

**MINUTES OF THE LLANGATTOCK VIBON AVEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT HILSTON PARK**  
**on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 8.0pm**

PRESENT Cllr Graham Edmunds – Chairman

Cllrs Diane Fitchett  
John Kennedy  
Yvonne Price

Cllrs Len Lane  
Steve Morgan  
Robin Wintour

IN ATTENDANCE Mr Roy Nicholas Clerk

**M152 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ray Bowen, Desmond Pugh and Anthony Vines.

**M153 Declarations of Interest**

None on the published Agenda.

**M154 Questions/Comments from the Public**

None present

**M155 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 which had been distributed to Members the next day following and displayed on the six notice-boards, were confirmed and signed as being a true record of the business transacted.

**M156 Progress Reports/Updates**

M156.1. Download Speed at the Hendre. The Clerk had raised the question with the BT Correspondence Centre following which Cllr Anthony Vines was involved and was now pursuing the matter.

M156.2 OVV Representative. In the absence of any fellow Member volunteering for this post, Cllr Graham Edmunds said that he would assume the responsibility.

## M157 Correspondence and Consultations

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M157.1 From MCC – ‘Consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy: Preliminary Draft Charging Scheme’. This had already been distributed in advance to each Member. Following perusal, it appeared that this proposed charging scheme would not have a direct influence on country areas away from the main towns. As the correspondence had emanated from the Planning Department, County Cllr Ruth Edwards provided background information. The Clerk would return the questionnaire, duly completed.

M157.4 From Kidney Wales Foundation. Details of the fundraising scheme *WALK FOR LIFE* scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015. A copy had been provided to each Member to pass on to anyone whom they thought might be interested. The Clerk was asked to place a copy on each notice-board.

## M158 – Planning Matters

M158.1 Presence of David James, Monmouthshire Rural Housing Enabler at Meeting.

The Clerk provided the following background information:

	<u>Wales</u>	<u>Monmouthshire</u>
Average House Price	£170,900	£269,700
Average weekly earnings	£476. 90	£580.00
Persons living and working <u>within their own county</u>	£472.30	£ 427.00

Mr James gave an encouraging report on a proposed development of one of the Cross Ash schemes and said that it was now time to involve the general public to ascertain their wishes for the site. He proposed, and Members agreed that a *Public Meeting* should be held at Cross Ash Village Hall and that this should be in conjunction with the liberal distribution of leaflets within the Community Council Area. Cllr Len Lane said that he would arrange, in conjunction with Mr James, to book the Hall and would also ensure good distribution of leaflets within his area. Other Members would also help with leaflet distribution. (The leaflet would be designed by Mr James).

M158.2 Discharge of Condition

DC/2014/01407 – Woodside House, Maypole - Discharge of condition 9 (details of roof-lights) from planning permission DC/2011/00686.

M158.3 Agricultural Notification

DC/2014/01448 – Green Farm, St Maughans – General purpose agricultural building

M158.4 Certificate of Proposed Lawful Use or Development

DC/2014/01357 – Pen-y-Lan House, Hendre – Erection of outbuilding.

M158.5 Planning Permissions granted by MCC 1922  
DC/2014/01285 – Callens Croft, NP25 5QGT – Erection of new double garage.  
DC/2014/01347 – Old Oak Barn, Llanvolda – Alterations to single storey wing at front of house.  
DC/2014/01417 – Fioretti, Skenfrith – Change of use of existing traditional outbuilding to holiday let.

M158.6 Planning Application received and recommended for 'Approval' subject to Condition.  
DC/2014/01446 – Rockfield Farm, Rockfield – Provide mobile home for essential farm worker.

M158.7 MCC's ' Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Document and Draft Planning Advice Note'. Copy sent to each Member. No specific comment received.

## **M159 Financial Matters**

### M159.1 Authorisations

Members resolved to authorise the following payments: MCC = £15.00 for room hire : The Clerk = £1,820.00 for 26 weeks salary : Coutrywide = £23.98 for Deosan : HMRC = £454.00 for income tax . Reimbursements x 26 weeks – Financial signatory to check records and authorise payment.

M159.2 Mazars, acting for Auditor General for Wales had now changed their contact office to The Riverside Centre, Aykley Heads, Durham DH21 5TS.

