

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2024 AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE, LLANHARRY COMMENCING AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLOR: L MANCHIP (CHAIR); E COATES; V DAVIES; J DILWORTH; W OWEN; L ROSSER; D SNOOK AND G LEWIS (CLERK).

1. ELECTION OF MEMBER TO PRESIDE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Chair was present.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE DISQUALIFICATION BY ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS OF COUNCILLOR BARRY STEPHENS.

Members noted the following:

It is possible for a member of a local council to lose their place on the council by failure to attend meetings. Section 85 of the 1972 Act states a councillor automatically ceases to be a member of the council if they fail throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance to attend any meeting of the council, unless their absence was due to some reason approved by the council (s.85(1) and (2)). Any period during which a member of a local authority is suspended or partially suspended under ss.73, 78 or 79, LGA 2000 shall be disregarded for the purposes of calculating the period of six consecutive months. Once the relevant period has expired a vacancy automatically occurs, but the councillor can stand again. The council has no power to waive the requirement once the six-month period has expired. There are three points to bear in mind in connection with the above:

SIGNED.....CHAIR

1 Approval of the member's absence must be expressed by the council by resolution, before the expiry of the six-month period: such approval cannot be given after that period has elapsed

2 Attendance at any meeting of the council includes a meeting of a committee, sub-committee or joint committee on which the member is a representative

3 Approval may be given by the council to a prolonged absence, in advance - for example, where a member intends to live or work abroad for some considerable time

The responsibility for ensuring a member of council does not vacate their office through continuous failure to attend meetings rests entirely with the individual councillor and no-one else.

Resolved: to inform RCTCBC Electoral Services that a vacancy has arisen in the Llanharry Ward.

The meeting closed at 5.45 p.m.