

**Minutes of a meeting of Laleston Community Council
Held at the Blandy Hall – 21st January 2010**

Present – Councillors P Claridge, Mrs B Davies, Mrs C Faulkner, P Faulkner, Mrs C Green, R Green, T Green, Mrs B McLeer and Major W Morgan MBE

Cllr Mrs C Green in the Chair.

10/1 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs T Berrow and E Hughes.

10/2 Minutes

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

10/3 Matters arising from the Minutes.

09/116/126 Proposed Skateboard Park: Cllr Mrs C Green reported that she had spoken with Cllr David Unwin, Leader of Bridgend Town Council, who had confirmed that Bridgend Town Council's contribution, at present, was £30,000. He further confirmed that Coity Community Council would contribute £5,000 and that he had approached and were awaiting a reply from Newcastle Higher Community Council.

09/118/126 – Bus Shelter at High Street, Laleston: Clerk confirmed that BCBC [Mr H Butler] had been able to reposition the litter bin to partially improve line of sight for those sitting on seat and awaiting arrival of bus.

10/4 Correspondence

Council noted receipt of the under-mentioned items of correspondence

BCBC - Temporary 40mph Speed limit [in both directions] for section of A48 By Pass Road from Laleston Roundabout to Broadlands roundabout.

- Street Lighting Energy Efficiency Pilot Scheme – copy of leaflet to be delivered to residents.
- Summer holiday Playschemes and future provision.

- Tidy Towns initiative: resolved to resubmit two projects from the last application – ie, a] waste ground in vicinity of bus shelter at Barnes Avenue and b] stream through Cefn Glas from merlin Crescent to Milton Drive.
- Invitation to attend session on new Waste Services Contract: Cllr Mrs C Green and Clerk reported on information seminar with regard to the 7 year contract awarded to May Gurney. Excellent Q & A session re the implementation of weekly recycling collections of glass, paper, cardboard, plastic, tin and waste food together with fortnightly collection of black plastic bags. Cllr P Faulkner and Mrs B McLeer to attend seminar of Tuesday 26th January 2010.

Welsh Assembly Government - Section 137 expenditure limit for 2010/11 and proposed changes to Local Authority Capital Finance framework.

Cllr Major Wayne Morgan – the painting of Broadlands Underpass: email from Mr John Clarke of BCBC Streetscene, explained the reasons for over-painting of murals at Subway. Council thought that there may have been an over-reaction to cover the whole of the murals in pink paint. It was decided that Clerk verify whether the murals were over-painted with protective transparent varnish and to enquire of BCBC the reason for non contact with Laleston CC prior to the over-painting.

Cllr Major Wayne Morgan – Grits bins and the filling thereof: Cllr Major Morgan explained that the existing four grit bins were the property of Persimmon & Llanmor, but that they were empty at the time of the snow. It was agreed to write to BCBC commending the staff on efforts and suggesting that more resources be made available. Clerk to question whether BCBC has a policy with regard to supply and filling of grit bins.

10/5 Accounts

Resolved that the under-mentioned receipts be noted and invoices passed for payment -

Receipts

Allotment rents	280.00
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Accounts for payment

TL-R refund postage	20.56
CB supplies – balance VAT	1.91
Wildlife Trust – Report	3,772.00

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 County Young Singer of the Year - £150
- Police Schools Liaison Youth Initiatives - £250

With regard to the latter award, the vote was nine to one to award the grant – Cllr Mrs B McLeer was not in favour. It was further agreed that the Police team be offered the opportunity to make a presentation to the Council.

10/6 Reports and Observations

Bus Shelters at Ffordd Tirion and Ton Glas: Clerk reported that BCBC had confirmed that the bus shelters had been constructed ready for installation. Ton Glas needed a concrete base/pavement extension and installation of both shelters should be completed within three weeks.

Moles in Cemetery: Cllr P Faulkner explained that moles were undermining the gravestones and cremation memorials at Laleston Cemetery. Cllr Mrs C Green confirmed that she was looking into this problem.

Pot Holes: Cllrs P Faulkner, P Claridge and Major W Morgan drew attention to the following potholes in need of repair –

- Junction of Ton Glas with Bryngolau
- Junction of Cefn Glas Road with Tennyson Drive
- Elm Crescent near OCLP Club
- Along road off northern roundabout leading to Caeau Gleision estate on Broadlands – one at entrance and one at exit from Caeau Gleision.

Clerk to write to BCBC.

A48 – Redhill, in vicinity of Parcau Isaf Farm: Cllr P Faulkner expressed concern with regard to the number of deaths to motorists along this section of road, ie., 5 within the past 12 months. He queried whether there could be more use of a traffic camera; an extension to the 50mph limit or a sign to indicate roadway danger. Clerk to write to BCBC Highways.

Homestart: Cllr Mrs C Faulkner requested that an urgent letter of support for 'Homestart' be forwarded to Ms Hilary Anthony of BCBC. Homestart are in danger of losing grant support from BCBC.

10/7 Newsletter and Website

Clerk reported that extra material had been forwarded to Cllr R Green and that Messrs Fattorini had supplied digital image of Chain of office pendant for logo in Newsletter and Website.

Quotes for printing Newsletter had been received –

- Symposium Design and Print [Llandow] - £355
- Picton Press [Pyle] - £495
- quote was awaited from The Dot Foundary, Merthyr Mawr.

Clerk reported on two meetings with Gavin Downes, Website Master and Designer – he confirmed that an application had been made for the domain name – lalestoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk – he aimed to hold back Newsletter in order to advertize the new Website.

10/8 Broadlands Biodiversity and Community Improvement Scheme

Cllr Major W Morgan provided Clerk with copy of the report and explained the recent developments to the Council. There were recommendations for the 46 individual pieces of land and the Tidy Towns initiative were interested in participation. BCBC had agreed on the 'Wildlife Study' questionnaire/ leaflet to be sent to each household in Broadlands. Resolved that the Clerk obtain copies for members of the Council and to await further costings from Mr Rob Parry Jones [author of report] for prioritizing of recommendations.

10/9 Planning Applications

Resolved that no objections be made to the undermentioned applications –

P/09/1003 Mr B Kennedy, 7 High Street, Laleston – double storey rear extension and front garden boundary wall.

P/09/980 Mr A Florence, 12 Carreg Llwyd, Broadlands – single storey rear extension.

P/10/4 Mrs M Bevan, 14 Church View, Laleston – conservatory to rear.

P/09/452 Appeal Decision has been received with regard to application from Nolan Recycling Ltd for replacement workshops and staff offices to serve waste transfer facility at Waste Transfer Station at Stormy Down [Appeal Dismissed].

T/10/2 Cardiff Treescapes – Laleston Cottage – to place a bridging lintel over a large lateral root of a tree

Signed this 18th day of February 2010

.....Chairman.