



Llanhennock Community Council

Annual General Meeting

Held Monday 16 May 2016 - 7 pm Llanhennock Village Hall

Present Chairman/Cllr Tony Chivers, Vice Chairman/Cllr Yvonne Morgan, Cllr Jim Young, Cllr Richard Waters, Cllr David Evans, Cllr Allan Thomas, Clerk Elizabeth Thomas, Cllr Lindsay Heath, Cllr Ieuan Williams and Cllr Dorothy McLeod.

Apologies County Councillor Peter Clarke

Members of the public None

Minutes of 2015 AGM

Approved by Cllr Ieuan Williams

Seconded by Cllr Jim Young

Matters Arising

None

Chairman's Remarks For 2016

Firstly, I would like to thank my Vice Chairman and Fellow Community Councillors for their support during my year as Chairman which was truly greatly appreciated.

I would like to especially thank Liz, our Committee Clerk for all her help over the last year and her excellent professional approach in fulfilling the Clerk's role and responsibilities - long may it continue.

I would also like to thank Councillor Jim Young for his continued liaison between the Community Council and HM Prison Usk & Prescod and reports to the Council - again this is greatly appreciated by all Councillors.

The 12 Monthly meetings over the term have been very well attended by the all Councillors, (over 90% attendance) With various outside bodies, Gwent Police and Members of the Public in attendance.

The main areas covered by the Council where Highway safety concerns / Traffic Speed Reduction Measures / Re surfacing works / Installation of Traffic warning signs & road markings / substandard of roads / potholes and specific areas of anti-social behaviour etc. Despite limited response from the Highways Department at Monmouthshire County Council good progress was made on the surrounding highway network – namely the ongoing saga of the carriageway deformation / pot holes and temporary traffic signage at Llanhennock Hill. The Community Council together with some external Legal assistance, finally managed to resolve this issue and get this section of highway reinstated to an acceptable standard.

Visibility splays at key junctions and locations were improved in order to enhance highway safety conditions – occasionally resulting in the re positioning of street furniture and signage etc.

The Council continued to be an important consultee in the determination of Planning Applications / planning enforcement matters and Councillors have attended a number of site meetings with members of the public, when required.

Once again, this year we see the Cycling Event – “Velothon Wales” passing through the County, despite the organisers making a better effort to publicise the event, we as a Council feel let down by promises made at our April Meeting to improve and carryout works to the Public Highway within our County (namely The New Bridge on Usk – Bridge Carriageway and areas throughout the Tredunnock Village). We will continue to fight for these improvements and will continue to press the Organisers and County Council.

On a positive note, a new Cross roads directional sign (old traditional style) was commissioned and erected at the Tredunnock cross roads, and in December the Council organised a “Meet and Greet” event at the Village Hall.

The event was very well supported by members of the public where they were made to feel welcome by the Councillors and could view and take part in many of the information and suggestion boards. The feedback from all the external bodies, Gwent Police and Members of the public was excellent and I think it is fair to say the evening was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Again, a very big thank you to Liz and the Councillors for advertising / organising refreshments and pulling the event together.

Over the last year, I do believe The Council has made steps in the right direction to bolster relationships with both Gwent Police and Monmouthshire County Council. In particular PC Evans who has attended 2 meetings and the Highway Authority and Highway Inspector – Mark Watkins - where we have now established a more direct line of communication. We will continue to work on these improved relations.

It was pleasing to see the Council's Website up and running last year, offering another form of communication to Members of the Public and external bodies. It is important that we continue to evolve and develop the web site and encourage members of the public to use this excellent form of communication and feedback to the Council.

The Council has increased spending this year with the setting up of the website, public functions and Solicitor fees etc.

We have contributed £400 each to the Local Churches - St Andrews and St Johns.
Repair and yearly maintenance of Local information boards at Llanhennock and Tredunnoch along with the repair and up keep of the Millennium Bench and telephone boxes.

The Council now has an increased precept to £ 4400.00 , and our current balance is £2719.07.

Thank you all again for your support and I look forward in offering the same support to the new Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Election Of Chairman

Chairman/Cllr Tony Chivers was invited to serve a further year in the role of Chairman to Llanhennock Community Council and gratefully accepted the challenge.

Position agreed by the Councillors.

Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Yvonne Morgan was invited to serve a further year in the role of Vice Chairman and again accepted the role with thanks.

Position agreed by the Councillors.

Financial Accounts for 2014

Chairman/Cllr Chivers distributed the Bank Reconciliation for 2015/2016.

Balance as at 16 May 2016 is £2719.07

Accounts approved by Chairman/Cllr Chivers.

Seconded by the Councillors.

Any other business

None

Meeting Closed.