

**Minutes of a meeting of the Laleston Community Council held at the
Blandy Hall – Thursday 18th November 2010.**

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

Cllr E Hughes in the Chair.

Tribute Prior to opening the meeting, the Council paid tribute to the memory of ex-Chairman Mrs Gwyneth Rowe and stood in silence for one minute.

Public Participation

Mrs Yvonne Crocombe of Heol Trelales, Laleston, addressed the Council and requested consideration for the provision of a Christmas tree on the square in front of St David's Church. In principle there seemed to be no objections – Clerk was instructed to place item on the agenda for December meeting and obtain costs and further particulars.

10/91 Minutes.

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

10/92 Matters arising from the Minutes

10/79,10/69,10/63 Bus shelters: Clerk read letter of objection to proposal to erect shelter at Carreg Llwyd, near junction with Llwyn Glas. In view of the uncertainty of future funding of bus routes, it was decided to defer any decision with regard to this particular shelter until such time as routes are determined.

10/79, 10/72 Wayside seat at Laleston MUGA: Clerk read a reply from BCBC Parks Dept. Confirming permission to install an additional wayside seat in the vicinity of the Laleston MUGA. "The provision of additional new seats, at this site, by Laleston Community Council would be welcomed but would be restricted to the replacement of existing seats." Resolved to invite Landscape to Play to instal the new seat and request BCBC to repair existing seats.

10/79, 10/72 Overgrown hedge at Ael y Bryn: letter from BCBC Parks Dept. confirmed that the grass at this site is cut under contract to Valleys to Coast [owners of the land]. Clerk to write to Valleys to Coast.

10/79, 10/72 Murrays Walk – Public Footpath: Clerk reported outcome of site meeting with one of BCBC's Footpath Officers. BCBC will arrange re-surfacing of broken sections of footpath, via team from Groundwork Trust: BCBC to provide the scalping and Laleston CC to cover cost of hire of 'wacker' machine. Council approved the arrangement. Cllr S Sloan expressed concern that any person using the 'wacker' should be trained and wear appropriate footwear.

10/79, 10/73 Teenager equipment for Lon y Coed: Clerk distributed copies of section of Kompan catalogue with details of goal / kick about equipment. Cllr T green and Cllr P Faulkner to take details to next PACT meeting to discuss such provision with the residents of Lon y Coed.

10/80 Grant for Fireworks Display: Councillors noted that the recent grant [£1,500] covered the cost of the actual fireworks. Following discussion it was decided that, in futues years, Laleston CC purchase the fireworks directly from the supplier and reclaim the VAT element.

10/80 Grant to Bryntirion AFC: reply letter from Mr E Phillips explained that the application to Sports Council was on-going due to officer being on maternity leave. Two other Officers has visited during the last week of October 2010. Cllr Mrs C Green confirmed that she had received verbal confirmation from Mr Phillips that the additional grants had been approved.

10/82[i] Broadlands proposal for teenager playarea: Clerk confirmed that a site meeting had been arranged with PC Julie Phillips and PCSO Heather Dobbs – Thursday 25th November at 4.00pm – all to meet at the shops.

10/82[ii] Pot holes at Westminster Way; BCBC email confirmed that the potholes had been repaired.

10/82[v] Pathway between nos 66 and 67 Westward Place: email from BCBC explained that this pathway, though paved is unadopted and as such not maintainable at public expense. A check would be made to see whether the path is responsibility of Parks Dept.

10/82[vii] Wayside seat at High Street: two letters received from BCBC apologised for delay
- repairs completed.

10/82[viii] Western Loop Road, Broadlands: Cllr C Green confirmed that BCBC Parks Dept. had liaised with developers to rectify problems of street cleansing.

10/93 Accounts and Applications for Grant Aid.

Cllr Mrs G Faulkner and Cllr Mrs B McLeer countersigned the 'Change of Address Authority' for the HSBC Bank as per Mandate to enable Clerk to register his change of address.

Clerk read out confirmation from Mazars LLP [external auditors] that –

“ there are no issues in respect of which we propose to qualify our audit opinion on the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2010.”

The Council approved the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement and the Chairman signed both for return to the Auditor.

Resolved that the under mentioned accounts be passed for payment –

Really Welsh Trading Co – daffodils	300.00
A Sayce – repairs to water mains and refund for petrol	148.00
BCBC – planning application fee	330.00
Cllr E Hughes refund poppy wreath	15.00

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 20011 - £200
British Heart Foundation – nil.

The Chairman, Cllr E Hughes presented correspondence with regard to the defective private sewer serving Nos. 43 – 121 Merlin Crescent and No.2 Longfellow Drive, Cefn Glas. Residents had asked whether Laleston Community Council could assist with a contribution towards the repair costs. Clerk explained, at short notice, he doubted whether Section 137

of the Local Govt Act 1972 could be used for this purpose. Council decided not to set a precedent. Clerk to inform particular residents and provide a definitive opinion on the situation.

10/94 Correspondence.

Council noted receipt of the following correspondence –

- BCBC – Development of Community Access Plans
- Update training Members Code of Conduct / introduction to Local Government – Cllrs T Berrow and P Claridge volunteered for training.
 - Letter of Commendation re Broadlands Biodiversity Improvement Programme
 - Notice of letters sent to residents with regard to proposed sites for bus shelters in Broadlands.
 - Waste bin for MUGA
 - Overhanging trees at The Square, Laleston
 - Potholes at Elm Crescent and Milton Drive

10/95 Reports and Observations.

- [i] Overgrown hedge – Wordsworth Avenue: Cllr P Faulkner confirmed that he had visited resident who was in agreement with removal of the hedge but asked that a section around the garage be retained to offer security.
- [ii] Defective drainage at junction Llangewydd Road and Bryngolau: Cllr P Faulkner reported that the drainage remained defective with pond like flooding into roadway. Clerk to write to BCBC.
- [iii] Bryntirion Playing Fields: Cllr Major w Morgan reported the resumption of nuisance experienced by residents of Ton Glas from youngsters throwing or shooting [air-rifle] from the lower section of playing fields. Clerk to discuss situation with BCBC Parks Department.

10/96 Teenager Play Equipment at Wordsworth Avenue.

Clerk reported receipt of fresh quotations following change to exact location of proposed site. Change required addition works such as levelling and cutting into slopes.

The following quotations do not include costs of providing barrier, signs and path at Shakespeare Avenue as stipulated by BCBC Highways Dept. Clerk to ascertain whether such work could be undertaken by the successful contractor.

Quotations include supply and installation of three items of Kompan play equipment ie., Dino Swing, Miram and Nereide, all laid on Ecosmart Grassmat.

- Landscape to Play Ltd [South Cornelly] - £37,812.10
- Sunshine Playgrounds Ltd [Llandarcy] - £39,947.90
- Kompan [Milton Keynes] - £41,565.65

Resolved to accept quotation from Landscape to Play. Clerk to submit Planning Application with fee charge of £330.