

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

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<b>Minutes of the Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council Public Meeting</b>	
Date	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 8.00 pm
Venue	Hilston Park
Chair	Councillor Len Lane
Also present	Councillors:- Diane Fitchett, John Kennedy, Steve Morgan, Yvonne Price, Desmond Pugh.
In attendance	Mr Mark Nicholas, Clerk to the Council

**Agenda Item 1, M176. Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Ray Bowen, Graham Edmunds (attending One Voice Wales meeting), Anthony Vines and Robin Wintour. Also County Councillor Ruth Edwardes.

**Agenda Item 2, M177. Declarations of Interest.**

None were received as regards the published Agenda. Councillors agreed to identify any that arose during the course of the meeting.

**Agenda Item 3, M178. Questions and Comments from Members of the Public.**

None received.

**Agenda Item 4, M179. Minutes of the last meeting.**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings.

**Agenda Item 5, M180 Update from the new Clerk.**

The Clerk had notified relevant organisations about his appointment and will continue to remind them in future correspondence.

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A suitable training course had been identified for the Clerk. This is "Introduction to Local Council Administration" (ILCA). This is offered by the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), see also agenda item 9, financial matters.

The current accountant to the council has expressed a wish to retire, and Councillor Yvonne Price was looking at finding a replacement.

#### **Agenda Item 6, M181 Updates and Progress (except where covered by other headings)**

None arising.

#### **Agenda Item 7, M182 Correspondence and Consultations (except where covered by other headings)**

Monmouthshire County Council – Interest free home improvement loans. The administration fee has been reduced from 15% to 8%. Further details from Strategy & Policy Officer Steve Griffiths on 01633 644455, or the County Councils' website.

The Monmouthshire Business Awards, to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 is launching a new "Community Life" award category to recognise any organisation, business person or enterprise that has contributed towards community life in the county. Further details from [www.monbizawards.co.uk](http://www.monbizawards.co.uk), or call 01633 891514.

Monmouthshire County Council have announced that the "My Life My Choices" Co-operative, has been awarded £50,000. The co-op aims to support disabled people to achieve their goals through using direct payments.

Monmouthshire County Council is looking for foster carers. For more details contact 01873 735945 or [familyplacement@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyplacement@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

Two requests for charitable donations had been received. It was agreed that the Council was not in a position to make any contributions.

Monmouthshire County Council has launched a consultation on its' Improvement Objectives. The Community Council did not wish to make any representations.

#### **Agenda Item 8, M183 Planning Matters**

North Lodge, The Hendre – continued deterioration. The Clerk was in receipt of letters from Nick Ramsay AM, and Ken Skates AM, Deputy Director for Culture Sport & Tourism. They had contacted Amy Longford, Heritage Manager for Monmouthshire County Council who was going to arrange a visit. The Clerk has emailed Amy for an update, pointing out that the building is now a hazard to the public as well due to falling debris. The Clerk will contact Amy Longford again.

Monmouthshire County Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - comments are invited on the Draft Charging Schedule (DCS) during a six week consultation period starting Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The Community Council had no comments.

Cross Ash – Affordable Housing. Councillor Len lane had been in continuing discussions with interested parties about this matter.

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### **Agenda Item 9, M184 Financial Matters**

The meeting agreed to authorise the following payments:- Gwent Outdoor Centres - hire of room for this meeting £15.00; Monmouthshire County Council - grass cutting at Llangattock Churchyard £310.00. Society of Local Council Clerks – training course £149.00. Konica Minolta – copy and print £31.49.

### **Agenda Item 10, M185 Highways, footpaths & transport**

B4347 Rockfield to Newcastle Road, Surface breaking up near Cwm Newydd Farm.

12.9, leading away from Cross Ash. The road surface had only been repaired three weeks earlier and was already breaking up.

The Clerk to bring these matters to the attention of the County Council, and also to ask for updates on issues raised during and after the previous meeting of the Community Council.

### **Agenda Item 11, M186. Environment, recycling, waste**

Dog fouling in and around Skenfrith Castle - the Clerk had been in contact with Monmouthshire County Council about their "Red Card" scheme. The Clerk will now seek potential suppliers for any dog waste bins that may be installed at a future date.

### **Agenda Item 12, M187. Education and lifelong learning**

Nothing to report

### **Agenda Item 13, M188. Health and Wellbeing**

There were no updates as yet concerning a consultation of Maypole residents as regards de-commissioning the phone box with a view to it being used to house a defibrillator.

### **Agenda Item 14, M189. Visits by Councillors and Clerk**

Councillor Graham Edmunds was in attendance at a One Voice Wales area committee meeting this same evening.

### **Agenda Item 15, M190. Llangattock Churchyard**

Councillor Len Lane informed the meeting that the grass had now been cut twice and that the Churchyard was looking very tidy.

The Community Council has a responsibility to the public to maintain safe and non-slip surfaces within the churchyard. The Deosan product 'Red Label Hypochlorite' (as used in milking parlours) has been used for many years for this purpose with complete satisfaction. This procedure is under constant review, and the continued suitability of this product and potential alternatives are always explored. A chemical expert had been consulted and he confirmed that Deosan is completely safe when used and diluted according to the manufacturer's instructions. It breaks down after use leaving no persistent residues. It is also economical, as it is purchased as a concentrate and diluted to many times its original volume when used. Potential alternatives were more expensive

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and in some cases were merely diluted hypochlorite sold under a brand name at a much higher price.

#### **Agenda Item 16, M191. War Memorials**

Nothing to report.

#### **Agenda Item 17, M192. Birthday Celebrations for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth**

The Community Council will be pleased to support and encourage any celebrations within the Community.

#### **Agenda Item 18, M193. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016 at 7.030 pm. The Clerk to invite the previous Clerk to a presentation at the start of the meeting to mark his 20 years of service to the Community Council.

#### **Agenda Item 19, M194. Announcements and Comments of Interest.**

Councillors were saddened to learn of the death of former colleague Bill Price, 91, who had been a Community Councillor for 50 years as well as County Councillor for the area. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect. His funeral will take place at Skenfrith Church at noon on Tuesday, 19th April, with mourners meeting at the village hall afterwards.

The Border Counties Steam and Vintage Show will be held at Vauxhall Fields on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 10:00 to 17:30.

The National Eisteddfod will be held at Abergavenny Castle Meadows from 29<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August.