

# Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council

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<b>Minutes of the Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council Public Meeting</b>	
Date	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April at 8.00pm
Venue	Remotely by Zoom
Chair	Councillor Yvonne Rees
Also present	Councillors: Graham Edmunds, George Edwards, Len Lane, Yvonne Price, Desmond Pugh, & Robin Wintour. 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. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings.

### 4. Guest Speakers.

None

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

Please see Item 6 below.

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### **6. Co-Option of Community Councillors**

Following previous contact with the Clerk, Sarah Meyrick, from Newcastle, attended the meeting and confirmed her wish to be co-opted as a community councillor. Due to the remote meeting arrangements, the formal acceptance of office will be done later by email or at the next opportunity to meet in person.

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

New Noticeboards – Councillors George Edwards and Graham Edmunds have been making good progress on erecting the new noticeboards, despite difficulties occasioned by the uneven mounting surfaces.

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

22<sup>nd</sup> March, from One Voice Wales (OVW), information about the Countryside Code “Refresh”

From Monmouthshire County Council (MCC), information about restrictions on activities in the pre-election period.

25<sup>th</sup> March, via OVW, information about the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

31<sup>st</sup> March, a reminder that the Calor Community Fund is open for applications until April 21<sup>st</sup>. Also, an extension until the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.

01 April, a Police Report from CSO Sara Mason.

6<sup>th</sup> April, from OVW, information about the forthcoming remote meeting of the Monmouth/Newport Area Committee meeting to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

7<sup>th</sup> April, from OVW, a News Bulletin. (competence, training, remote meetings)

### **9. Cross Ash – New Houses at site of former Garage. (DC/2017/01335)**

Following the February meeting, the Clerk had contacted Kate Bingham (Senior Development Manager) at MCC Planning, and conveyed the Community Council’s wishes that the name for the new development should be decided by having a competition amongst the children of Cross Ash School. Kate had replied “.....*I have passed it onto the developer and also will pass it onto our streets Name and Numbering dept. I hope they will go with your idea*” (not that it was the Clerk’s own idea)

### **10. Planning Matters**

DM/2021/00295 (22 Feb 2021) Siting of Shepherd’s Hut and Storage Container. Peartree Cottage to B4521 Newcastle. No objection.

DM/2021/00402 (31<sup>st</sup> March) New Hay Barn and Machinery Store. Cross Ash Farm, Cross Ash, NP7 8UA. Approval recommended, comment to be submitted on MCC Planning Portal to this effect.

DM/2021/00505 (9<sup>th</sup> April) An additional wooden building. Monmouth Montessori Nursery, Llangattock Vibon Avel, NP25 5NG. Councillors queried if any of the existing portacabins will be removed.

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Enforcement enquiries. The Clerk had received an enquiry about planning enforcement, and advised that MCC should be consulted.

25<sup>th</sup> March, via OVW, information about the WG's Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) Manual.

9<sup>th</sup> April, from MCC, a list of new and closed planning enforcements.

### **11. Financial Matters**

The meeting agreed to authorise the following payments:

**£322.27** Net Salary for the Clerk

**£164.00** Annual Membership of OVW.

**£315.30** Insurance renewal – BHIB, invoice LC00790-506396.

Copies of invoices, payslips and other evidence had been sent to the councillors by the Clerk prior to the meeting

**Annual Return** – received from the Wales Audit Office, to be completed and approved by 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### **12. Highways, footpaths & transport**

Speeding at Maypole. The Clerk has contacted the Police, and MCC.

5<sup>th</sup> April The Clerk had asked for updates about the Trebella Farm traffic lights, and the River Wall at Skenfrith. (327038 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 & 3520618 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019) MCC have given this a new incident number – 9378662. MCC had responded on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, to say that updates had been requested from the Assistant Engineer.

MCC continue to send regular copies of their Roadworks Report.

### **13. Environment, recycling, waste**

19<sup>th</sup> March, from MCC, a press release about “Nature isn’t Neat” principles.

26<sup>th</sup> March, from OVW, a WG Climate Change Newsletter.

### **14. Education and lifelong learning**

Nothing to report.

### **15. Health and Wellbeing**

12<sup>th</sup> March, information about AUHB Vascular Network events

From AUHB, a series of vaccination reports. 95% of those aged 65 and over have been vaccinated.

### **16. Visits by Councillors and Clerk**

None

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### **17. Llangattock Churchyard (the “closed part”)**

Councillor Len Lane informed the meeting that grass cutting at the Council's part of the Churchyard was now on its second cut.

### **18. War Memorials**

A visitor to Skenfrith had spoken to Councillor graham Edmunds and remarked on the clarity of the inscriptions on the War Memorial Plaques. These were placed at the Memorial by the Community Council in 2015 due to the weathering of the original inscriptions.

### **19. Date of Next Meeting**

This will be the Annual General meeting of the Community Council and will be will be held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, at Cross Ash Village Hall, Covid restrictions allowing.