

Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council

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Minutes of the Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council Annual General Meeting	
Date	Wednesday, 19 th May 2021 at 7.30 pm
Venue	Cross Ash Village Hall NP7 8PL
Chair	Councillor Yvonne Rees at opening of meeting, Councillor George Edwards after election of Officers
Also present	Councillors: Graham Edmunds, George Edwards, Len Lane, Sarah Meyrick, Yvonne Price, Desmond Pugh, & Robin Wintour. Vicky Hepburn-John, following co-option County Councillor: Ruth Edwards.
In attendance	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. Election of Officers

Chair for 2021/2022 – Councillor George Edwards.

Vice-Chair for 2021/2022 – Councillor Len Lane.

Councillors thanked the outgoing Chair, Councillor Yvonne Rees for her work in the previous year.

Appointments to the following offices were then agreed:

Authorised financial signatories – Councillors Len Lane, Des Pugh, and Yvonne Rees.

One Voice Wales (OVW) Representative – Councillor Graham Edmunds

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Emergency Contacts for Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) Councillor George Edwards and the Clerk.

Churchyard safety Officer – Councillor Len Lane

Appointed Officer to the Burial Authority – The Clerk

4. Whereabouts of Community Council Assets

Skenfrith War Memorial and the closed part of Llangattock Churchyard, including the War Memorial.

Documents for safe-keeping relating to the above – held at Lloyds Bank.

Set of 12 Hand Bells – currently with a member of the public, having been used at a Christmas service. Councillor Sarah Meyrick will arrange to collect the bells, with a view to having them serviced and repaired.

Old Norton School Bell – in situ at the Old School House at Norton.

6 Notice Boards, in situ.

Minute Books 1A, 1B, 2,3,4, & 5, with Ex-Councillor Ray Bowen.

Various other minute books and documents, with the Clerk.

Laptop and printer, with the Clerk.

A plaque (now replaced with a corrected version.) that had previously been in situ near the Skenfrith War Memorial, with Councillor Graham Edmunds.

5. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on April 22nd2021 were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings.

6. Co-option of Community Councillors

Vicky Hepburn-John, of Cross Ash was co-opted as a councillor, and signed the declaration of office.

Sarah Meyrick, co-opted at the previous (remote) meeting of April 22nd, signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

7. Guest Speakers.

None.

8. Questions and Comments from Members of the Public.

None.

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

The old notice boards have all now been replaced or are about to be replaced. The old boards that are still useable have been donated to community groups.

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

1st May, a Police Report. Drug driving, off road bikes, Land Rover and a bike stolen.

4th May, an email from Julie Pinnell, emergency planning officer at MCC, requesting confirmation or update of the Community Council emergency contacts.

11. Cross Ash – New Houses at site of former Garage

MCC have chosen the name *Drakestone* for this development. This is after the well-known and successful racehorse owned by local farmer the late Reg Brown.

12. Planning Matters

DM/2021/00402 (31st March) New Hay Barn and Machinery Store. Cross Ash Farm, Cross Ash, NP7 8UA. Comment submitted to MCC recommending approval.

DM/2021/00505 (9th April) An additional wooden building. Monmouth Montessori Nursery, Llangattock Vibon Avel, NP25 5NG. Comment submitted recommending approval, subject to existing portacabins being removed.

DM/2021/00842 The Firs, Llantellan Road, Cross Ash, GR 341858 219724. Communications masts.

18th April, an enquiry from Sally Meyrick, Strategy and Planning Officer at MCC, asking if community councils in Monmouthshire owned any land suitable for development.

13. Financial Matters

The meeting agreed to authorise the following payments:

£25.00 Cross Ash Village Hall, hire of room for this meeting

£322.07 Net Salary for the Clerk

Councillor's Allowance – Councillors are entitled to claim an annual allowance of £150 to cover expenses. Councillors have not opted to take this up in past years. All Councillors agreed to opt out of taking up the allowance for the 2021/2022 year.

14. Highways, footpaths & transport

The Clerk has again been in touch with MCC about speeding enforcement at Newcastle, and the boundaries of the speed limit.

There is continuing frustration with works done by or on behalf of Welsh Water. This is regarding the accuracy of the signs and diversion routes, and the disconnect between starting/completion of works, and erection/removal of diversion signs.

MCC continue to send out roadworks reports on a regular basis.

Drains on B4233 leading downhill into Rockfield from the west. Following MCC's recent work to improve the drains, the amount of water reaching the bottom of the hill when there is heavy rain has been much reduced. However, this is dependent on frequent cleaning of the gullies and gratings. Councillor George Edwards has helped out with this when the MCC visits have not been frequent enough.

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15. Environment, recycling, waste

26th April, from MCC, a press release – “Pick up the poo or face a fine”

16. Education and lifelong learning

26th April, from MCC, details about a proposal to establish an “all-through” school in Abergavenny, together with a consultation document -

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

17. Health and Wellbeing

26th April, from ABUHB, a vaccination update, those aged between 35 and 39 are now being vaccinated.

28th April, via OVW, a leaflet about abuse of elderly people.

18. Visits by Councillors and Clerk

None.

19. Llangattock Churchyard (the “closed part”)

The grass was cut on the 18th of May, and will be cut again on the 24th of June.

20. War Memorials

The grass has been cut around the Skenfrith War Memorial.

21. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held at Cross Ash Village Hall on Wednesday, June 16th at 8.00 pm.

22. Announcements and Comments of Interest.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.