M159.3 The Pensions Regulator had sent a letter 'ACT NOW: you have new legal duties'. The Clerk had responded by requesting further details as no pension was involved by LVA CC.

M159.4 Insurance. The Clerk had written to the current insurers Aon asking whether it was possible to insure against tree damage in the Churchyard. No response had been received. Members decided that a quote should be sought from another insurer.

M159.5 MCC's Budget Meeting at which attendees had been invited to suggest scope for savings. The Clerk had provided each Member with his written suggestion that there was scope for savings in MCC's profligate money spent on place-name road signage. Even within LVA CC, thousands of pounds had been wasted on signs which had included the overriding of the Welsh Language Board's instruction not to translate Rockfield and Cross Ash into Welsh! Members had seen locally erected signs misplaced and all knocked down (Newcastle did not last 24 hours). There were many other instances such as MCC's hire of equipment and overtime for one way traffic where none was needed on the B 4521.

## **M160 Highways/Footpaths/Transport**

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M160.1 Clerk's Meeting . He had met with County Cllr Bryan Jones who is responsible for Highways and also engineer Andrew Welsh who now covers the LVA CC area. The various outstanding problems were discussed and action was promised.

M160.2 Junction of B4521 with Route 12.15 at Cross Ash (opposite the old Post Office). Complaints were being received that safety visibility was much impaired by the number of cars parked outside the houses. What could be done? The Clerk was to contact MCC.

M160.3 "Bell Lane" (R38). Attention was required on this section in particular. MCC Highways to be asked to act.

M160.4 Route 21.2. Drains are blocked along the lower reaches of this route. MCC have been asked for action to be taken whilst the vegetation is withered and their location is visible.

M160.5 B4233 Steppes/Rockfield section. The upper drains have now received attention but there is still concern for those at the village.

M160.6 B4347 . Cllr John Kennedy said he was grateful to the Clerk for his action in clearing the flood blockage which was causing one way traffic at Rockfield Bridge.

M160.7 River Monnow near Bridge at Skenfrith. Cllr Graham Edmonds expressed his grave concern at the serious condition of the disintegrating condition of the riverside retaining wall immediately upstream of the bridge. Should it slide into the river, the consequences would be serious.

## **M161 Environment/Waste/Recycling**

No issues raised.

## **M162 Education and Lifelong Learning**

The Clerk had written to MCC's Planning Section concerning Application DC/2013/01071 involving Land at Dixton Road, Monmouth. He had pointed out that secondary school pupils within LVA CC were in the catchment area for Monmouth Comprehensive. The greatly increased and type of vehicle movements would much increase the harmful nitrogenous element of the air which pupils breathe.

## **M163 Health and Wellbeing**

"Home Start". The Clerk had been asked to give the greatest publicity possible to the service of this organisation. Consequently, he had copied the leaflet to each Member so that in the event of their knowing an interested parent, they could be passed on.

## **M164 Members'/Clerk's Reports**

None

## **M165 Churchyard**

The Clerk had carried out a safety check and found no faults in monuments.

**1924**

Cllr John Kennedy has enquired whether the mole problem should be tackled. It had been decided that the cost would be too prohibitive.

**M166 War Memorials**

Nothing to report at this stage for Skenfrith. The Clerk had anchored the wreaths at Llangattock so that they were not carried away by the wind.

**M167 Date of Next Meeting**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 at Hilston Park commencing at 8.00pm.

**M168 Comments, etc by County Cllr Ruth Edwards.**

Already made in the foregoing items, especially Planning.

**M169 Announcements/Suggestions.**

M169.1 Cllr Graham Edmunds announced that in a communication received from this year's MCC Chairman, Gwent Music would be performing at Abergavenny Leisure Centre on 20<sup>th</sup> March with tickets at £5 in aid of Chairman's Charity'

M169.2 Police announcement "Two men charged with burglary". This stated : Two men, aged 31 from Merthyr Tydfil, have been appeared in Court after being charged with burglary. The offence occurred in the Hendre area of Monmouth on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

M169.3 'A mystery performance' is scheduled for Cross Ash Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> March commencing at 7.30pm. The fee is £15 which will include a 3-course meal.

**Roy G Nicholas**  
**06.03.2015**  
**Monmouth.**

**MMXV**

**Minutes Approved**

**Chairman**

**Dated**