

**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, February 1 <sup>st</sup> , at 7.30pm
Venue	Hilston Park, Newcastle, NP25 5NY
Chair	Councillor Robin Wintour
Also present	Councillors: Ray Bowen, Graham Edmunds, John Kennedy, Len Lane, Steve Morgan, Yvonne Price, Desmond Pugh, & Yvonne Rees. County Councillor: Ruth Edwards
In attendance	Mr Mark Nicholas, Clerk to the Council

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Councillor George Edwards.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

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

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings. The Clerk reported that he had made slight changes to the positioning of the abbreviations "OVW & MCC".

**4. Guest Speakers.**

None.

**5. Questions and Comments from Members of the Public.**

Two members of the public attended and spoke to the meeting.

Mr A informed the meeting that he considered a gravelled area of the verge on the B4233, just west of Steppes Farm, and on the same side, to be a layby.

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Mr B informed the meeting that he did not consider this to be a layby. Mr B also informed the meeting of some parking issues that had occurred along this road from the gravelled area of verge, and then some distance downhill. This had been on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> of January.

It was agreed that the Clerk would seek a conclusive answer from Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) as regards the status of the gravelled area of verge. It was also agreed that the Clerk would seek advice from the Police as regards the parking issues.

### **6. Updates and Progress (except where covered by other headings)**

**Letterboxes** – No further information had been sent to the Clerk by Royal Mail in regard to the Community Council's request for a replacement box to be placed near the Hendre noticeboard. On a brighter note, the Lettravane (NP25 5NF) box which had been removed in December, had been replaced by a new one on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January.

### **7. Correspondence and Consultations (except where covered by other headings)**

**19th December**, via One Voice Wales (OVW), the Regional Engagement Team newsletter, with information about the new funding windows for the Rural Development Programme.

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**21st December**, from OVW, the December Newsletter.

**29th December**, an email from CSO Sara Mason, to say that thefts from outbuildings and poaching at the Hendre remain local Policing Priorities.

**10th January**, from Sara Middleton at GAVO, an offer of help in setting up new groups.

From MCC, a reminder about the Consultation on the MCC Well-being plan, minutes of the last Cluster meeting, and a reminder of the next meeting to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February.

Via OVW, a WAG consultation on "Local Toilet Strategies" Responses by 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**14th December**, as both the Chair and the Clerk had been unable to attend the MCC Cluster meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Dec, the Clerk had made a written submission.

**19th Jan**, a rural crime report from CSO Sara Mason.

**16th Jan** – a letter from Monmouthshire CAB giving details of their opening times.

**17th Jan**. An email from OVW with some advice about the new GDPR. (General Data Protection Regulations)

**24th Jan**, an offer of training on the new GDPR from MCC. To be held on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm at County Hall on Usk.

**25th Jan**. From OVW, the January News Bulletin, giving particular emphasis on the new GDPR legislation to come into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**26th Jan**. From OVW, notice of the Area Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> of April, at Usk, and also the unconfirmed minutes from the previous meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January.

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### 8. Planning Matters

**DC/2017/01269** Menage and shelter at Holly Barn, Newcastle. 18/12/2017, the Clerk had emailed MCC planning as regards ensuring that notices are placed on the correct property. A comment recommending approval was placed on the portal on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. Approval subsequently granted by MCC.

**Pitch Cottage**, Newcastle, NP25 5NS. A query over a new access had been logged as MCC 1714453.

**DC/2017/01462** Manor Lodge, Llangattock, NP25 5NG. 13 sq. single storey garden room extension. (22 December). Approval recommended. The Clerk will place a comment to this effect on the MCC Planning Portal.

**9<sup>th</sup> Jan**, a list of new and completed enforcements from MCC.

**Appeal costs.** Councillor John Kennedy had enquired as to how legal costs are apportioned at planning appeals.

### 9. Financial Matters

The meeting agreed to authorise the following payments:

**£17.00** Gwent Outdoor Centres, hire of room for this meeting

**£279.22** Net Salary for the Clerk

**£167.84** to MCC for the May 2017 elections. (invoice number 70119632)

**Precept.** The Clerk had received confirmation from MCC of the precept for 2018/2019 in the sum of £9300.

### 10. Highways, footpaths & transport

**MCC ref 1711154** Raised manhole cover on B4521, leaving Cross Ash and travelling towards Abergavenny, near Peeler's Cottage. MCC sent an update 11<sup>th</sup> January, to say this had "been re bedded and safe".

**MCC ref 1711160** Blocked Drain outside Rock Cottage, Newcastle, NP25 5NT, on B4347, no updates received.

**24067** – Blocked drains coming down into Rockfield from the hairpin bend on the B4233. An update had been received from MCC to say that these had been cleared.

**MCC ref 1711146 & 49** 18<sup>th</sup> December, the Clerk had enquired with MCC and the Police as to the legal status of apparently abandoned vehicles outside Graig View Cross Ash NP7 8PG. One vehicle had been removed by the owner, and the other remains in situ. This had raised another query, as regards the status of the road at Graig View, MCC have expressed an opinion that some of the road is adopted, and some of the road is not. This is despite the fact that the houses were all originally built as Council Houses, and that some of the ones now owned by MHA, are accessed via the "unadopted" section.

**MCC ref 026295**, spurious road markings on B4347 on bend from Hilston to Newcastle. 18/12/2017, the Clerk had challenged MCC's assertion that the lines could not be removed, pointing out that this is an offence under the 1971 criminal damage act.

The Clerk had asked for an update on the 10<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**8<sup>th</sup> January**, from MCC, notice of a road closure between Cross Ash and Grosmont, to take effect on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

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**18<sup>th</sup> Jan. Notice of** a series of road and path closures starting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February to support work on re-furbishing the powerlines of the national grid.

**B4521** - Councillor Graham Edmunds reported that the edge of the road is breaking up, as it approaches the border with England.

**Speed limits & checks.** Queries were raised about the possibility of introducing speed limits at the Hendre, and the frequency of speed checks carried out at Rockfield. The Clerk will make enquiries to the Police and MCC.

### **11. Environment, recycling, waste**

**18<sup>th</sup> November**, and email from OVW giving details of a WAG "Bee Friendly Scheme"

### **12. Education and lifelong learning**

**18<sup>th</sup> Jan.** The Clerk had replied to Amy Baker, Cross Ash School, to confirm that none of the Councillors were able to take up the vacant post of school Governor.

**24<sup>th</sup> Jan,** Amy had sent an update to say that the vacancy has now been filled by a Councillor from Llanover Community Council.

### **13. Health and Wellbeing**

**29<sup>th</sup> January.** An email from the Aneurin Bevan Health Board, with an attached report from the Q&A session held at Bridges on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September.

### **14. Visits by Councillors and Clerk**

18<sup>th</sup> January, OVW Monmouth & Newport Area Committee meeting at 19.00 in The Library, Sessions House, Usk.

### **15. Llangattock Churchyard**

Nothing to report.

### **16. War Memorials**

Nothing to report.

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

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Thursday, March 1st at 8.00pm

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

**28<sup>th</sup> January**, from the Mayor of Monmouth, Councillor Felicity Cotton, an invitation to an Ale & Pie Evening at Drybridge House on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. This being to raise money for the Mayor's Charities.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.