

Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council
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Minutes of the Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council Public Meeting	
Date	Wednesday, 7 th November 2018, at 8.00pm
Venue	Hilston Park, Newcastle, NP25 5NY
Chair	Councillor Yvonne Price
Also present	Councillors: Graham Edmunds, George Edwards, John Kennedy, Len Lane, Steve Morgan, Desmond Pugh, Yvonne Rees, & Robin Wintour. County Councillor: Ruth Edwards
In attendance	Mark Nicholas, Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Ray Bowen.

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 October 3rd 2018 were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings. Subject to the following: The Clerk apologised for the fact that gremlins had struck and all the pages had been numbered 2125. The page numbering should have started at 2125 and ended at 2128.

4. Guest Speakers.

None

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5. Questions and Comments from Members of the Public.

None.

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

Broadband – following recent works at Skenfrith, much improved speeds of up to 150mbs had been quoted. However, broadband speeds remain appallingly slow in other areas – see agenda item 7 below.

Website – The Community Council's website continues to be updated and maintained thanks to the hard work and time devoted to it by Councillor Des Pugh.

Children distracting motorists at Newcastle Bus Stop. The Clerk had queried this matter with the Police, who advised that members of the public should contact them while any such incidents are taking place.

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

5th October, and **5th November**, an invitation for Councillors or Clerk to attend an evening with the Lord Lieutenant of Gwent at Cwmbran on the 21st of November.

Police Point of Contact - The Clerk has been informed that it is now CSO Paul Davies who is covering the Community Council area. Paul.Davies2@gwent.pnn.police.uk

12th October, via One Voice Wales, a call for evidence for a Welsh Government Review of Digital Innovation. Councillor Robin Wintour had sent a hard-hitting response pointing out that residents of the Hendre and Rockfield still have little or no access to decent broadband speeds following the stalled roll out of the "Superfast Cymru" project. DigitalInnovationReview@gov.wales

30th October, from Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) - The full plan: Well-being Objectives and Statement – Annual Report 2017/18 is available to view on www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/improvement

22ND Oct, from OVW, information about the Armed Forces Covenant.

An invitation to attend training on "Effective Grant Applications", at Pontypool.

25th October, from OVW, a list of November training sessions, also, the draft minutes of the Area Committee held on 4th October 2018.

30TH October, from OVW, the October News Bulletin.

5th November, an email from MCC about events commemorating 100 years since the end of the Great war.

8. Planning Matters

DM/2018/00551, Abbey Bridge Cottage, the Hendre, NP25 5HJ (4th Oct).

5th Oct, a copy of the OVW response to the WAG review of "*Subordinate Legislation..... Town and Country Planning*".

10TH October, from MCC, a list of new and completed planning enforcement cases.

24th October, DM/2018/01687 – Callens Croft, Maypole, NP25 5QG. Application for a single storey extension.

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9th October, from planning Aid wales, an invitation to an enforcement training event, to be held at Brynmawr Town Hall.

2nd November, from MCC, a list of new and completed enforcement cases.

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

It was noted that the Community Council Treasurer's account or "Cheque book account" had a balance of £1809.80, while the "Deposit Account" held £8964.11.

10. Highways, footpaths & transport

October 8th, various emails about MCC rights of way improvement plan.

9th Oct, an email forwarded by MCC, from Balfour Beatty, to say that the national grid works are now complete.

15th Oct. B4347 reported closed for 3 days and no work being done. Queried with MCC by the Clerk.

1st November – The clerk had submitted a response to a WAG survey about unadopted roads. This had been to supply details about Graig View, at Cross Ash, NP7 8PG.

11. Environment, recycling, waste

15th October, a press release from MCC about dog-fouling on playing fields.

Newcastle Bus Shelter – MCC had attended on their regular schedule and cleared any remaining rotten fruit.

12. Education and lifelong learning

5th Oct, an email from MCC highlighting the need to apply for places in good time for secondary school places.

24th October, an email from MCC concerning surveying children about Library provision within the County.

13. Health and Wellbeing

9th October, from MCC, information about "reading well for dementia"

24th October, from the Village Life Community Project, news about the latest defibrillators installed at Newcastle and Rockfield. This is also available on the Community Council's website.

14. Visits by Councillors and Clerk

Councillor Graham Edmunds had attended the OVW Area Committee meeting in Usk on the 4th of October.

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There had been discussion about potential asset transfers from larger to smaller Councils and the lack of any attendant funding.

15. Llangattock Churchyard (the “closed part”)

Councillor Len Lane reported that this is in good order, ready for the forthcoming Remembrance Sunday.

16. War Memorials

The Clerk handed out the wreathes to be laid at the Memorials on following Remembrance Sunday.

17. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held at Hilston Park, on Wednesday, December 12th at 7.30pm.

18. Announcements and Comments of Interest.

The Chair had been asked to seek the views of the Community Council about the disposal of funds from the proposed winding up of the old “Llangattock Vibon Avel United Charities”. The meeting felt that a good option, if allowable, would be to distribute the money amongst one or more local good causes.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.