

LALESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Please accept early notice of meeting of the above Council, to be held at the Blandy Hall on Thursday 17th December 2009 commencing at 7.00pm.

Agenda.

1. To receive apologies
2. To receive the Minutes of the previous meeting and consider any matters arising from the Minutes.
3. Local residents, if appropriate, to consider adjourning the meeting for fifteen minutes to allow residents in attendance to make their observations to the Council.
4. To consider items of correspondence
5. To consider accounts for payment and applications for grant aid.
6. To determine Precept for financial year 2010/2011.
7. To receive reports and observations
8. To consider Land Registry enquiry with regard to ownership of numerous parcels of land at Broadlands – Cllr Major w Morgan MBE
9. Planning Applications.

**Minutes of a meeting of the Laleston Community Council held at
The Blandy Hall – 19th November 2009**

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

Cllr Mrs C Green in the Chair.

09/113 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mrs B McLeer [sickness] and Cllr Major W Morgan MBE [BCBC commitment].

09/114 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record

09/115 Matters arising from the Minutes

09/93/99 Broken Tree at Carreg Llwyd – Cllr Mrs P Davies confirmed that the fallen eucalyptus tree had been removed by Merthyr Mawr Estates.

09/102 Maes y Haul Primary School sports field: Clerk gave a verbal report with regard to his meeting with Mrs P Mahoney concerning the remedial drainage work and on-going costs. Resolved to defer any decision to the January 2010 meeting to allow Councillors to consider the needs of other schools within the community area.

09/116 Correspondence

Council noted receipt of the following correspondence:

Glamorgan Holiday Home – details of respite care

Reach – Rural Dev Plan for Wales – meeting 25th Nov 2009 at Blandy Hall 10.30am

BCBC – re potholes at Westminster Way.

Welsh Assembly Govt – Local Govt [Wales] Measure 2009 – statutory guidance – Part 1 reforming the Wales programme and Part 2 collaborative community planning.

Welsh Assembly Govt – proposed guidance for the Wales programme for improvement for the Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales

BCBC – Town and Community Council Forum – 18th December 2009 – Friday 4.30pm

BCBC – Summer Playschemes report 2009 : Clerk reported that he had queried the site of playscheme at Cefn Glas rather than Bryntirion Comprehensive School. The latter, this year, had been involved with a ‘Sports Camp’ project which provided more income to the school. At the last moment, the BCBC playscheme was re-allocated to the West Ward Community Centre in Cefn Glas. Clerk confirmed that he had explained to the BCBC official that for 2010, if this centre was chosen, then a joint funding arrangement would need to be agreed with Bridgend Town Council.

BCBC – proposed Bridgend Skate Park: Clerk read letter from Mr Gareth Evans, BCBC Parks Department , which indicated that the original plans for a regional standard skate park would need to be scaled down from the original estimate of #300,000 to #120,000. Council considered the situation and agreed to honour its current commitment of #30,000 to match that of Bridgend Town Council. However it decided not to have any on going commitment to the maintenance of the skatepark which, according to current plan, should be delivered in the summer of 2010.

BCBC – electronic consultation on planning applications. Council agreed to the request of the Head of Development control to accept electronic notification of planning applications.

BCBC – fund for Town and Community Council projects – financial year 2010/2011. Clerk drew attention to the closing date for applications for the 2010/2011 financial year, ie, 31st December 2009. Decision will need to be made at December 2009 meeting whether to proceed with application for Teenager Playarea at Cefn Glas.

09/117 Accounts and Grant Applications

The following accounts were passed for payment –

Invoices paid 29 October 2009

SWALES	91.38
E D John – allotment hedges	350.00
B+L Comm Centre youth rent	1,152.00

Invoices for payment

BCBC Summer Playschemes	1,515.10
County Borough Supplies	
Floor pads	12.70
Gardening Club – hire fee hall	13.00
TLR refunds , postage, poppy	
Wreath and photo copies	42,30

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 –

Ogwr Transport for the Elderly and Disabled	#1,000
NSPCC ‘Childline’	# 500

09/118 Reports and Observations

Byron Avenue, pothole: Cllr P Faulkner reported a large pothole outside No 41 Byron Avenue in Cefn Glas. Clerk to write to BCBC.

Ton Glas road surface: Cllr P Faulkner noted that the road surface, in the vicinity of the proposed bus shelter, was breaking up again. Clerk to report to BCBC and chase up progress on the installations of the shelters.

Traffic Calming provision at Merlin Crescent: Cllr P Faulkner drew attention to the potential danger at the traffic calming provision at the junction of Merlin Crescent and Barnes Avenue. A head-on collision had occurred with traffic being forced into one lane when the sun was high on the horizon of Merlin Crescent. Agreed to draw attention of BCBC to this problem. Later in the meeting, two Police Officers also agreed that there may be a problem and PC Tim Lowe would instigate a review of the situation.

