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### **Llanhennock Community Council Meeting Held On Monday 02 July 2018**

<b>Present:</b>	Chairman Waters, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Williams, County Cllr Clarke, Clerk Thomas, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Chivers and Cllr Young.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr McLeod, Cllr Heath
<b>Members of public present:</b>	Mr James Muir of Llanhennock
<b>Declaration of interest:</b>	None
<b>Minutes of last meeting:</b>	Approved Cllr Young Seconded Cllr Thomas

#### **Matters arising**

##### **1068/18 Tredunnock Pot Holes**

The Clerk confirmed the above work has been carried out by the Highways Department as requested. However, Councillors agreed the work was sub-standard and agreed the matter should be logged with MCC - as the work is unsatisfactory.

#### **Correspondence**

##### **1069/18 Broadband Issues Llangattock Nigh Caerleon**

Chairman Waters confirmed the Community Council had written to David Davies MP regarding concerns from residents regarding poor broadband speeds. David Davies MP responded swiftly with two letters, confirming he has forwarded the Community Council's letter to the Openreach Director for Wales, to request further information on plans for this area. The Openreach Director has suggested the local community consider a Community Fibre Scheme to get the broadband live. Grants are available to support this scheme and the Council will consider whether this is a viable route.

##### **1070/18 Monmouthshire County Council – Enforcements Training**

Cllr Williams and Chairman Waters circulated training notes following the MCC Planning and Enforcements Course they attended. Both agreed the training was interesting and valuable. The Enforcements department have requested Community Councils provide feedback if they feel the system could be improved. County Cllr Clarke was pleased to see good attendance from Community Councils within his area.

## **Planning**

None received.

## **Finance**

**Balance £5333.45**

### **1071/18 Clerk Fees**

The Clerk confirmed Beverley Williams Accountants have now been appointed to administer and process monthly payments for the Clerk. As no payment has been received since the community Council decided not to continue with MCC processing payroll, back-dated pay for April, May and June 2018 will now be arranged for the Clerk.

The Chairman confirmed this was a transparent way to ensure the Clerk's fees are actioned and processed correctly, in line with all relevant HMRC and Audit requirements.

### **1072/18 Potential donation for Llanhennock Village Hall.**

Chairman Waters welcomed Mr James Muir to the meeting and thanked him for attending. Mr Muir explained he had two separate matters to discuss. The first related to the Village Hall, following a request from the Clerk for clarification on ownership and management of the Hall.

Mr Muir confirmed the Hall is managed by a committee and trustees. Mr Muir was pleased to confirm several new members to the Village Hall Committee who are committed to updating and improving the facilities for the community.

Mr Muir circulated a paper to the Councillors which details the history of the Village Hall. (Copy attached). The new Committee are currently considering the work required in the hall and the associated costs. Specifically, the following work is required: -

Damp work, wheelchair access to the building, update of toilets for disabled/baby changing facilities, new carpets/flooring and paint work.

Chairman Waters asked Mr Muir to contact the Community Council again once he has a comprehensive list of work required and associated costs. The Community Council can then review their annual budget, precept and reserves accordingly.

In the meantime, Councillors suggested Mr Muir investigate Lottery funding, Church in Wales support and the Welsh Government Disabled Facilities Grants - to assist with the project.

### **1073/18 Bin Placed at The Millennium Bench, Llanhennock**

Mr Muir explained he was contacted by Mrs Harper, of Caer Barn, Top Road, Llanhennock. Mrs Harper had also contacted the Clerk regarding a bin placed at the millennium bench area in Llanhennock. Mrs Harper is extremely concerned that the bin, which has a funnel top, is a significant fire risk and should be removed.

Chairman Waters confirmed the Llanhennock Community Council has not been involved at all in the placement of this bin. The Community Council had not been consulted in anyway but understand a local person had placed the bin near the bench, as a goodwill gesture. The gesture was made to stop littering at the area and to encourage youths to put their rubbish in the bin.

The Chairman and Councillors agreed the current bin should be removed, as it could be a fire risk. However, with littering remaining an issue and to keep the area clean and tidy – Councillors discussed the merits of placing a fire-retardant bin in the area. The Clerk will investigate safe and attractive bin options and forward details to the Chairman and Councillors, for discussion at the next meeting.

Chairman Waters thanked Mr Muir for taking the time to attend the meeting.

### **Local Matters**

#### **1074/18 Verges in Llanhennock and Llangattock Nigh Caerleon**

Cllr Williams noted that overgrown verges are compromising highway safety across the wards. Specifically, the top road of Llanhennock and the Candwr Road in Ponthir. Clerk Thomas confirmed she has e-mailed Martyn Evans, MCC and is awaiting a response. However, the Clerk confirmed MCC operate a 'one-cut policy', which usually takes place in September. Areas where highway safety is affected are the responsibility of the Land-Owner.

#### **1075/18 Water Works, Ponthir**

Cllr Williams confirmed he stopped a 40-tonne artic tanker who was attempting to access the Gatlas Lane, Ponthir on Monday 02 July 2018. The driver confirmed he was on route to the Water Works and was following Sat Nav, as he had not received any directions to the site.

Chairman Waters noted his frustration as this issue was raised, in person with Mr Colin Hughes, Business Improvement Manager Candwr Water Works, during a meeting held in May 2018. Several examples of vehicles stuck and blocking the lane were given to Mr Hughes. Mr Hughes assured Chairman Waters that concise directions, with the appropriate access route would be sent to all suppliers and contractors accessing the site. Clerk to contact Mr Hughes for an explanation and request an update on the broken security barrier at the entrance to the reservoir.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 06 August 2018, 7 pm in Llanhennock Village Hall.

#### **Llanhennock**

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Cllr Jim Young	01633 422555
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#### **Tredunnock**

Cllr. Lindsay Heath	01633 450146
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#### **Llangattock Nigh Caerleon**

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**Cllr. Ieuan Williams**

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