



**Llanhennock Community Council
Meeting Held 06 February 2017, 7 pm Llanhennock Village Hall**

Present: Chairman Chivers, Clerk Thomas, Cllr Waters, Cllr Williams, Cllr Heath, Cllr Thomas, Cllr McLeod, Cllr Morgan, and Cllr Young.

Absent: County Cllr Peter Clarke, Cllr David Evans

Declarations of interest - none declared.

Members of public present - Representatives from Country Connect

Chairman Chivers thanked the gentlemen from Country Connect for attending. The Chairman explained that broadband connectivity across the wards remains poor and is of concern to residents and businesses. Therefore, the Community Council would be interested to hear about the service Country Connect offer and the details.

Martin Tomlinson confirmed that he had set up the Company to address issues with internet connection and speeds in rural areas. Specifically, he intends to set up two satellite sites which will serve to greatly improved broadband speeds across the wards. (Subject to 'line of sight' issues/obstructions). The set-up of transmitting antenna, one near the Kemeys Folly and the other in Caerleon should be complete in 2 weeks.

Residents can then contact Country Connect who will survey their property to see if they meet the necessary criteria. Residents who meet the criteria can then join the scheme, for a set up cost of approximately £100 plus tariffs (which are financially comparable with current BT costs). The scheme has no contract and can be paid month by month, in advance – with no telephone line fee required. Individual accounts are then managed independently on line.

For information, Martin confirmed that BT are currently years behind on work schedules and therefore unlikely to complete work on rural areas, until approximately 2025.

Clerk Thomas provided Martin with post codes for Llanhennock, Tredunnoch and Llangattock Nigh Caerleon. Martin will survey these post codes to check eligibility and will contact us once this exercise is complete.

Martin will also provide a brief synopsis of the business, how it works and the benefits to residents. This information will be placed on the notice boards and website for resident's consideration.

Chairman Chivers thanked Martin and Mark for their time and for providing a sound option for residents to consider.

Minutes of last meeting.

Approved by Cllr McLeod.

Seconded by Cllr Young.

Matters Arising

991/17 Site Meeting with Cllr Waters and Martin Evans, MCC Officer

Chairman Chivers thanked Cllr Waters for taking the time to meet and discuss several Community Council on-going issues. Cllr Waters agreed the exercise was worthwhile and that the matters have progressed following the meeting, details as follows:

992/17 Potentially unauthorised new entrance/exit from Farm on Candwr Road.

Specifically, the opening is opposite Pembridge House, Candwr Road, Ponthir. Cllr Waters confirmed that having reviewed this entrance/exit with Martin Evans, it appears the changes made are a betterment, and provide a safer route to joining the lane. Martin Evans felt it was possible the entrance/exit may have already existed in some format previously, and therefore would not require planning permission.

In addition, the hedges which are out onto the highway remain a problem, and therefore the landowner will now be contacted by MCC and a notice will be served.

993/17 Welsh Water Cwrt Farm Hedgerow

Cllr Waters visited the above site with Martin Evans and confirmed the hedgerow surrounding the Water Works and reservoir remain unsightly and in some area, have grown out onto the highway by some 2 metres.

Cllr Waters explained that residents and walkers have complained on several occasions, and he has personally visited the works to request the matter is dealt with. Following the meeting, Cllr Waters confirmed notice has been served on Dwr Cymru for works to be attended to immediately.

994/17 Newbridge On Usk Bridge

Cllr Waters also took the opportunity to mention the poor repair of the above bridge. Martin Evans confirmed that this work has already been flagged for action.

Chairman Chivers thanked Cllr Waters for his time and noted the positive results/action achieved following this site meeting.

995/17 T-junction at Newbridge On Usk

Clerk confirmed that an Officer has visited this location and checked the drains in the carriageway, which he confirmed are in good repair. However, work has been programmed to empty the gullies in this location.

996/17 Gatlas Lane Sign

Following a further request for this sign, MCC have responded and confirmed they have no record of the Gatlas Lane on their system. They are now questioning whether this area falls under Newport county boundary. The Community Council accept the Gatlas Lane is, in part Newport County Council however the other side of the highway sits under Monmouthshire County Council jurisdiction. Chairman Chivers to liaise with Sian Lamrick, Street Nameplate Officer to try and rectify this issue.

Correspondence

Reports

997/17 Enforcements Report.

The report highlights 'alleged tipping' at Sor Mill Farm. However, the address is noted as Llangby ward on the report. Councillors confirmed this property falls under Llanhennock, and Cllr Heath confirmed the tipping had now ceased and is therefore no longer an issue.

Finance

998/17 Building Society Balance

Councillors noted current balance £2973.37

999/17 Precept

Clerk confirmed the Precept request for 2017/2018 has been accepted and confirmed in writing.

1000/17 Invoice received from Wales Audit Office

Payment in respect of the Annual Return for 2016 has now been requested by Wales Audit Office, to the value of £217.95. Chairman and Councillors approved this payment, a cheque was raised and signed by two approved signatures.

Planning Applications

None received.

Local Matters

1001/17 MCC Well Being Assessment

The above assessment has been summarised in a document by MCC, and sent to Councillors by the Clerk. The assessment refers to issues such as the economic, environmental and cultural issues facing our local areas.

MCC are requesting feedback (by 27 February 2017) to ensure agreement that the issues they have raised are those facing current and future generations.

Any Other Business

1002/17 Ponding on the Usk Road

Cllr Morgan noted the persistent dangerous flooding of the highway on the Usk Road, adjacent to Apple Tree Cottage. Chairman Chivers confirmed the matter should be logged with the Highways Department, with extensive ponding on the highway, across both sides requiring physical drainage as soon as possible.

1003/17 Upkeep of BT Lines

Cllr Williams queried who should be held responsible for the upkeep of BT lines, which are damaged/interfered with by trees. Cllr Williams confirmed trees across the Candwr Road, Ponthir are lying on top of cables and require cutting back. Chairman Chivers suggested the Clerk write to BT Open Reach, notify them of the issue and request advice on how best to proceed.

Date of next meeting

Monday 06 March 2017, 7 pm in Llanhennock Village Hall.

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