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Meeting Held Monday 04 April 2016

7 pm Llanhennock Village Hall

Present

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

Apologies - Cllr Evans

Members of the public present

Mr Nigel Russell, Head Of Velothon Delivery, Run 4 Wales

Mr Ivor Rogers, Mr Mike Faraday (representing local Community Councils).

Declaration Of Interest - None

Minutes Of March Meeting

Approved by Cllr McLeod

Seconded by Cllr Williams

Reports

None received.

Velothon Update / Information For Residents

Mr Nigel Russell, Head Of Velothon Delivery

Chairman Chivers thanked Mr Russell for taking the time to attend the meeting and brief the Councillors. The Chairman also welcomed representatives from other local Community Councils for their time and attendance.

Mr Russell introduced himself to the Councillors and explained this was an opportunity, 7 weeks prior to the event, to discuss details of the race and allay any concerns. As background, Mr Russell explained that during and since retiring from the Police force he has worked with the Police and County Councils coordinating a number of large events, such as the NATO Conference, Ryder Cup and Cardiff Half Marathon.

Mr Russell confirmed the following: -

The Velothon Wales Cycle Race will take place on the 22nd of May 2016.

Due to poor communication and information throughout last years' event, Run 4 Wales are now involved to ensure better communication, notification of closures and information regarding traffic orders.

This year will see greater contact with local communities affected by the race. Run 4 Wales have experience in managing large events in Wales and are liaising more closely with local councils and authorities.

An initial leaflet drop has taken place, outlining details of the race to all homes and businesses affected by the race. A second leaflet drop will take place prior to the event.

The second leaflet drop will go out in the next fortnight and will identify road closures. There are also details on the Velothon Wales website and MCC website.

Councillors confirmed a number of residents had not received the leaflet, even though they live in affected areas. Mr Russell apologised and explained there have been issues with the Post Office concerning the leaflet drop. Post codes of areas who have not received the leaflet were passed to Mr Russell, so he can investigate and ensure the second leaflet drop is sent to these residents.

Roads will be closed from 8 am until 2 / 2.30 pm – more specific details of this will be covered in the next leaflet drop.

Road signage will be erected on the Highways 2 to 3 weeks prior to the event.

Articles will appear in the local press and on local websites such as Monmouthshire County Council.

Weddings, Christenings and people travelling to airports etc on the day of the event have been facilitated where possible, through close liaison with Mr Russell and his team. However, residents are urged to leave plenty of time in advance of the closures, to ensure limited disruption to plans.

There are NO restrictions for emergency services. There will be representatives for each emergency service at the Contact Centre on the day of the event. In addition, ambulances, paramedics, police and fire brigade services will be present along the route, supporting the event. If necessary, these services can be dispatched to answer emergency calls which are geographically close-by.

This year all Stewards working the event are from South Wales, in order to improve local knowledge and awareness of the area. Additional training has been provided and all Stewards will have a Supervisor in place to help manage any changes or issues on the day.

Stewards will know the details of the final vehicle passing their area. Once this vehicle has passed, all Health & Safety checks have been carried out and the road signage has been removed, the Stewards will re-open the roads.

Local Businesses have been contacted separately with details of the events. This year a company called Jacbee are working with businesses to ensure limited disruption and sufficient information is made available.

Local authorities, Churches, Care homes, Farmers and Vet practices etc have also been contacted and provisions made where possible.

Mr Russell urged the Councillors to see the benefits of such an event in South Wales. Some 11,000 cyclists are taking part so local tourism will be boosted by cyclists, their families and spectators etc. National and local charities should also benefit from the event.

Although Monmouthshire has not been confirmed as the host County for next year, if the race is a success and with an excellent route and sound infrastructure – it is likely to be strongly considered for future events.

Councillors accepted this but suggested other parts of Wales have the opportunity to be considered for future events, given their beauty and suitability.

A copy of the second leaflet will be posted on notice boards and the Llanhennock Community Council website llanhennockcc.co.uk

The Tredunnoch / Newbridge-on-Usk bridge will be resurfaced prior to the event. As will any road surfaces along the route which compromise safety and/or can not be avoided by the cyclists.

Cllr Chivers thanked Mr Russell for his informative briefing and noted the improvement in planning, organisation and communication this year. Chairman Chivers confirmed the main issues following the 2015 event had been dealt with, and wished the event every success on behalf of the local Community Councils.

Matters Arising

891/16 Llanhennock Hill

Cllr Young noted running water opposite the recently repaired/resurfaced area of carriageway. Chairman Chivers agreed the situation should be monitored to avoid damage to the road and risk to road users.

892/16 Drain/Hole Pen Craig Farm

Clerk confirmed the site has been investigated by the Highways Engineer, who suggested that pipe has been damaged by vehicular traffic on Pen Craig's private road.

If this is the case the Landowner would need to arrange repair. Chairman Chivers will liaise with the Landowner, Mr Owen Evans to provide further details to the Highways Department.

893/16 Candwr Water Works, Gatlas Lane

Chairman Chivers confirmed a further letter has been sent, requesting the immediate clear up and maintenance of the Water Works lay-by.

Cllr Waters has been contacted by a local resident who raised his concerns about the unsightly area and its risks. Cllr Waters confirmed the Community Council were endeavouring to contact Welsh Water and resolve the situation.

The resident subsequently visited Candwr Water Works in person, to notify them of local resident's dissatisfaction regarding the lay-by. Cllr Waters was pleased to report this visit resulted in the clear up of the lay-by, by Welsh Water.

The area continues to be used by young people dropping litter and drug debris. However, litter left following the initial clear-up has again been cleared, and the area is currently well maintained. Cllr Waters to monitor the situation and keep the community Council posted.

894/16 Damage to the drains on Gatlas Lane and Roughton Lane, Ponthir

Cllr Waters confirmed Contractors moving silt on behalf of Welsh Water are using large farming vehicles and damaging the lanes. This has resulted in six blocked drains due to mud falling from their vehicles. The vehicles are simply too wide to use the narrow lane and therefore cannot avoid damaging the hedgeways on both sides.

Chairman Chivers confirmed the problem should be raised with the Highways Department at Monmouthshire County Council, Environmental Health and Welsh Water. County Cllr Peter Clarke suggested keeping Brian Jones informed of the problem to ensure the issue is noted and action taken.

895/16 Finance

Current balance £3,767.73

Invoice received from Mr James Muir, in respect of Llanhennock Village Hall rental from April 2015 to March 2016. Cheque to be raised for £360.

Planning

None received.

Local Matters

896/16 Cllr Heath explained a fridge and large amount of insulation has been discarded in the Glen-Usk Road lay-by, Treudunnock. Clerk to contact Monmouthshire County Council, Fly-tipping department.

Any Other Business

897/16 Cllr Thomas suggested the Councillors agree a date for the Llanhennock Community Council Summer Event. A provisional date of Saturday 02 July 2016 was agreed and the Councillors will discuss ideas for the event at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting and Annual General Meeting

Monday 16th of May 2007, at 7 pm in Llanhennock Village Hall

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