

# Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council

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<b>Minutes of the Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council Public Meeting</b>	
Date	July 28 <sup>th</sup> 2021 at 8.00pm
Venue	Cross Ash Village Hall, NP7 8PL
Chair	Councillor George Edwards
Also present	Councillors: Ian Chandler (after Item 4). Graham Edmunds, Len Lane, Vicky Hepburn-John, Sarah Meyrick, Yvonne Price, Yvonne Rees, Desmond Pugh, & Robin Wintour. County Councillor: Ruth Edwards
In attendance	Mark Nicholas, Clerk to the Council

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Robin Wintour.

### 2. Declarations of Interest.

Yvonne Price re planning application DM/2021/00908 – as a neighbour

Yvonne Rees re planning application DM/2021/00622 – as the applicant

Councillors agreed to identify any further declarations that arose during the course of the meeting.

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June were confirmed as being a true record of the proceedings, except for placing this omitted text at 11. Highways, footpaths & Transport -

“Drains on lowest point of B4233 as it passes through Rockfield. While the drains on the road leading down from the double bends have been much improved by MCC, there are still problems when there is heavy rain, as the water cannot escape quickly enough from the bottom of the hill, being restricted as it flows under the trough inset into the wall on

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the inside of the bend. Councillor George Edwards, together with County Councillor Ruth Edwards, met with the owner of the trough to discuss how to speed up the water flow as it passes under the trough. George, with Robin Wintour, is now planning to make some improvements in the near future.”

#### **4. Co-option update.**

Ian Chandler was co-opted at the previous (June 16<sup>th</sup>) meeting. However, after the meeting Councillor Robin Wintour queried the procedure followed at the co-option, in particular as to if a formal vote should have been taken.

The Clerk contacted One Voice Wales for assistance, and was advised that:

*“...even though the Community Council had no option but to co-opt the candidate, a vote should still have been taken. In the current situation the Community Council should consider the question of co-option at the next meeting and vote to co-opt the single candidate.”* As a result, the co-option was again placed on the agenda for this (July 28<sup>th</sup>) meeting.

A formal vote was taken to decide if Ian Chandler should be co-opted as a councillor. Proposed by Councillor Desmond Pugh, seconded by Councillor Len Lane. All present voted in favour of co-opting Ian as a councillor.

#### **5. Guest Speakers.**

None.

#### **6. Questions and Comments from Members of the Public.**

None.

#### **7. Updates and Progress (Unless covered under other headings)**

None.

#### **8. Correspondence and Consultations (Unless covered under other headings)**

21<sup>st</sup> June, from OVW, news of the Monmouth/Newport Area Committee Meeting, to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

30<sup>th</sup> June, a Police Report

2<sup>nd</sup> July, from Tom Pitts-Tucker of the Maypole & St Maughans Village Association, News about a proposed “Friendship Bench” to be erected near the bus shelter at Maypole.

2<sup>nd</sup> July, from OVW, a list of remote training sessions taking place in July.

7<sup>th</sup> July, from OVW, the minutes from the Monmouth/Newport Area Committee meeting. Councillor Graham Edmunds who attended the meeting, was concerned that the MCC Chair did not provide a full response a question posed at the meeting - *Some Community & Town Councils remained angry that their views on the poorly managed review of the community boundaries had not been considered or at least there was no evidence why the County Council had taken the view it had.*

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From MCC, news about Cardiff Council operating MCC's procurement function for the next three years.

23<sup>rd</sup> July, from MCC, news that the permitted number of attenders at a funeral has been increased to 30.

### 9. Planning Matters

DM/2021/00791 – Hillside House, Newcastle, NP25 5NT. Single storey extension to replace existing conservatory.

DM/2021/01002 Pwll-y-Cwm, Rockfield, NP25 5SZ Rear extension and other works. Comment placed in support.

DM/2021/00799 – Coxstone Farm, St Maughans, NP25 5QF – an outdoor swimming pool. Comment placed in support.

DM/2021/00908 1 Smithy Cottage, Crossways, Newcastle NP25 5NW – retrospective planning application for change of use from agricultural use to a garden. This application is expected to go before the MCC Planning Committee in September. Councillor Yvonne Price, being a neighbour, took no part in this discussion. County Councillor Ruth Edwards, being Chair of the MCC Planning Committee, left the meeting while this application was discussed. After some discussion, the meeting agreed to place a neutral comment including the text *it was agreed that this is best left to the experience and expertise of the Planning Department, having due regard to any relevant policies and legislation that apply*. Full details of this and other comments will be available on the MCC Planning Portal.

DM/2021/00622 Atherstone, St Maughans. Retrospective consent for a bund and 6 large, 4 small fans. County Councillor Ruth Edwards remained out of the room and Councillor Yvonne Rees, being married to the applicant, left the room while this application was discussed. It was agreed to recommend approval for this application, subject to MCC establishing suitable standards as regards noise and air quality.

