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Meeting Held On Monday 09 April 2018

Present	Chairman Waters, Cllr Chivers, County Cllr Clarke, Cllr Heath, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Williams, Cllr McLeod, Cllr Young, Cllr Thomas and Clerk Thomas.
Apologies	None
Members of public present:	None
Declarations of interest:	None
Minutes of last meeting:	Approved by Chairman Waters Seconded by Cllr Thomas

Matters Arising

1132/18 New Interactive Forum / Website

Clerk has contacted Intudesigns to arrange a convenient time to discuss a new interactive forum, providing Community Council and local updates/information to residents. As yet, Intudesigns have not responded.

Correspondence

1133/18 Monmouthshire County Council

MCC have issued the Clerk Elizabeth Thomas with a P45 and the Clerk has begun the process of registering the Community Council as an Employer. Once a PAYE reference number is generated, the system will be established, and the Community Council will pay the Clerk monthly.

Reports

1134/18 Police Report

The Police report noted a break in at Glen Usk Road, Llanhennock with entry forced to a secure container and various items stolen.

Several reports received during this period of various scams and attempted frauds. Members of the public are advised to treat any such calls with caution and never provide any personal details, passwords or pin details.

Finally, reports are being received of vehicles acting suspiciously in rural wards. The motives vary, and locals are asked to remain vigilant, gather descriptions and registration details of the cars to report to Gwent Police, using 101.

Planning

County Cllr Peter Clarke declared no interest / no involvement in planning matters.

1135/18 Planning Application – Balcony to the side of house.

Ashbrook House, Sor Mill Farm, Llanhennock

The Chairman and Councillors reviewed the planning application paperwork and confirmed the balcony would have no visual impact on other properties and was in-keeping with the property. With this in mind no objections were raised, and the application was approved.

Finance

1136/18 Current balance £4571.71

1137/18 Finance Review

The Clerk circulated a spreadsheet detailing the receipts and expenses year to date. Councillors reviewed this information and considered the current reserve, in line with predicted spend for April and May 2018.

1138/18 Cheque raised for MCC

Cheque to the value of £367.50 raised for MCC in respect of Clerk's fees for January 2018 to March 2018. Associated invoice circulated and approved by the Councillors. (Two signatures approved the cheque withdrawal receipt).

1139/18 Cheque raised for Llanhennock Club and Reading Room.

Cheque to the value of £360 raised for the Llanhennock Village Hall in respect of monthly meetings and rental for the Christmas gathering. Invoice circulated and approved by the Councillors. (Two signatures approved the cheque withdrawal receipt).

Local Matters

1140/18 Graffiti on the Millennium Bench, Llanhennock

Clerk Thomas showed Councillors a picture of the defaced plaque on the millennium bench. The Clerk will attempt to remove the marker pen graffiti this week. If this is not successful, the Clerk will look in to alternative methods to clean the plaque.

1141/18 Maintenance of local assets.

Cllr Thomas confirmed he has spoken to local Landscaper Morgan Davies, who has kindly agreed to take on any maintenance, clearance and repair work for local amenities managed by the Community Council.

1142/18 Pot Holes at the bottom of Llanhennock Hill, Llanhennock

Clerk Thomas confirmed two new pot holes at the bottom of Llanhennock Hill have been reported to the Highways Department at MCC. MCC have acknowledged and logged the problems accordingly.

1143/18 Water Works Carbon Tankers Block Lanes

Chairman Waters explained he had spent over two hours dealing with three artic, 45 tonnes, 40-foot carbon tankers which got stuck and blocked the lane and driveway to his Pen Y Banc Farm, Llangattock Nigh Caerleon.

The three vehicles were following satellite navigation systems to the Candwr Water Works and completely blocked the lanes, leaving debris on the carriageway and causing huge disruption.

At his busiest time of the year, Chairman Waters as a Farmer and Land-Owner was left with no alternative than to assist in moving the Artic vehicles.

Councillors confirmed this was unacceptable and could not continue. Chairman Waters confirmed the Community Council will now write to Mr Peter Perry, Director of Water Operations detailing this issue and the ramifications. In addition, the Clerk will copy-in the Highways Department in the hope of securing additional 'NO HGV' signs. The letter will request the Water Works erect clear directional signs, for vehicles delivering to the Candwr Water Works.

1144/18 Mrs Brewer, Llanhennock

Chairman Waters noted with regret the passing of Mrs Brewer, resident of Llanhennock. Mrs Brewer served and supported the Community Council for many years and the Community Council sends it condolences to the Brewer family, at this sad time.

1145/18 Litter Picking Locals

Cllr Williams noted the excellent litter picking carried out across the Llangattock Nigh Caerleon ward, by two residents of the ward. In addition, the efforts of local litter pickers in the Llanhennock and Tredunnock wards were also acknowledged and Councillors agreed how well kept the wards now look. The Chairman and Councillors thanked these residents for their support and contributions.

Any other business

None

Date of the next meeting

Tuesday the 01st of May 2018, 7 pm in Llanhennock Village Hall.