

# Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council

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<b>Minutes of the Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council Public Meeting</b>	
Date	Wednesday September 4 <sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.30 pm
Venue	Hilston Park, Newcastle, NP25 5NY
Chair	Yvonne Rees
Also present	Councillors: Ray Bowen, Graham Edmunds, George Edwards, Len Lane, Steve Morgan, Desmond Pugh.
In attendance	Mark Nicholas, Clerk to the Council

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors John Kennedy, Yvonne Price and Robin Wintour.

### 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 July 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings.

### Topic from Later Agenda Item (8. Planning Matters) Brought Forward

**DM/2018/0093** – proposed Cider Production Facility at White House Farm, NP25 5NS. Fifteen members of the public were present at the meeting whose objections to this planning application were outlined by a spokesperson. It was agreed that discussion of this item could be brought forward so that those members of the public who did not wish to stay for later agenda items could then leave the meeting.

As at the previous meeting, concerns were expressed about – poor road access, increased vehicle movements, water usage, waste disposal and environmental concerns. The spokesperson said that the isolated site was unsuitable for such a large building,

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especially as it is sited within the registered Hilston Park and Garden site. It was also stated that the development was industrial in nature and did not represent agricultural development or diversification.

The Clerk advised those present that it was now likely that the proposal would be discussed at the Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) Planning Committee meeting to be held at the start of October.

#### 4. Guest Speakers.

None.

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

**Village Green at Newcastle**, outside the former Wellington Public House. A member of the public had contacted the Clerk enquiring as to the status of the Green, and also offering to assist in registering it with Fields in Trust, should the Council so wish. It was agreed that advice would be sought as to if any additional protection would be given by achieving FIT status, or indeed, if this was actually an available option

Please also see after Item 3, "Topic from Later Agenda Item (8. Planning Matters) Brought Forward"

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

**12<sup>th</sup> July**, from Rachel Rawlings, MCC. News about further Broadband Funding, but only for properties not covered by the Superfast Cymru rollout or subsequent infill schemes. To be clear, this funding is not available for properties stranded by the un-finished but planned roll-out of "superfast" broadband.

**7<sup>th</sup> August** – from the Independent Review Panel (Wales), outline findings and recommendations – unexpectedly, no boundary changes are proposed, but there are several other recommendations:

<https://gov.wales/docs/dsjlg/publications/localgov/180807-independent-review-panel-en.pdf>

**21<sup>st</sup> August**, another update from the National Grid team, about the overhead line refurbishment. <https://jbp.cmail20.com/t/j-e-nhtkldt-jjkilttrhj-p/>

Kindly forwarded by Councillor Robin Wintour, a Welsh Conservative press release, highlighting concerns about the "Welsh Government's "Worrying Lack of Transparency" Over Delays to Multimillion Pound Broadband Rollout"

**Community Council Website.** Councillor Des Pugh had succeeded in updating and adding items to the Community Council website.

External Audit. The Clerk had responded to a number of queries from the External Auditors, mainly in relation to minute references and the availability of various documents.

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

**19<sup>th</sup> July**, from OVW, the Chairs Report for the Monmouth/Newport area Committee.

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**24<sup>th</sup> July**, via One Voice Wales (OVW), an invitation to a presentation of the findings of the Independent Review Panel (boundaries) at Llandrindod Wells on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August.

**24<sup>th</sup> July**, via OVW, details of a WAG consultation on Autism (by 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018)

**23<sup>rd</sup> July**, from MCC news of 3 new Chief Officers, for Enterprise, Social Care, Safeguarding & Health, as well as Head of Law & Monitoring Officer.

**1<sup>st</sup> August**, from Monmouthshire CAB, news about their work, and a request for funding. Local CAB Offices – Monmouth 01873 856466, and Abergavenny 01600 773297.

**9<sup>th</sup> August**, from Tracey Thomas, at MCC Enterprise directorate, information about Monlife, MCC's new Company:

<https://www.facebook.com/MonmouthshireCC/>

Also, from MCC, news that Monmouth leisure centre is to re-open on August 15<sup>th</sup>, but the swimming pool not until "December".

**16<sup>th</sup> August**, from OVW, a list of forthcoming training events to be held in Usk over the next few months.

**24<sup>th</sup> August**, from Joe Skidmore at MCC. A report from the Monmouth Area Cluster meeting held on 29 June 2018, and other information about clustering.

**24<sup>th</sup> August**, from OVW, information about the conference and AGM to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, at the Royal Welsh Showground.

**31<sup>st</sup> August**, via OVW, a WAG natural Resources bulletin.

**4<sup>th</sup> September**, from OVW, an offer of training in Making Effective Grant Applications, to be held in Usk at 6.30 pm, Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

**3<sup>rd</sup> September**, from Monmouth Town Council, an Agenda for their meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September.

### 8. Planning Matters

**24<sup>th</sup> July**, a WAG consultation on the delivery of new homes:

<https://beta.gov.wales/delivery-of-housing-through-the-planning-system>

Responses by 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**DM/2018/00980** (amendment to DC/2017/01129), Ty Gwyn. Comment placed on portal, with full regard to declaration of interest.

**"Little house on the Priory", Skenfrith** – MCC Planning had taken enforcement action on August 2<sup>nd</sup> to prevent unauthorised holiday letting of a detached annex.

**8<sup>th</sup> July**, From MCC, a list of new and completed enforcements, and news of changes to Section 106 arrangements.

**3<sup>rd</sup> September**, from MCC, a list of new and completed Enforcements.

### 9. Financial Matters

The meeting agreed to authorise the following payments:

**£17.00** Monmouthshire County Council, hire of room for this meeting

**£279.22** Net Salary for the Clerk

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£100.00 donation to Monmouthshire CAB (see also Item 7)

### 10. Highways, footpaths & transport

**13<sup>th</sup> July**, a further update from the National Grid, about the Overhead Line refurbishment.

**1<sup>st</sup> August**, from MCC, a spreadsheet showing a Highways programme of works.

**River wall at Skenfrith.** Councillors were concerned that no progress had been made in repairing the wall while the river level was low.

### 11. Environment, recycling, waste

**24<sup>th</sup> August**, from MCC, a questionnaire about re-cycling, with a deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> August.

<https://bit.ly/2OT8ZB1>

The Clerk had requested an extension to the deadline, bearing in mind the Bank Holiday weekend. Councillor Bryan Jones had kindly replied, saying *"I am sure that any message you send will be noted"* Councillor Robin Wintour submitted a response. MCC had received 11,000 responses in total.

**Skenfrith - Litter Bin.** Discussions are on-going with CADW as regards the provision of a litter bin. Once in place, this will be emptied by MCC.

### 12. Education and lifelong learning

**23<sup>rd</sup> August**, from MCC. A press release about GCSE results in the County's secondary schools.

Also, from MCC, a report on the Consultation for the Review of Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion Services.

<http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation>

### 13. Health and Wellbeing

**6<sup>th</sup> July**, from Joe Skidmore & Rachel Rawlings of MCC, information about the draft Loneliness & Social Isolation plan, entitled A Connected Monmouthshire.

<https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/documents/s13975/180418%20Draft%20Social%20Justice%20Strategy%20V5%20Appendix%20A%20180502.pdf>

### 14. Visits by Councillors and Clerk

None

### 15. Llangattock Churchyard

(The Community Council is responsible for the closed part of the Churchyard)

Councillor Len Lane reported that the grass had been cut earlier in the day, and the Churchyard was in good order.

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**16. War Memorials**

Nothing to report.

**17. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8.00pm, at Hilston Park.

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

Councillor Len Lane reported another successful Cross Ash annual show and fun day.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.