

Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council

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Minutes of the Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council Public Meeting	
Date	Thursday April 5 th 2017 at 8.00pm
Venue	Hilston Park, Newcastle, NP25 5NY
Chair	Councillor Robin Wintour
Also present	Councillors: Graham Edmunds, George Edwards, 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

None

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 March 8th, 2018 were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings.

4. Guest Speakers.

None.

5. Questions and Comments from Members of the Public.

None.

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

29th March. A newsletter from Western Power giving updates on the National Grid refurbishment.

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

8th March, from the Welsh Audit Office, a survey about the relationship between Local Authorities and Community Councils. The Meeting discussed and agreed answers to the survey, which were noted by the Clerk, so as to enable him to complete the Survey online by the deadline of 12.00 midnight of the following day (Friday).

12th March, from MCC, draft notes about the Custer meeting held on the 16th of January. It was noted that a written submission from the Community Council had been taken into consideration.

From Felicity Cotton, Mayor of Monmouth. Notice of a Public Realm Working Group meeting at 1pm at the Shire Hall on the 28th of March.

16th March, from Monmouthshire County Council (MCC), information about the new Corporate Plan.

19th March. From One Voice Wales, (OVW), an email inviting motions to be debated at the 2018 AGM, to be submitted no later than May 31st. The AGM will be held on 29th September.

20th March, via OVW, a "Data Protection Toolkit",

23rd March, an email from Rachel Rawlings at MCC with some information about the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

28th March, from OVW, the March News Bulletin.

29th March, from the Society of Local Council Clerks, more information about GDPR.

3rd April, from OVW, a copy of their response to the Community and Town Council review.

4th April, A message from Deryck Evans at the Wales Audit Office.

In view of the forthcoming introduction of the GDPR, a discussion was held as to if the Community Council should register with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). It was decided that this is not likely to be required. However, Councillor Steve Morgan will make further enquiries to clarify the situation.

8. Planning Matters

19th March. The Clerk had enquired as to the progress of MCC's new IT system in the Planning Department.

22nd March, an email from MCC Planning to say that the new system is now live.

DC/2018/00120 The Old Shop Skenfrith Abergavenny NP7 8UH, an application to erect a fence (black metal estate fencing)

DM/2018/00373 Hafod, St Maughans, NP25 5QF. An application to install 2 windows in carport/store.

28th March, from Planning Aid Wales, details of a course to be held at Newport on the 23rd of April.

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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

£209.40 Tax and National Insurance on the Clerk's salary for the previous quarter.

£104.40 Payroll fee to Broomfield Alexander.

£100.00 Jason Brimble, to cut the grass at the Skenfrith War Memorial four times in 2018.

10. Highways, footpaths & transport

The Clerk had emailed MCC to thank them for their work during the recent bad weather, especially as regards keeping the roads open.

027356 19th March, query to MCC Highways and Planning about road adoption, also to SLCC.

19th March- The Bell layby, the Clerk had sent a reminder to NRW about his original query, **NRW:00301882**, sent on the 21st of February. He had also emailed MCC again, and received a new reference number, **027359**.

Welsh Water, constant repairs and roadworks near old Norton School House, at junction of B4521 and B4347. The Clerk had an online chat with WW, and then a telephone call, with a promise for more information at a later date.

Potholes on route 12.9 as it leaves 12.15 at Cross Ash, new reference assigned by MCC of **1995970**. Mended in the past under reference 024052.

027025 – Hendre Speed Limit. A reply from Phaedra Cleary at MCC to say that a 40 mph limit will be considered.

1911418. Road edge crumbling on the B4521 as it approaches the Wales/England border. MCC responded to say that the damaged section is on the English side, and therefore not their responsibility.

Velothon. The Clerk had responded to an email from MCC about the Velothon, enquiring if there would be sufficient notice of road closures. An acknowledgement was received on the 4th of April under the reference **27458**.

Rockfield – a local resident had enquired about the legality of what seems to be a permanent advertising sign on the triangle of grass at the junction of the B4233 and B4347.

11. Environment, recycling, waste

An email from MCC highlighting the huge amount of litter picked up from the Highway system and the costs to the Council Tax payer.

12. Education and lifelong learning

Nothing to report.

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13. Health and Wellbeing

18th March, an email from Tom Pitts Tucker of the Village Life Community Project, giving updates about placing defibrillators in the disused red phone boxes at Newcastle and Rockfield.

14. Visits by Councillors and Clerk

Councillor Desmond Pugh attended the Public Realm meeting in Monmouth on the 28th of March.

15. Llangattock Churchyard

Councillor Len Lane reported that it had been too wet to cut the grass.

Councillor Robin Wintour provided a contact to the Clerk for potential funding for the Churchyard.

16. War Memorials

Please see item 9, concerning grass cutting at the Skenfrith Memorial.

17. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. This will be held at Hilston Park, on Thursday, the 3rd of May, at 7.00pm.

18. Announcements and Comments of Interest.

None.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.