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### **Meeting Held On Monday 05 March 2018**

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**Present:** Chairman Richard Waters, Clerk Elizabeth Thomas, Cllr Jim Young and Cllr Allan Thomas.

**Apologies:** Cllr McLeod, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Williams, Cllr Heath and County Cllr Clarke.

**Members Of Public Present** None

**Declaration Of Interest** None

**Minutes of last meeting** Approved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Thomas

#### **Matters Arising**

##### **1125/18 Website**

Chairman Waters confirmed the Community Council website would continue to run in line with the Audit requirements and to ensure information is available for residents of Llanhennock, Tredunnoch and Llangattock Nigh Caerleon.

In the meantime, the Clerk will work with Intudesigns to agree a more interactive tool, through Facebook or an alternative forum - to encourage involvement and input from the community.

##### **1126/18 Update on broadband issues**

Llanhennock Community Council have contacted Cabinet Member Sara Evans for support and advice regarding Broadband issues in Llangattock Nigh Caerleon.

Many communities are in the same position and unfortunately project funding has now ended. Therefore, no further work will be completed under the Superfast Cymru programme.

The Cabinet Members are equally concerned and will meet next month with the Welsh Government Minister, to discuss the matter further.

In the meantime, Llanhennock Community Council will investigate any further broadband options available and will communicate accordingly.

The Llanhennock Community Council note that residents and Councillors from the Llanhennock and Tredunnoch wards, have benefited from broadband improvements with the help of Country Connect.

[info@country-connect.co.uk](mailto:info@country-connect.co.uk) or telephone 01633 530519

Country Connect provide a wireless ISP providing high speed broadband access to business and residential customers, in rural/remote areas. (Costs packages are available to view on line).

### **Correspondence**

#### **1127/18 E-mail from MCC**

Confirming details of the Council's efforts during the poor weather conditions of the past week.

### **Reports**

#### **1128/18 Financial Management and Governance of Local Councils Report.**

Clerk Thomas will distribute this document, which highlights issues raised following an Audit of the Community and Town Council Annual Returns and Audits. Clerk Thomas detailed the key elements of the report and noted the need for full compliance and reporting, in line with Audit requirements.

#### **1129/18 Prison Liaison Committee**

Cllr Young confirmed he attended the above meeting, although noted poor attendance due to the adverse weather conditions.

The population at HMP Usk and Prescoed remains at maximum capacity, with a small staff increase agreed by the Home Office to reflect these figures. A new kitchen has been installed in Prescoed and serves both establishments. There have been no absconders year to date.

### **Planning**

None received.

### **Finance**

#### **1130/18 Current Balance                    £4693**

Councillors reviewed the Community Council Finance spreadsheet to review all receipts and expenditure to date, in line with the budget for this period.

#### **1131/18 A cheque was requested and the invoice signed-off by Councillors for the following:**

Stedman Brothers Events

Cheque to the value of £121.32 in respect of refreshments for the Christmas Meet & Greet event.

(Two signatures are required on every cheque request slip). Due to low attendance Clerk Thomas will contact Cllr Chivers to obtain the second signature for this cheque, the Councillors agreed payment and Chairman Waters signed the cheque accordingly.

**Local Matters**

None

**Any Other Business**

None

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 09 April 2018, 7 pm in Llanhennock Village Hall.