Street name signs: Cllr Mrs C Faulkner reported that the street name sign for Coed Helig had been re-inserted upside down – Cllr P Faulkner stated that the sign for Shakespeare Avenue had disappeared – Clerk to report to BCBC.

Notice Boards: Cllr Mrs B McLeer requested [via Cllr Mrs Faulkner] that contact sheets with names and addresses of Councillors be replaced in the notice boards – Clerk to action.

Street Lighting: Cllr Major w Morgan reported that the street lighting columns numbers 22 to 25 [near Broadlands Underpass] were out. Clerk to report to BCBC.

Wordsworth Ave Cycle Path: Cllr p Faulkner explained that the safety barrier at the end of this cycle path had been damaged in a road accident – Clerk to inform BCBC.

Cefn Glas Teenager Project: Cllr P Faulkner and Clerk reported that following a visit to the proposed site, they were of the opinion that a REKK youth shelter would be inappropriate for the location. It was resolved that the proposed project include up to four items of teenager play equipment and letter for public consultation be delivered during Easter Holidays.

Dogs at Bryntirion Playing Fields: Cllr Major W Morgan explained that he had encountered a lady walking two German shepherd dogs 'off lead' at the playing fields. Clerk to check on the 'All Dogs To Be On Lead' signs and take appropriate action.

### **10/23 Website**

Councillors expressed pleasure with the Website and recommended various small amendments. Cllr P Faulkner suggested that photographs be include with the details of listed buildings.

### **10/24 Broadlands Biodiversity Study**

Cllr Major W Morgan gave a report including details of action taken by 'Tidy Towns Initiative' to counter –

- Visibility problem at chicane at top of Fford Tirion.
- Steps on bank leading from underpass to shops
- Street Scene Section liaising with Hafod Housing re- rat infestation.

Further meetings arranged fo 9<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

### **10/25 Review of Councillors' allowances regulations**

Resolved that this subject be deferred to the April meeting.

### **10/26 Planning Applications**

At this juncture Cllr Major W Morgan left the meeting. It was resolved that no objections be raised to the following applications –

P/10/125 Single storey rear extension – 24 Pant Poeth, Broadlands.

P/10/124 Conservatory to rear – 38 Dol Nant Dderwen, Broadlands

P/10/126 Partial garage conversion – 18 Fford y Groes, Broadlands

P/10/145 Single storey rear extension for family room and kitchen and loft conversion for 2 bedrooms – 16 Bryn Derlwyn, Broadlands.

P/10/172 Conversion of garage to habitable room – 10 Llys Pentre.

P/10/193 Two storey rear extension, widen existing vehicular access and detached garage – 77 High Street, Laleston. With regard to this application, Cllr Mrs C Green confirmed that the Case Officer from BCBC Planning had explained that BCBC planning policy would be applied when considering the expressed concern of lack of light and the fact that the garage would be built over a sewer.

P/10/199 Proposed double storey rear extension – Ty Ni, 7 High Street, Laleston.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

..... Chairman

15<sup>th</sup> April 2010.