

**Minutes of a meeting of the Laleston Community Council held at the Blandy Hall
Thursday, 17th December 2009**

Present: Councillors T Berrow, P Claridge, Mrs C Faulkner, P Faulkner, Mrs C Green
R Green, T Green, Major W Morgan MBE and S Sloan.

Councillor Mrs C Green in the Chair.

09/123 Apologies.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Mrs B Davies, E Hughes and Mrs B McLeer.

09/124 Tribute

The Council stood for 'one minute of silence' in memory of ex Councillor Mrs Angela Bolton.

09/125 Minutes

Subject to an amendment to entry for 09/118 where "grass verges" at Merlin Crescent should read "Tarmacadamed approaches alongside grass verges", it was resolved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record.

09/126 Matters arising from Minutes and not included in Agenda.

09/116 – Proposed Skateboard Park: Clerk read a letter, from Cllr David Unwin, Leader of Bridgend Town Council, which explained the outcome and new proposal and plans from the recent meeting with regard to the Skateboard project at Newbridge Fields, ie.,

- Project will now be around about 170,000 Pounds
- BCBC contribution will not exceed 70,000 Pounds
- Bridgend Town Council contribution will be 20,000 pounds but may rise to 40,000 Pounds.
- Laleston CC contribution unknown but would hopefully match that of Bridgend Town Council.
- Approach will be made to Coity Comm. Council to makeup shortfall.

Council discuss this at length and decided that the LCC contribution will be 30,000 Pounds, as set out in Minute 09/116. clerk to write to Councillor D Unwin.

09/118 – Bus stop at High Street, Laleston: Clerk confirmed that he had visited the site and was of the opinion that it was too dangerous to a 'peep hole in the 18" thick natural stone wall of the bus shelter. With regard to the Litter bin, he agreed to liaise with Mr Howard Butler to ascertain whether the height of the bin could be lowered.

09/119 – Bus shelter cleansing at Heol y Frenhines – letter from BCBC confirmed that this shelter is cleansed on a daily basis, Monday to Friday. It confirmed also that due to known anti-social behaviour taking place at this location, the shelter is power washed at least three times per week to remove the residual odours.

09/120 – Newsletter: Cllr R Green distributed draft copies to the meeting and asked for proof readings. It was agreed that the font size be reduced and that Cllr Sloan’s offer to use the Venture Scouts for delivery [for small consideration] be accepted.

09/127 Correspondence

Council acknowledged receipt of the following items of correspondence –

BCBC - Litter bin for Bryntirion Playing Fields – letter confirmed that in the first instance, one covered litter bin be erected in the vicinity of the Youth Shelter.

Proposal for Teenage Shelter / Play area at Cefn Glas – reply letter from Mr Gareth Evans, Principal Officer, BCBC Parks, explained that in principle there were no objections from BCBC subject to consultation with the local residents and any necessary planning permission. It was agreed to apply for play equipment first and a teenage shelter at a later date. Consultation would commence with a detailed letter to be distributed at the same time as the Newsletter to residents of Wordsworth Avenue, Byron Avenue, Milton Drive and some of Shakespeare Avenue.

Trelales Primary School – Safe routes in community Project

Welsh Assembly Government – Consultation on reform of Community Health Councils in Wales. Council noted that the key change was the dissolution of seventeen of the existing nineteen Community Health Councils. Councillor S Sloan offered to review the consultation documents including the Welsh Statutory Instrument 2010 [W] and provide Clerk with copy of any comments pertaining to Community Councils.

Ombudsman – Code of Conduct – Draft Guidance – Clerk agreed to peruse the Draft Guidance from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales with regard to the new ‘code of Conduct’.

09/128 Accounts

Resolved that the following accounts be passed for payment -

Invoices received

Blandy Hall rents	50.00
BCBC grant	18,000.00

Invoice paid 23 November 2009

BCBC road works at Bryntirion P Fields	6,480.00
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Invoices for Payment

Mazars – Audit fees	460.00
Smith of Derby [clock]	212.75
Jeff Steinz – security light	34.50

09/129 Precept

Clerk presented Councillors with a draft of the minimum budget requirements for the 2010/11 financial year. Council noted that there would be an increase in number of residences within the Community and decided not to raise the amount of precept. Precept to remain at #98,000, the same as 2009/10.

09/130 Reports and Observations.

Street Lighting: Cllr P Faulkner reported comments from local residents with regard to street lighting dimming; some of the Christmas lights were on all day at Bryngolau and the school hazard lights were flashing throughout the day.

Subsidence at West Ward Shopping Centre: Cllr P Faulkner drew attention to the subsidence problem at this location.

Carol Singing: Cllr T Berrow offered his thanks to the carol singers from the local schools – Clerk to write letters of thanks to schools.

Grass cutting: Cllr T Berrow requested that 'the purchase of a lawn mower' be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. He was keen for urgent anomalies to be dealt with quickly.

Blandy Hall: Council approved Cllr T Green's request for the Blandy Hall to be used for table tennis coaching for persons with disabilities. Coaching to be under the supervision of Mr Neil Robinson. Cllr T Green to liaise with Mr Robinson with regard to the suitability of the hall.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party: Cllr T Green thanked the Scouts for the use of their hall to accommodate the Bryntirion and Laleston Community Centre annual senior citizens party which had proved to be an excellent success.

09/131 Conservation at Broadlands.

Cllr Major W Morgan confirmed that he had a draft of the Conservation Report for Broadlands, prepared by the Wales Wild Life Trust. It had identified 46 small parcels of land. When ownership of these plots had been identified, Council agreed to support the proposal to approach the owners for the donation of the land or 'penny rent lease' for purposes of conservation or additional Allotment gardens. This may involve approaches to the Land Registry to establish ownership.

09/132 Planning Applications.

At this juncture, Cllr Major W Morgan withdrew from the meeting. Council resolved that no objections be made to the following applications.

P/09/931 Mrs H Kendall, 10 Tennyson Drive, Cefn Glas – rear dormer extension.

P/09/943 Mr N Jones, 57 Llys Pentre, Broadlands – convert garage to living room and alteration of front elevation and provision of new parking space to front.

P/09/949 Mr K Morgan, 3 Browning Close – single storey extension, detached garage change hip roof to gable and provide attic room.

A/09/44 Mr Matt Swindles – Primesight Ltd – one internally illuminated double sided free standing display unit at the Old Garage, Laleston.

Signed this 21st day of January 2010

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