

**Minutes of meeting of Laleston Community Council held at the  
Blandy Hall – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011.**

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

Cllr E Hughes in the Chair.

**11/1 Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mrs B McLeer.

**11/2 Minutes**

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

**11/3 Matters arising from Minutes and not included in agenda**

10/102/92/79/72 - Overgrown hedge at Ael yr Bryn: Cllr P Claridge confirmed that the overgrown hedge had been removed.

10/102/92/79/72 – Murrays Walk: Councillors agreed that the footpath appeared to have compacted. Clerk to check later in year when frosts have disappeared.

10/102/92/82[i] – Broadlands proposed project for teenager shelter and teenager play equipment: Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Statutory Bodies to check suitability of site. Mr J Pigdon of Landscape to Play Ltd suggested that the hedge to the west of proposed site should be extended southwards to discourage youth from creating a 'footpath and entrance' to the main spine road. Clerk to liaise with Mr David Lynn of BCBC.

10/102/96 – Teenager Play equipment for Wordsworth Avenue site: Clerk confirmed that Planning approval had been received from BCBC. Orders for equipment had been placed with Kompan Ltd and Landscape to Play Ltd expected to commence installation in March 2011.

10/106[iii] – Lack of pavement at south end of Roger's Lane, Laleston: Clerk reported that the creation of a pavement would be extremely expensive because of the length and the purchase of land from the residents. Council discussed the suitability of a row of protective bollards but these would make the roadway narrower. Cllr Mrs C Green reported that BCBC had agreed to paint yellow hatching on the problem section of roadway and erect a 'slow' and 'road narrows' sign. Cllr E Hughes raised the question of the need to widen the western approach corner onto Rogers Lane from the A473. Clerk to write to BCBC.

**11/4 Accounts and Grant Applications.**

It was resolved that the under-mentioned accounts be noted and passed for payment.

#### Receipts

VAT refund	4271.00
HSBC bank interest	39.13

#### Accounts for payment

BCBC – grit bins	4,935.00
Mazars – audit fees	646.25

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.

St David's Church Clock – Cllr Mrs B Davies declared an interest and withdrew from discussion and vote. It was a unanimous decision that LCC cover the cost of refurbishment of the clock – estimate of £3,115 plus VAT.

### **11/5 Correspondence**

Council noted receipt of the following correspondence –

BCBC - Summer Holiday Playschemes / activities 2011 – Council agreed to financially support the scheme but to request that, if possible, the scheme be held at Bryntirion Comprehensive School as it was felt that with more facilities, more children would be attracted to attend.

Water holding at junction of Bryngolau and Llangewydd Road – the reply letter from BCBC was considered unacceptable as in bad weather the roadway was like a swimming pool – Clerk to discuss situation with Mr Gary Owen, Highways Maintenance Engineer.

County Borough Bulletin – Council considered the letter and decided that emphasis should be given to the following functions –

- Service to the community
- Cost effective administration to enable Council to listen to residents and optimise monies from the Precept, especially with regard to children's and teenager play equipment including youth shelters
- Provision of allotments
- Provision of bus shelters and wayside seats
- Provision of grants to local organisations.

Reach Love 2 Walk festival 2011 – Cllrs Mrs C Green, Major W Morgan and S Sloan volunteered to lead walks as part of the Festival.

Play for Wales Issue 33 Winter 2010

The Royal British Legion – ‘Great Party weekend’ brochure- Council debated this at length and decided in favour of giving consideration to an appeal from the local Veterans Association at Bridgend. Cllr Major W Morgan was invited to arrange for an application to be made.

British Youth Council – invite to seek membership

Groundwork – brochure celebrating 21 years in this area.

Bridgend Town Council – funding Bridgend Skate Park – Clerk read copies of correspondence between BCBC Parks Dept and Bridgend Town Council with regard to the delay in bringing this project to a conclusion. Clerk was instructed to confirm to BCBC that £30,000 was still available for the project but that if there was no decision taken, by the Group, to move forward within the next six months, then the monies would be used for projects within this community area.

Mrs G Bradford – suggestions for future Council discussion.

South Wales Police – public meeting on funding – 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2011 Police HQ.

