

# Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council

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<b>Minutes of the Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council Public Meeting</b>	
Date	Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm
Venue	Hilston Park, Newcastle, NP25 5NY
Chair	Councillor Yvonne Price
Also present	Councillors: Ray Bowen, George Edwards, John Kennedy, Len Lane, Steve Morgan, Desmond Pugh, Yvonne Rees,
In attendance	Mark Nicholas, Clerk to the Council

### 1. Apologies for Absence

County Councillor Ruth Edwards and Community Councillor 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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings.

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**4. Guest Speakers.**

None.

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

None.

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

The website continues to progress, thanks to the continuing hard work of Councillor Des Pugh.

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

**20<sup>th</sup> Dec**, from Joan Lockett at WAG Local Government Partnerships, more information about their “vision” for Community and Town Councils.

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec**, the Clerk had received a copy of the electoral roll from Monmouthshire County Council (MCC).

**2<sup>nd</sup> January**, from One Voice Wales (OVW), notice and agenda for meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019, plus minutes of previous meeting.

**6<sup>th</sup> January**, from OVW, the “New Year 2019 News Bulletin”

**9<sup>th</sup> January**, from MCC, a list of Gwent Music Events. This is the MCC Chair’s nominated charity.

**10<sup>th</sup> January**, from MCC, news of the Council’s Area Committee meetings to be held later in month. The topics to be Budgets and Speed Management.

**14<sup>th</sup> January**, from Joe Skidmore, MCC. Notice of a Monmouth & Surrounding Area Community Engagement meeting, to be held at Monmouth Comprehensive School on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, between 16:30 and 20:00.

**14<sup>th</sup> January**, from Joe Skidmore at MCC, notice of a cluster meeting to be held at the Shire Hall in Monmouth, at 6pm on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

**22<sup>nd</sup> January**, from OVW a reminder about the IRPW “Outline Findings and Recommendations”

Also, from OVW, details of forthcoming training events.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**, from OVW, the February News Bulletin.

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**4<sup>th</sup> Feb**, from OVW, the minutes of the Monmouthshire/Newport Area Committee meeting held on 17th January. Also, notice of the next meeting, to be held at 7pm on Thursday, **4<sup>th</sup> April**, in Usk.

### 8. Planning Matters

**20<sup>th</sup> December**, from Planning Aid Wales, news of forthcoming events (all at some distance), and their new website – [www.planningaidwales.org.uk](http://www.planningaidwales.org.uk)

**2<sup>nd</sup> January**, via OVW, information about SuDS From 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019, all new developments of more than 1 dwelling house or where the construction area is 100 square meters or more, will require sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) for surface water [Statutory SuDS Standards](#)

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

**6<sup>th</sup> January**, within the OVW news bulletin, news about proposed planning law reform in Wales:

<https://www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/planning-law-in-Wales>

**DM/2019/00064** Old Llangattock Farm Llangattock Vibon-Avel Monmouth NP25 5NG (24<sup>th</sup> January) erection of solar array.

**11<sup>th</sup> January**, from David Wong at MCC, “An audit of existing services and facilities of your area for the next Monmouthshire Local Development Plan (LDP)”

**Cross Ash** – Re-development of former garage site. Councillors were sympathetic to difficulties faced by a developer hoping to combine a number of open-market properties with affordable housing on the site.

It was felt that all avenues had been exhausted in seeking a way forward with existing proposals, and that new plans would need to be submitted to progress any work.

### 9. Financial Matters

The meeting agreed to authorise the following payments:

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

**£89.00**, for SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) membership

**£40.00** for ALCC (Association of Local Council Clerks) membership.

**£279.22** Net Salary for the Clerk.

**£100** to Cross Ash Under Five's, after receiving a letter describing their work and requesting a donation. Councillors requested that the Clerk seek further information about the Under Five finances, with a view to potentially providing a further donation.

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**Precept**, Confirmation of the 2019/2020 precept was received from MCC on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. This will be £9300 in three equal parts, to be paid on 30 April, 30 August, and 30 December 2019.

**Clerk's salary**. It was agreed to raise the Clerk's salary from the 2017/18 "Old" SCP 22 rate of £10.739, to the 2019/2020 "New" SCP 17 (equivalent "Old" SCP 25) rate of £12.39. The new annual salary will be £4832.10 (£12.39 x 390 Hours). The change to take effect from April 1st, 2019. Proposed by Councillor Steve Morgan, seconded by Councillor Des Pugh.

**Wales Audit Office**, received 23<sup>rd</sup> January, links to two reports, about Financial management and Internal Audit Arrangements for local Councils in Wales:

[Financial management & Governance - Town and Community Councils 2017-18](#)

[Internal Audit Arrangements at Town & Community Councils in Wales](#)

**Clerk Training** – there was a discussion about the Community Council potentially funding the Clerk to undertake a CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) course.

### 10. Highways, footpaths & transport

**B4521**, between Cross Ash and Norton - Long-standing temporary traffic lights near Trebella Farm. Councillors were concerned at the continuing difficulties experienced by road users, especially those with a heavy load having to stop on the uphill side of the lights. They were also concerned about the eventual overall cost of the repairs, taking into account the continuing cost of the lights and further deterioration before repairs are made to the road. The Clerk will request an update from MCC Highways.

#### [B4521 Traffic Lights](#)

**B4347**, leaving Newcastle towards Rockfield, blocked drain on the right hand/south-west side of the road.

### 11. Environment, recycling, waste

**7<sup>th</sup> January**, from MCC, news about changes to recycling and waste services, to be introduced in March.

### 12. Education and lifelong learning

**24<sup>th</sup> January**, from MCC, a consultation over proposed changes to school admission arrangements, by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March.

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/admissionconsultation>

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**Cross Ash Under-Fives**, please see under item 9.

**13. Health and Wellbeing**

**8<sup>th</sup> January**, from MCC, news about a series of Dementia Engagement events.

**14<sup>th</sup> January**, via OVW, a copy of the Older people's Commissioner's report.

**14. Visits by Councillors and Clerk**

None.

**15. Llangattock Churchyard (the "closed part")**

Discussions are on-going with MCC as regards a price for cutting the grass at the Churchyard, and also at Skenfrith War Memorial.

**16. War Memorials**

See Item 15 above.

**17. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held at Hilston Park, on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

As reported at the previous meeting, discussions to wind up the Llangattock Vibon Avel United Charities (no connexion with the Community Council), and distribute the remaining assets are still ongoing.

The meeting was informed that one of the LVA United Charities trustees was vacating his post. It was suggested that the Clerk would be a suitable replacement, and the Clerk agreed that he would take up the post if such an offer was received.