



Meeting Held Monday 02 November 2015
7 pm Llanhennock Village Hall

Present

Chairman/Cllr Chivers, Vice Chairman Morgan, Cllr Young, Cllr Waters, Cllr Evans, Cllr Williams, County Cllr Clarke, Cllr Thomas and Clerk Thomas.

Apologies

Cllr McLeod and Cllr Heath.

Members of the public present

Mr K Scrivens

Declaration Of Interest – None

Minutes Of Last Meeting

Approved by Cllr Morgan

Seconded by Cllr Waters

Mr Scrivens

Chairman/Cllr Chivers welcomed Mr Scrivens and invited him to explain his concerns regarding the Planning Application at Park Cottage, Llanhennock. For the purposes of the minutes, it was noted this application had been considered and passed without objection, during the October 2015 meeting.

The Chairman confirmed the Community Council is a consultee within the Planning Process feeding observations and concerns to the Planning Case Officer and Planning Committee. Whilst the Community Council has no delegated powers within the planning process, the Council's views, observations and any relevant conditions requested may be considered by the Planning Committee. With regards to this particular application no members of the public or nearby residents have contacted the Community Council to express their concerns to the proposed residential development / extension to existing dwelling.

At the October meeting the Community Council duly discussed and studied the application and it was an unanimous decision to approve the application from a Community Council standpoint.

Mr Scrivens explained he had not received the planning application notification and details prior to the October Community Council meeting, and was hence not able to attend and raise his concerns. Specifically the application has been increased from a 3 to a 5 bedroomed property and Mr Scrivens now had concerns that the proposed extension would overlook his home and have a detrimental effect on his privacy - hence he would welcome any support from the Community Council.

County Cllr Clarke offered some informal planning advice and confirmed that Mr Scrivens should now meet with Andrew Jones the Planning Case Officer to discuss his issues. Thereafter Mr Scrivens could speak to County Cllr Clarke should he require further support/advice.

Police Report

This months Police report did not feature any incidents within the Community Council wards. PC Evans had phoned and offered to attend the meeting however with no new issues, it was agreed he would attend the Christmas Meet & Greet evening instead.

Matters Arising

863/15 Hole/Damage to bottom of Llanhennock Hill

Chairman/Cllr Chivers confirmed he had spoken at length to Mark Watkins, Site Engineer regarding this on-going issue. Chairman/Cllr Chivers confirmed that the Community Council would now seek legal advice and write a solicitors letter to the Chief Executive at Monmouthshire County Council.

In addition Chairman/Cllr Chivers spoke to Mike Jones, Highways Network Manager regarding the problem. It appears springs interfering with BT Openreach ducts and compromising roads is a common problem across the country, resulting in cost disputes between County Councils and BT Openreach. Chairman/Cllr Chivers will issue a formal letter from the Solicitor next week if Monmouthshire County Council fails to update him.

Clerk confirmed Llanhennock Cheshire Homes have agreed to write to Monmouthshire County Council to support the Community Council's efforts to deal with this matter.

864/15 Maintenance Of Local Areas/Amenities

Cllr Young confirmed Reg Watkins has completed his work cutting back foliage around the Newbridge-on-Usk telephone box, repainting the telephone boxes and painting the Millennium bench. Cllr Young is pleased with the standard of work and the Clerk will raise a cheque for the services as soon as possible.

865/15 Community Council Christmas Meet & Greet

Chairman/Cllr Chivers confirmed the above event would take place on Wednesday 02 December 2015 at 7 pm in Llanhennock Village Hall. This is an opportunity to gather new and existing residents socially, communicate the role of the Council and listen to any concerns/ideas local people may have. A representative from Owl Watch and PC Evans will support the event and drinks/mince pies will be served.

Posters and flyers will be circulated in advance of the event to encourage attendance.

Local Matters

866/15 Velothon Wales

County Councillor Clarke was pleased to confirm that following consultation with Monmouthshire County Council; Velothon Wales were now considering alternative routes for the event next year.

Planning

867/15 Planning Permission – Dogan Heights, Candwr Lane.

To demolish an existing kennel and replace with a bungalow ancillary to the main property.

Clerk Thomas confirmed the full planning pack had not been received and therefore this application would be moved for consideration at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting

Monday 07 December 2015