

**Minutes of a meeting of Laleston Community Council
Held at the Blandy Hall – 16th September 2010.**

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

Councillor E Hughes in the Chair.

10/67 – Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mrs B Mcleer and Cllr Major W Morgan MBE.

10/68 – Minutes.

Following the inclusion of apologies accepted for Cllr Mrs B Davies, it was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting be signed as a true record.

10/69 – Matters arising from the Minutes and not included in agenda.

10/54, 10/59 - Japanese Knotweed at Roger's Lane: Clerk reported that BCBC Environmental Department had confirmed that the affected area, north of Roger's Lane, would be treated late September to early October 2010.

10/60 – Annual Statement of Accounts: Clerk reported on the new sequence of procedure with the External Auditor. The Chairman signed the letter to the External Auditor [as per pro-forma] which confirmed the Statement of Accounts had been certified by the Responsible Financial Officer and that the Annual Governance Statement had been completed, certified by the Clerk and had been presented to Council as per Minute 10/60.

10/62 – A473 overgrown hedge: Clerk reported that he had visited and spoken with farmer who had explained that his machinery was fully committed to harvesting throughout August and early September. Hedge cutting would not commence until at least mid September. Farmer further explained that BCBC had been responsible for the 'undercut'. BCBC workmen were seen recently working on the hedgerow in question.

10/62 – Waste Bin at footpath Church View / wind Street: Clerk confirmed that BCBC Street Scene agreed that a new bin be erected on lamp post at the junction of the two footpaths [to Wind Street] and Church View.

10/62 – 20mph repeater signs for Broadlands: Clerk read reply letter from BCBC Transportation and Engineering which explained reasons for being unable to agree to the erection of 20mph repeater signs. It was agreed that Clerk supply Cllr T Berrow with a copy of the reply and write to PCSO Cassidy requesting that the speed radar gun be used throughout Broadlands and other specific areas within the Community area.

10/63 – Bus Shelters and Wayside seats: Clerk confirmed that a site meeting for bus shelters had been arranged for Thursday 27th September. It was agreed that Cllr T Berrow accompany the Clerk.

Clerk confirmed BCBC approval of site for wayside seat at Byron Avenue. Clerk to arrange for installation. BCBC requested that the installation of wayside seat near the cycle path {Tai Arfryn} be deferred until such time as the area is adopted.

10/64 – Winter Grit Bins: Clerk confirmed that BCBC had agreed to a joint project for 21 winter grit bins. The resident consultations, where appropriate, had been successfully undertaken and BCBC notified of the actual position of the preferred sites.

10/70 – Correspondence

Resolved to note acceptance of the under-mentioned items of correspondence –

BCBC

- No Place Like Home [booklet from Design Commission]
- Summer Holiday Playscheme – thanks for support
- Broadband Support Scheme for unconnected areas by Welsh Assembly Government.
- Pothole at Merlin Crescent – repair order issued

LG Boundary Commission – Draft proposals for electoral arrangements – *the existing Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr electoral division to be increased from two to three Councillors.* Council noted the increase – resolved to write letter of support for this draft proposal. Clerk read copy letter from Cllr Mrs C Westwood with regard to the proposed boundary changes affecting Cefn Glas 1 Ward. It was agreed to write letter of support for Cllr Mrs Westwood's view that the pairing of Cefn Glas 1 Ward with Peyfai and Aberkenfig was not appropriate because of poor links between the two areas.

Welsh Assembly Government

- Local Govt Partnership Scheme: Annual Report 2009-10 – the report is now available on website <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/localgovernment/partnership/publication/s/?=1&lang=en>.
- Play for Wales – Issue 32 – summer 2010
- Proposed Local Govt. [Wales] Measure 2010.- copies of main details to be distributed.

Savills – upgrade of Telephonica O2 UK site at Bryntirion Hill. Agreed to support this joint use of Mast for mobile connections.

Bridgend Writer's Circle – Hire of Blandy Hall – resolved to approve application for use once per month on Friday evenings.

