



Meeting Held On Monday 07 August 2017

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

Matters Arising

1054/17 Verges

Clerk provided an update - Martyn Evans, of Monmouthshire County Council has confirmed that verges are only cut once per year now. The responsibility for cutting hedges lies with the land owner. This is not usually done until September due to nesting bird legislation. Only then, if a verge has not been cut and is causing issue can MCC serve notice, under the Highways Act. No action required.

1055/17 Celtic Manor Zip Wire Application

Updates which may be pertinent to the above application have been passed to the Community Council. Specifically, information regarding a zip wire application for Chepstow Dive Centre, which was recently turned down. The application was rejected as the proposed development would generate unacceptable levels of noise - to the detriment of the living conditions of nearby residents. The Community Council agreed this information should be passed to Newport City Council Planning Office for consideration, as noise affecting residents is a key concern for many Llanhennock residents.

Correspondence

1056/17 Planning Process Changes – MCC

Monmouthshire County Council have established a new Fast-track service, available for Householder planning applications and Lawful Development Certificates (existing and proposed). The fast-track system will accelerate the administration and processing of householder or LDC application for a small

additional charge. Further details are available on the Monmouthshire County Council website.

Councillors confirmed this was an excellent service, but concerns were raised regarding the impact this speedy process will have on existing normal planning applications.

1057/17 Insurance of Tredunnoch Defibrillator

The Community Council have received a letter for David Banning-Lover requesting payment of Insurance for the Tredunnoch defibrillator. Councillors agreed the Community Council had simply donated towards defibrillators rather than purchased them. Therefore, the direct owners of the defibrillators should be responsible for their maintenance, checks and insurance. From an audit perspective, the Community Council would have to justify why it is insuring an item which is not reported as a Fixed Asset. In addition, no provision had been made in the Community Council budget for this period. Clerk to explain this to Mr Banning-Lover and suggest they approach the Church in Wales for additional funding, or add to the St Andrews Church Insurance policy.

Reports

None

Finance

Current Balance £3888.99

1058/17 Annual Return

Following the Annual Return a further qualification has been received. The Auditor suggests the Community Council is an Employer. However, on discussion Councillors believe Monmouthshire County Council are responsible for payment of the Clerk and therefore act as the Employer. Clerk to investigate further.

1059/17 Adoption Of Code Of Conduct

All Councillors approved and agreed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and formally adopted the Code of Conduct for Councillors. Each Councillor signed and dated the Declaration of Acceptance of office / Code of Conduct - witnessed and signed by the Chairman.

1060/17 Payment for Reg Watkins for maintenance of spring weeds.

Cheque raised to the value of £25 and double signatures provided by Councillors, approved by Chairman.

1061/17 Invoice from MCC in respect of Clerk's wages for April to June 2017.

Cheque raised to the value of £367.50 and double signatures provided by Councillors, approved by Chairman.

Planning

(Peter Clarke declared no interest/involvement in any planning matters).

1062/17 Planning Permission –

DC/2017/00764 Wern Farm, Ash Cottage, Tredunnoch

Proposed demolition of existing property and construction of replacement dwelling.

Planning information pack was reviewed by the Councillors and considered. No objections raised, providing it complies with Planning Policy.

1063/17 Previous application re Gates at Wern Farm, Tredunnoch – Clarification

Cllr Chivers noted that on considering the above previous application, the Community Council clarified the new gates were in the same position/footprint as the previous gates – and no objections were raised.

1064/17 Walnut Tree House, Tredunnoch

DC/2017/00422 Alteration and extension to existing house and new garage.

All paperwork reviewed by Councillors. No objections raised.

Local Matters

1065/17 Local Broadband

Cllr Williams confirmed fibre optic cables have been installed on the Candwr Road which, once complete, may improve broadband speed for the Llangattock Nigh Caerleon ward.

Any Other Business

1066/17 Community Council Christmas Meet & Greet

Chairman Waters confirmed the above event would be held again this year, to provide a festive gathering for members of Llanhennock, Tredunnoch and Llangattock Nigh Caerleon wards. Details will be confirmed at the September meeting.

Date of next meeting

Monday 04 September 2017