DM/2021/01034 Coxstone Farm NP25 5QF, Adaption and extension, change of use of various buildings. This is an extensive application concerning a traditional farm and outbuildings. Councillors will examine the site and proposal before agreeing a comment 2<sup>nd</sup> July, from MCC a list of new and closed planning enforcements.

7th & 15th July, from MCC, news about presentations of the RLDP's preferred strategy 2018-33. <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/news-and-consultations/?preview=true> Additionally, an invite to a Teams meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August.

20<sup>th</sup> July, a Planning Aid Wales newsletter.

### 10. 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 for July

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**£151.20** Azets invoice 14435128 for payroll work April-June 2021.

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**£241.60** Tax and National Insurance on the Clerk's salary for the previous quarter.

Proposed by Councillor Desmond Pugh, seconded by Councillor Graham Edmunds, all agreed.

### 11. Highways, footpaths & transport

18<sup>th</sup> June - Bus Shelters – a very helpful response from Roger Hoggins at MCC. This indicated that the County Council will be willing to acknowledge ownership of the shelters, while at the same time allowing local communities to maintain them.

18<sup>th</sup> June, notice of a temporary road closure C13 New Inn Road and R22 Grosmont to Cross Ash. Despite further correspondence, it had not been possible to obtain a legible map.

23<sup>rd</sup> June, from MCC, an Active Travel consultation, open until the 31<sup>st</sup> of August -

<https://mccactivetravelconsultation.commonplace.is/overview>

Notice of a road closure at Llantellen Road, Cross Ash, between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August.

24<sup>th</sup> June, by Welsh Water, an emergency road closure C21-2 Hendre Home Farm to Upper Crwys.

From MCC, several Roadworks Reports.

6<sup>th</sup> July, an emergency road closure at the Hendre.

13<sup>th</sup> July, Emergency lights at Llanvolda Road, the Hendre, to repair a water leak.

14<sup>th</sup> July, news of a road closure 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> of August to re-surface C23-1. As with previous road closures, the diversion route for this is longer and more complex than necessary. Councillor Graham Edmunds will contact MCC to suggest a more efficient diversion.

16<sup>th</sup> July, Village Green, Newcastle. The Police and MCC Highways visited the site and hope that the access problems have now been resolved. There are actually three MCC named roads around the small green. These are the R20.6 on the west side, the R20.9 on the curved northern side, and the R20.30 going towards Llanfaenor.

Skenfrith – there are continuing problems with inconsiderate and sometimes illegal parking in the village, by visitors to the castle and river. Cars have been parked blocking the entrances to people houses, obstructing the view on the main road, and on both sides of the road so as to make the passage of large vehicles (such as ambulances and fire engines) impossible. The Clerk will get in touch with the Police and MCC highways to request a meeting with local councillors.

Newcastle defibrillator – access has been compromised by vehicles parking next to the former phone box where this is housed. The Clerk will contact MCC to request that the layby be marked for emergency/defibrillator use only.

Oak Grove, Rockfield. Continuing problems with badly parked vehicles restricting access to, and preventing the turning of, emergency and other vehicles. County Councillor Ruth Edwards is in discussions with MCC Highways and the Police.

### 12. Environment, recycling, waste

29<sup>th</sup> June, from OVW, a climate change newsletter.

12<sup>th</sup> July, from OVW, news about a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) event to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup>, at Llanidloes.

23<sup>rd</sup> July, from OVW, news of an Environmental Issues network.

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### **13. Education and lifelong learning**

24<sup>th</sup> June, Ian Chandler had responded to the MCC consultation on the All Through School on Abergavenny.

25 June, from MCC a press release giving attendance levels of 90% in schools since the end of May.

30<sup>th</sup> June, from MCC, news about adult summer learning courses.

### **14. Health and Wellbeing**

25<sup>th</sup> June, from Lucie Paddison at the RNID, a request for befriending volunteers in Monmouthshire.

29<sup>th</sup> June, from MCC, a press release about the Monmouthshire Games to be held at the county's leisure centres during the summer holidays.

13<sup>th</sup> July, news about walk-in vaccination centres

14<sup>th</sup> July, from Mind Monmouthshire, details of courses available at Monmouth and Abergavenny.

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

July 1<sup>st</sup> - Councillor Graham Edmunds remotely attended the OVW Monmouth and Newport Area Committee meeting. (See item 8)

### **16. Llangattock Churchyard (the "closed part")**

This has just been cut, and will be cut again the following week.

### **17. War Memorials**

The next grass cut at Skenfrith will take place in the next couple of weeks.

### **18. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held at Cross Ash Village Hall on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7.30 pm.

Councillor Robin Wintour had asked that an alternative, private venue be considered. However, all present agreed that it was preferable to continue holding meetings at community run venues.

### **19. Announcements and Comments of Interest.**

Councillor Sarah Meyrick said that Anthony Vines, from the local "friends" of St Cadoc's Church at Llangattock, had been in touch to say that it is hoped to put in place arrangements for the grass in the open part of the churchyard to be cut on a regular basis.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.