10/71 – Accounts

Resolved that the under-mentioned accounts be passed for payment –

3 rd Scouts – rent repayment	650.00
Ogmore Valley Silver Band – grant	200.00
Nat Soc of Allotments – annual fees	64.63
Blandy Trust – half water bill	47.49
Boyd Sport – tennis posts and net	261.44
Noland Recycling – skips / allotments	340.00
T Lardeau-Randall refunds – postage, Trophy engraving, SWALEC, Welsh Water and weedkiller for Blandy Hall.	172.60

10/72 – Reports and Observations of Councillors

Wayside seat for Laleston MUGA area: Cllr T Green requested that an extra wayside seat be provided in the vicinity of the MUGA. He explained that the area is extensively used by parents at the end of the school day. Whilst writing to the Parks Department, Clerk was asked to follow up on the position for a larger waste bin for the same area. Parents had been seen picking up overflow from the small bin and taking it away with them.

Traffic Speeding at Barnes Avenue: Cllr R Green reported that speeding at Barnes Avenue was becoming a problem. Clerk to write to Police to request use of the speed radar gun.

Pot hole at Milton Drive: Cllr R Green reported a pot hole in the vicinity of the bridge at Milton Drive, Cefn Glas. Clerk to write to BCBC.

Overgrown Hedge at rear of Ael y Bryn, Brynhyfred, Bryntirion: Cllr P Claridge raised the matter of extensive overgrowth [brambles] at this grassed playarea. Clerk to investigate and write to Valleys and Coast Housing Association.

Murray's Walk / Public Footpath: Following a reminder query from Cllr T Green, Clerk agreed to arrange for this footpath to be cleared and hedge of allotments to be cut back.

Teenager Shelter at Bryntirion: Cllr Mrs C Green queried when BCBC would install the waste bin for the teenager shelter. Clerk to progress chase.

Pot hole at entrance to Elm Crescent, Bryntirion: Cllr T Berrow reported a new pot hole between the OCLP Club and the overflow car park. Clerk to write to BCBC.

Daffodils: Cllr t Berrow queried supply of daffodil bulbs for autumn planting. Clerk to source supply from Really Welsh Daffodil Co. at Cardiff.

Hedge problems at Loop Road near entrance to Dol Nant Dderwen: Cllr S Sloan drew attention to the non cut back of this hedge – Clerk to look into situation and check with BCBC.

A48 – in vicinity of Parcau Isaf Farm – Speeding: Cllr P Faulkner drew attention to the seemingly increase in speeding along this section of the road from Stormy Down – he queried whether a speed camera was required. Clerk to write to Police requesting a visit with the speed gun.

Hedge / tree overgrowth in Wind Street from The Square: Cllr E Hughes reported that the greenery needed attention – Clerk to report situation to BCBC.

10/73 – Teenager equipment at Lon y Coed Play area.

Council noted the residents' disapproval to the proposal to erect a giant swing in the vicinity of this playarea. As a result of discussions with residents at a recent PACT meeting, it was unanimously agreed that the site was unsuitable for such equipment.

10/74 – Teenager play equipment for grassed area in vicinity of Wordsworth Avenue, Milton Drive and Shakespeare Avenue, Cefn Glas.

Council noted letters of objections from three households and resolved to go ahead with a formal Planning Application for three items of equipment for this site. Council noted also that fencing barriers would be required [BCBC Highways] across road from Shakespeare Avenue.

10/75 – Press Release

Council decided that emphasis should be given to –

- Lon y Coed Play area – Council had taken heed of the views of many residents and decided that the site was inappropriate for a giant swing.
- Winter grit bins and support of local residents, where appropriate.

10/76 – Planning Applications

The Chairman declared an interest and retired from the meeting. Cllr R Green took the Chair. Resolved that no objections be raised with regard to the undermentioned applications.

P/10/392 – Convert barn to dwelling and construct access road [approved previously under 05/985] – amended description at Parcau Isaf Farm, Laleston.

P/10/544 – garage conversion at 6 Lowland Close, Broadlands.

P/10/545 – flat roof dormer extension at 10 Longfellow Drive, Cefn Glas

P/10/549 – single storey extension to side – 1 Pen Main, Broadlands.

P/10/567 – first floor side extension – 9 Ton Tylluan, Broadlands.

P/10/611 – retention of existing eastern section of building and small amendment of site layout to Consent P/04/258 – Llangewydd Farm, Rogers Lane, Laleston.

P/10/621 – replace existing conservatory with new – 16 Bryngolau.

Signed this 21st day of October 2010,

.....Chairman Meeting closed 8.15pm.