## **11/6 Reports and Complaints**

- [i] May Gurney Recycling Waste: Cllr P Faulkner drew attention to the problems encountered by motorists held up by the two manned team, ie., driver and operative, both collecting recycled waste. Cllr Major W Morgan explained that the problem had been raised from the Maesteg area – the explanation from BCBC stated that it was a long term practise of May Gurney and it would appear that BCBC were ‘stuck with it’. After discussion it was decided that the Clerk write to BCBC requesting the use of three man teams as it is believed that it is an offence to leave a lorry engine running whilst the driver helps with the collection of materials.
- [ii] Street sign at junction of St Winifred’s Road with Llangewydd Road: Cllr Mrs C Faulkner reported that this sign needed attention. Clerk to write to BCBC.
- [iii] Pot holes at Longfellow Drive: Cllr P Claridge reported a cluster of approx six pot holes at the bus stop on Longfellow Drive, Cefn Glas, one in particular being quite large. Clerk to write to BCBC.

- [iv] Laleston Roundabout: Cllr T Berrow explained that the problem of water holding had increased at this roundabout during the past 12 months and was now a matter of concern. Clerk to write to Highways at BCBC.
- [v] Grit bin problem: Cllr S Sloan drew attention to the problem with lid on grit bin on western loop road. Bin is situated near old grey GPO box. Clerk to report to BCBC.
- [vi] CCTV camera for Barnes Ave: Cllr T Green reported from the PACT meeting that arrangements were proceeding for the use of CCTV cameras on Barnes Avenue areas of play. He reported also that residents had turned down the offer of structured kick about goal areas.
- [vii] Broadlands Environmental Project: Cllr Major W Morgan gave a report which included news of the clearance of shrubs opposite Tesco [third stage] by the Tidy Towns Scheme.
- [viii] Council Website: Clerk reported that at the request of the property owners, he had withdraw the photographs of the listed building 'Village Farm'.

#### **11/7 Broadlands Underpass graffiti**

The Chairman welcomed the presence of two Police Officers from the PACT meeting. A discussion ensued whether the creation of a 'graffiti wall' was appropriate for the Broadlands Underpass. It was decided that the Clerk liaise with the Probation Reparation Team to paint the walls in a neutral / green colour. LCC to cover the cost of supply of paint.

#### **11/8 Christmas Festive Lighting.**

Resolved that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

#### **11/9 Community Cyber Café**

Following an introduction by Cllr P Faulkner, Members discussed the need for a cyber café provision within the community area, in schools, existing halls or drop in centre. It was felt that initially, emphasis should be given to an adult provision. Cllr Mrs C Green explained that Bethel Church may be able to offer facilities for 'community need' in its new extension. Resolved to suggest to Officers of Bethel Church that LCC would support such provision with financial assistance for operating costs.

**11/10                      Broadlands Western Loop Road.**

Cllr Major W Morgan drew attention to the need for a name for this road in order to give directions to visitors to the area. Council supported Cllr Major Morgan's suggestion that the new road name of 'Heol Blandy' be extended to include the remainder of the loop road. Clerk to liaise with BCBC.

**11/11                      'No Dog Fouling' signs for Broadlands.**

Cllr Major W Morgan described the need for stick on signs throughout the Broadlands area. He agreed to forward a list of specific sites to Mr David Lynn at BCBC.

**11/12                      Planning Applications**

Cllr E Hughes vacated the Chair because of a declared interest and was replaced by Cllr Major W Morgan. Resolved to make no objections to the under-mentioned applications –

P/10/827 - 23 Gelli Wen, Broadlands: convert integral garage into utility room & study, enclose covered porch area into hallway

P/10/896 - 36 Kensington Drive, Cefn Glas: demolition of existing garage and replace with single storey extension to side and rear.

P/10/892 - 9 Bryn Hemfaes, Broadlands: construction of a single storey extension.

P/10/906 - 3 Bron Hafod, Broadlands: proposed conservatory to rear and domestic garage to side.

P/10/920 - Red Gables, Rogers Lane, Laleston: two storey extension and kitchen extension.

P/11/1 - Former Betting Office, Bryn Glas, Bryntirion: change of use to beauty salon.

P/11/23 - 3 Heol yr Enfys, Broadlands – side extension – re-submission of refusal.

In the case of

P/11/19 Garage at 33 Austin Avenue, Laleston – it was agreed the Planning Department's attention be drawn to this Council's boundary with the property and to give notice that progress will be checked for any possible encroachment.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

