



Llanhennock Community Council

Annual General Meeting

Held On Monday 08 May 2017 – 7 pm Llanhennock Village Hall

Present: Chairman Chivers, Vice Chairman/Cllr Morgan, Cllr Jim Young, Cllr Williams, Cllr Waters, Cllr Thomas, Cllr McLeod, Cllr Heath, County Cllr Clarke and Clerk Thomas.

Apologies None

Members of the public present None

Minutes of 2016 AGM Approved by Cllr Williams

Seconded by Cllr Young

Matters Arising None

Chairman's Remarks For 2017

Chairman Chivers began by thanking all the Councillors and the Clerk for their continued support throughout the year.

Chairman Chivers also congratulated County Councillor Peter Clarke on his re-election and noted Peter's valuable contribution to the Community Council, wishing him continued success in his role. In addition, all Councillors were re-elected to their posts ensuring strong continuity and experience for the Council moving forward.

Thanks was also given to Cllr Young for his attendance at HM Prison Usk & Prescoed Liaison Committee Meetings and his on-going communication between the Prison and the Community Council.

This year has seen a significant increase in the Council's involvement in local projects, specifically donations made towards defibrillators for the Tredunnoch and Llanhennock wards. The Community Council have been pleased to contribute towards such vital medical equipment for the areas and will, in the coming months, consider how to accommodate a defibrillator for the Llangattock Nigh Caerleon ward.

The Council continue to consider Planning Applications received from MCC and will send a Councillor to attend the next available Planning Training Course, through One Voice Wales. This will ensure the Council remain well versed in all planning matters and familiar with any changes to planning requirements.

General and safety based highways issues are still the most common queries raised with the Community Council. The Clerk logs issues with MCC and in the last 6 months we have enjoyed a swift and efficient response from MCC, with problems resolved far more quickly than in previous years. In addition, Cllr Waters achieved great success in rectifying several highways issues by holding a Site Meeting with MCC and taking them to affected areas. This resolved many long-standing matters and Councillors agreed it is certainly the most effective way to work with Highways and Hedges departments. Thank you to Cllr Waters for his time and efforts.

We have again contributed to St Andrews, Tredunnoch and St Johns, Llanhennock and hope to continue this support next year.

This year the Council has completed more detailed analysis and review of our Finances, budgets and Risk Assessments. This is to ensure a compliant and transparent record of accounting and records for the Community Council. Cllr Young has attended and de-briefed Code Of Conduct training, again to ensure we continue to operate within the parameters required of Councillors and the Council. The Council precept has increased to £5,600 and the current balance to date for the Community Council is £3,030. (Refer to spreadsheet – Councillors reviewed the budget and current state of play for receipts and expenses).

The Community Council hope to encourage local involvement and attendance at Community Council meetings over the coming year, as attendance/interest from residents remains low. However, the Summer Social event was a great success and a good opportunity to meet members of all three wards. The Community Council will arrange a Christmas Meet & Greet this year to ensure contact and awareness for our residents. This event will also include a visit from Gwent Police, who we meet and communicate with regularly to deal with anti-social issues arising in the area. PC Evans and his team have attended a meeting this year, to update Councillors on issues facing Monmouthshire police overall as well as ward matters. Long may this valuable relationship continue.

The Council will continue to develop the website and encourage usage across the wards. The website will evolve and provide up to date information for residents.

To conclude Chairman Chivers again thanked the Councillors for their support and looked forward to another successful year as a Community Council.

Election Of Chairman

Chairman Chivers was invited to serve another year. However, Chairman Chivers confirmed that he enjoyed his role as Chairman, it was important for the Council to evolve and progress. With this in mind, Chairman Chivers served notice and suggested the Community Council consider Cllr Waters as Chairman.

Councillors thanked Chairman Chivers for his contribution and dedication over the last few years. Councillors voted and a decision was reached unanimously, with Richard Waters accepting the role of Chairman for Llanhennock Community Council. Councillors congratulated Chairman Waters.

Election Of Vice Chairman

Chairman Waters proposed Cllr Thomas for the role of Vice Chairman. Although Cllr Thomas was grateful to be considered - unfortunately due to work commitments, he is currently unable to take on this role. However, he hopes to be able to consider the Vice Chairman role in the future, and remains committed to the Councillor role.

No other Councillors were proposed and Cllr Morgan was asked if she would consider standing for a further year as Vice Chairman. All Councillors voted unanimously and Cllr Morgan was adopted as Vice Chairman.

Financial Accounts For 2017

A detailed budget for 2017/2018 was distributed to the Council, along with a spreadsheet detailing all receipts and expenses over the last financial year to date. Balances and reserves were noted and duly formally adopted by all Councillors.

Any Other Business None

Meeting Closed