

**Minutes of a meeting of Laleston Community Council held at  
The Blandy Hall – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011.**

**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.**

**In the Chair – Cllr Major W Morgan MBE.**

Prior to opening the meeting, the Chairman introduced Lydia and Daniel from Groundwork Trust who in turn explained their role within the Open Access Play Sessions. Initially, they will concentrate on children aged 8 to 12 years and specifically on site set aside for the youth shelter project at Broadlands. Clerk explained details and proposed time schedule for the project and that BCBC was the ground landlord. The Chairman and Council wished Lydia and Daniel good fortune with establishing the sessions.

**11/25 Residents' Forum**

The Chairman invited Mr J Rodgers of High Street, Laleston to voice his objections to the planning application submitted by Bethel Chapel for an extension for new chapel and vestry, convert existing chapel to foyer and hall to w/c and kitchen and demolish outside w/c.

Mr Rodgers was particularly concerned with regard to the barn shaped extension with doors facing towards his property. This he felt would increase noise levels from any secondary use of the new chapel.

Chairman opened the meeting and it was agreed that a letter be forwarded to the BCBC Planning Officer drawing attention to the possible 'changes of secondary use' and how it may influence traffic demands and need for a private facility for car parking.

**11/26 Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs T Berrow, Mrs P Davies and S Sloan.

**11/27 Minutes**

The Chairman signed the Minutes following acceptance that they were an accurate record of the February meeting.

**11/28 Matters arising from the Minutes and not on agenda.**

11/17, 11/6[i] – May Gurney Re-cycling of Waste: Clerk read letter from Mr Adam Jones, BCBC Waste Services Manager. The letter explained that –

*...the legislation goes on to provide that the requirement of stopping the engine shall not apply in respect of a vehicle engaged in an operation which requires its engine to be used to drive machinery forming part of or mounted on the vehicle ... namely the lifting ram which conveys recyclable materials into the storage compartment.*

Council agreed to monitor situation during the next five weeks and defer reply to BCBC until after next meeting. At that time, BCBC should be asked also whether any other Council operate a two man team operation.

11/23[ii] – Hedgerow near cyclepath between Llwyn Castan and Llys Fitzhamon: reply letter from Llanmoor Homes claimed that their boundary extended to the centreline of the hedge and

*‘...regret therefore that we are unable to assist as to any necessary remedial works’*

Permission was given for the Clerk to open discussions with BCBC Parks Department with regard to the possibility of remedial works to layer the hedge, possibly using monies from the ‘environmental issues’ budget.

## **11/29          Accounts and Grants**

Resolved that the under mentioned accounts be passed for payment –

Bridgend & CB Veterans Assoc grant	£1,000.00
Maesteg Animal Welfare – grant	500.00
NOLAN recycling – skip	173.50
Landscape to Play Ltd – wayside seats	1,909.20
Martin Lewis – half year footpaths	370.00
TL-R refunds postage £7.68	
Copy paper £2.97 Cartridges £31.92	42.57
Mr Gavin Downes – website maintenance	100.00

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 Food Bank          -          £2,000

Bridgend & District YMCA ‘Y Wednesday Group’ – agreement in principle but Council requested further information.

Mencap Cymru -                      - Nil [National rather than local group]

Formation Dance [Blackpool] – more information needed – if children are from this area then grant of £50 per child be awarded.

## **11/30          Correspondence**

Council noted receipt of the following correspondence –

BCBC -          Bridgend Skate Park – project to be put on hold- partners in the project were released from obligation to hold funds allocated to this project i.e., Laleston Comm. Council £30,000.

New Grit Bin outside 78 Westward Place, Llangewydd Court.

One Voice Wales – Annual fee [£1255] and training schedule 2011/12.  
Council decided not to accept offer of membership.

Reach – introduction of Common Land management scheme.

Energy Saving Trust – introduction to Ynni'r Fro programme.