Disposal of rubbish from Blandy Hall: Cllr Mrs C Faulkner reported that a resident of Laleston village had complained about the depositing of plastic bags outside the Blandy Hall. Clerk confirmed that he would take away bags on Council meeting nights which co-incided with cleaning day of Mrs May.

Mayfield Avenue hedge to Allotments: Cllr T Green, following a visit to the PACT meeting held at the Gardening Club, reported the following four complaints from local residents. Concern was expressed by a resident of Mayfield Avenue with regard to the 'finish' of the hedge cutting. Clerk to check situation which seemed satisfactory from Allotments side.

State of allotments: the same resident, via Cllr T Green, complained of the state of the allotments. Clerk reported that the allotments, in general were in excellent condition, but that one plot holder was experiencing domestic problems which had affected his attendance at the plot. It was probable that this plot would be re-allocated at the start of 2010.

Bus Stop at High Street, Laleston: residents, via Cllr T Green, complained that if they used the seat, which was very comfortable, their view of the on coming bus was restricted by the positioning of the waste litter bin. Similarly, if they used the shelter as protection from the rain, with the lack of a 'peep hole' they again, missed the bus. Clerk explained the problems of siting the litter bin but agreed to look into the situation.

Post Office 'car park' at High St. Laleston: residents queried, via Cllr T Green, whether the 'car park' could be line marked to improve the car parking provision. Clerk agreed to investigate the situation.

Pot holes on A48: Cllr Mrs B Davies drew attention to the condition of the highway on the inside lane on the A48 western end approach to the Ewenny roundabout. Clerk to report to BCBC.

Tree Wardens: Cllr Mrs B Davies reported that she had made contact with an official of BCBC and had requested training and identification reference books. Cllr Mrs B Davies to email information to Clerk to enable him to formalize position with BCBC Officer.

Bus Shelter cleansing / Heol y Frenhinnes: Cllr P Claridge requested attention to the cleansing of this bus shelter. Clerk to report to BCBC.

Bus Shelter at Fford Tirion: Cllr T Berrow requested that Clerk follow up situation / progress of application for Bus Shelter.

Vacant Land to the rear of Heol y Frenhinnes / Ael y Bryn: at the request of Cllr P Claridge, Clerk agreed to attempt to establish ownership of this area of open space.

Parking on verges at Merlin Crescent: Cllr R Green queried the parking on grass verges along Merlin Crescent and in the vicinity of Bryntirion Comprehensive School. Cllr P Faulkner informed the Council that BCBC had been approached previously and that underground utility service pipes / wires proved a hinderance to the grass verges being tar macadamed.

09/119 Highway Hanging Baskets for 2010

Following a previous request by Cllr E Hughes, Clerk reported that he had approached Brackla Community Council and had been told that the cost for flowers alone was #4,000 per annum and the Council employed a full time gardener. Flowers and baskets were purchased from Boverton Nurseries with capillary mats within the baskets that required watering every three days. In the initial year baskets for one lamppost cost @100 each for supply, there after supply costs #30 per year.

After consideration, especially the costs and implications of watering labour charges, Cllr E Hughes requested that his suggestion be withdrawn.

09/120 Newsletter and Website

Clerk confirmed that he had taken images for Cllr R Green who subsequently stated that a draft copy should be available for December meeting to enable printing and distribution early in the new year.

Cllr r Green and Clerk presented information with regard to Website provision for Laleston Community Council via Market Town Ltd. [based at St Ives] or Mr Gavin Downes of Brackla. Cllr R Green declared an interest as Mr Downes was known to him. However, Council requested opinions from Cllrs R Green and T Green as specialists in this field of work.

Resolved that Clerk approach Mr Downes to establish a Website as soon as possible. The salient points in favour of working with Mr Downes were

- All source code to be provided and be the property of Laleston CC
- Domain and website will be the property of Laleston CC and

- Mr Downes was local to sort out any immediate problem whereas Market Town Ltd was based at St Ives and required #250 for a half day training session and travelling expenses of 45p per mile.

09/121 Land registration for Broadlands

Cllr T Berrow, in the absence of Cllr Major W Morgan, asked whether an approach could be made to the Land Registry for information with regard to small plots of land throughout Broadlands. Clerk explained that Cllr Major W Morgan had been liaising with Mr Rob Parry, Conservation Manager, Wildlife Trust for South and West Wales, on the subject of the 42 individual sites. Clerk asked for this to be discussed with Cllr Major w Morgan in attendance.

09/122 Planning Applications.

Resolved that no objections be raised to the undermentioned applications:-

- P/09/837 Mr A Patel – 14A Longfellow Drive, Cefn Glas – change of use from shop to dwelling.
- P/09/835 Mr P Jones, 46 Dol Nant Dderwen, Broadlands – double storey front extension.

Signed this 17th day of December 2009

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