

**Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council**  
**Cyngor Cymuned Llangatwg Feibion Afel**

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<b>Minutes of the Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council Public Meeting</b>	
Date	Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June, 2016 at 8.00 pm
Venue	Hilston Park
Chair	Councillor Len Lane
Also present	Councillors:- Anthony Vines, Ray Bowen, Graham Edmunds, John Kennedy, Steve Morgan, Yvonne Price, Desmond Pugh, Robin Wintour. Also County Councillor Ruth Edwards
In attendance	Mr Mark Nicholas, Clerk to the Council

**Agenda Item 1. Apologies for Absence**

Community councillor Dianne Fitchett.

**Agenda Item 2. Declarations of Interest.**

Councillors agreed to identify any that arose during the course of the meeting.

**Agenda Item 3. Questions and Comments from Members of the Public.**

Councillor Desmond Pugh had received comments from a member of the public expressing concern at the decision of the Community Council not to contribute towards the cost of repairing the tarmac path at the Church of St Cenhedlon in Rockfield.

**Agenda Item 4. Minutes of the last meeting.**

The minutes of the previous (Annual General) meeting held on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings.

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### **Agenda Item 5. Updates and Progress (except where covered by other headings)**

The meeting agreed that Councillor Robin Wintour be appointed Vice-Chair of the Community Council for the year 2016/17, this appointment having been postponed at the Annual General Meeting held on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Anthony Vines confirmed his intention to resign given at the last meeting. The Clerk agreed to inform Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) the following day with a view to the position being advertised as a "casual vacancy".

### **Agenda Item 6. Correspondence and Consultations (except where covered by other headings)**

05/05/2016 Sandra Ellen Rosser from MCC the whole place had sent grant information to the clerk with links to Peoples Postcode Trust Small grants, Postcode Community Trust and Lloyds Bank Foundation programme.

09/05/2016 Lucinda James from MCC had sent the Clerk a request for details of Community and Church Halls.

16/05/2016 Sophie Howe, Commissioner for Future Generations sent notice of a discussion session to be held in South East Wales on July 4<sup>th</sup>, the venue to be confirmed at a late date.

18/05/2016 from Paul Matthews MCC. An informal information sharing session for all Town and Community Councils in Monmouthshire, to be held in Usk on Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. Councillors Dianne Fitchett, Yvonne Price and the Clerk are likely to attend.

19/05/2016 One Voice Wales (OVW) sent an invitation to attend the Larger Councils Conference on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2016.

20/05/2016 From Roy Nicholas, the previous Clerk, a letter of thanks for his Leaving Presentation. He also expressed his thanks to Councillor Anthony Vines for his work on setting up the Community Council website.

20/05/2016 from MCC. Information that in 2015 tourism had brought £187 million into the county.

26/05/2016 from the charity Home Start, AGM to be held on 21/06/2016 at Drybridge House, Monmouth. Dianne Fitchett and the Clerk are likely to attend.

02/06/2016 from MCC. Over 50's forum at County Hall, Usk on 22<sup>nd</sup> June relating to planning.

02/02/2016 from MCC. A meeting for people living with disabilities to discuss transport. The Access for All Forum will gather in County Hall, Usk on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### **Agenda Item 7. Planning Matters**

**DC/2016/00486 CWM Newydd.** This was a re-submission of DC/2014/01451. The Clerk submitted an on-line comment in support on 19/05/2016.

**DC/2016/00298 Orchard Campsite** MCC visited the site on 18/05/2016 and have stayed the application pending the outcome of their enquiries. The Clerk has requested that MCC keep the Community Council informed as to future developments.

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**DC/2016/00532 Rock Mon** Green House & wood store. County Councillor Ruth Edwards and Community Councillor Robin Wintour declared conflicts of interest and left the meeting while this was discussed. The meeting agreed to support the application.

### **Agenda Item 8. Financial Matters**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Community Council precept of £3000 had been received on 03/05/2016 as shown on the 17/05/2016 Lloyds Bank Statement.

The meeting agreed to approve the following payments:-

Gwent Outdoor Centres, hire of room for the evenings' meeting, £15.

After 10/06/2016, Payments to the Clerk and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) totalling approximately £800. This being made up of the Clerk's salary net of tax for the previous three months, and a direct payment to HMRC of the deductions due upon the salary.

Councillor Anthony Vines had received a request from residents of the Llangattock Ward for financial support for a public celebration of H.M. the Queen's 90th birthday. This to be held at Llangattock Montessori School field from 3pm onwards on Saturday, 11th June. Councillors agreed that the Community Council would donate up to £100, subject to the presentation of suitable receipts.

### **Highways, footpaths and transport**

The Clerk had spoken to Andrew Welsh from MCC highways. Andrew is keen to clear any outstanding problems during the summer and is happy to meet members of the Council. The Clerk will email Andrew with a view to arranging meetings with Councillors Graham Edmunds and Robin Wintour.

### **Environment, recycling, waste**

Waste bins in Skenfrith - It was agreed that the Clerk will contact MCC to request that a waste bin be sited in the village. Positioning the bin near the bus stop/letter box was suggested.

### **Education and lifelong learning**

**02/06/2016 from MCC** – Festival of Learning (formerly adult learning week) to be held 13<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July, focusing on family history.

Julia Willis has been appointed as the new Deputy Head of Cross Ash School and also remains head of Year 6.

### **Health and wellbeing**

**09-05-2016 from MCC.** The Clerk had passed on details of an event run by the charity "Look Good Feel Better" to offer support for people living with cancer. This event being held at Abergavenny Library on Monday 23rd May.

**Defibrillator** – At the last meeting of the Community Council, Toby Elliot, on behalf of the Village Life Community Project (VLCP) had attended and raised concerns about the

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potential imminent removal of the phone box from Maypole Village. This being of concern to VLCP as they propose to use the redundant phone box to house a defibrillator. The Clerk had engaged in an extensive series of emails with British Telecom and been informed that BT have no plans to remove the box in the near future. If proposals are made to remove it later, this will be part of a wide-ranging schedule of works preceded by a consultation process.

The Clerk had passed on details of the Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO) and potential funders to Toby Elliot.

**02/06/2016** From Five Cram, VCLP, the Clerk had received an email thanking the Community Council for their agreement in principle at their last meeting, of a £100 contribution towards the cost of each defibrillator within the Community Council area.

#### **Agenda Item 13. Visits by Councillors and Clerk**

None to report since the previous meeting. Councillor Graham Edmunds is likely to attend the One Voice Wales (OVW) meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July.

#### **Agenda Item 14. Llangattock Churchyard**

Councillor Len Lane informed the meeting that the grass had been cut and that the Churchyard was now in a very presentable condition.

Community Councillor Anthony Vines agreed to resolve a query concerning the boundaries of grass-cutting responsibilities.

#### **Agenda Item 16. War Memorials**

Nothing to report.

#### **Agenda Item 17. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held at 8.00 pm on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Hilston Park.

#### **Agenda Item 18. Announcements and Comments of Interest.**

11/05/2016, from MCC. Jim Higginson, Caldicot County Councillor, will serve as Chair of Monmouthshire County Council for the term 2016/2017.