### **11/31 Change in catchment area for Trelales Primary School and need for Community Footway – Cae Gleision/Broadlands to Laleston High Street.**

Further to Minute 11/22, Cllr Mrs C Green reported that an offer of possible contributory funding from Laleston Community Council, made the project more feasible to Members of the Cabinet of BCBC. She moved that a 'one off' offer of £30,000 be made towards the project. Cllr P Faulkner moved an amendment that more information with regard to costs was needed prior to any decision could be taken. Both the motion and the amendment were seconded. The amendment was defeated by 5 votes to three votes. It was further decided that for budgetary clarification, the £30,000 regained from the Skateboard Project, be re-allocated to the Community Footpath, which of necessity, if it is to be built, must be completed by September 2012.

### **11/32 Reports and Complaints**

[i] Water holding at junction of Bryngolau and Llangewydd Road: Clerk reported that he had spoken further with the BCBC Highways Maintenance Engineer who had explained that the only feasible option would be the creation of a supplementary soakaway chamber to the one recently created. However, even if monies were available, it would be difficult to find a suitable location in this space, overcrowded by cables / pipes etc. of the Statutory Bodies. Council noted the comments.

[ii] Pot holes- Cefn Glas and Laleston: Cllrs P Faulkner and T Green reported pot holes at the following locations –

- Byron Avenue
- Wordsworth Avenue
- Well Street
- Austin Avenue
- Mayfield Avenue
- Country lane from Well Street towards A48.

[iii] Allotments: Cllr T Green reported that Mrs Betty Jones of 33 Mayfield Avenue was expressing concern with regard to one of the

allotment tenants whose plot abutted her property. Clerk to liaise with Cllr T Green to assess the situation.

[iv] Grit Bin at Nant Fforwg: Cllr Mrs B McLeer asked if the grit bin at this road could be moved forward to the front of the pavement to prevent local lads from being able to use it as a springboard to jump over fence of adjoining property. Clerk to check out problem.

[v] Traffic Speed Camera: Cllr T Green presented a letter from Mr G Crocombe of Heol Trelales. Mr Crocombe had photocopied an article from the Auto Express magazine [15.09.2010] with regard to the renting of a Speed Camera [GATSO] for £5,000 per annum. Mr Crocombe suggested that one be rented for High Street, Laleston. The Council queried the whereabouts of the Council radar speed gun presented to local Police for this Community area. Clerk to liaise with Police.

### **11/33 Table Tennis Table**

Clerk reported that Collan, the young man being coached by Mr Neil Robinson, had recently entered the British Junior Championships and had won the Bronze medal.

Council considered the discounted estimates for a new table and decided to opt for a match quality Butterfly Space Saver Rollaway [25mm playing surface] suitable for use by persons with disabilities [ wheelchair friendly] at a cost of £620 incl. of VAT and delivery.

### **11/34 Wordsworth Avenue Teenager Project**

Clerk reported that delivery of the equipment was awaited from Kompan Ltd. together with a plan of actual levels for necessary footpaths. He was hopeful that installation would commence in April 2011.

### **11/35 Broadlands Teenager Project.**

Clerk reported on site visit with BT Outreach and confirmed that the underground cables would not interfere with the project. Subject to Landscape to Play Ltd planned drawings for footpaths, levels and bridge and discussions with Mr John Clarke of BCBC Street Scene, Clerk reported that he hoped to make planning application in May 2011.

### **11/36 Planning Applications.**

P/11/100 Convert garage into living room – 12 Bryn Henfaes, Broadlands – no comment

P/11/119 Single storey extension to the rear – 14 Highbury Cres., Cefn Glas – no comment

P/11/129 Out-line planning appl. – site access and two detached dwellings – affecting Footpath number 2 Laleston – Land at Carreg Llwyd, Broadlands. Council expressed grave concerns with regard to road and pedestrian safety as vehicular access would be on the chicane which is deemed dangerous when approached from the eastern side of Carreg Llwyd.

A/11/12 Internally illuminated badge sign box and projecting sign to rear of property – Unit 11, Gentle Way, Broadlands – no comment.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2011.

..... Chairman.