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Llanhennock Community Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 08 January 2019

Present	Chairman Waters, Cllr Heath, Cllr Morgan, Cllr McLeod, Cllr Williams, Cllr Young, Cllr Chivers, Cllr Thomas, County Cllr Clarke and Clerk Thomas.
Apologies	None
Declarations of interest	Cllr Chivers re. Planning App DM/2018/02003 County Cllr Clarke – All Planning matters.
Members of the public present	Jenny Carpenter, Chairman Llanbadoc CC Caroline Thomas, Dani, Sarah Evans and Michelle Scrivens.
Minutes of the last meeting	Approved Cllr Young Seconded Cllr McLeod

1130/19 Potential Change Of Use for Woodbank, Llanhennock

Chairman Waters welcomed the members of the public, present to discuss the above matter. Chairman Waters noted there is currently no formal application logged with Monmouthshire County Council.

Caroline Thomas confirmed this was correct, no application has been logged to date however the property is being heavily marketed as a wedding venue, available from April 2019.

Caroline confirmed various social media platforms, Hitched (internet wedding site) and Woodbank's website are already advertising the property as a wedding venue. The property, which is currently used as a holiday let, intends to apply for an Entertainment & Alcohol license, with a view to providing a one-stop wedding venue.

Residents are greatly concerned about the implications of this change of use. Namely noise pollution, impact of increased traffic along a narrow lane, impact on wildlife and the significant effect on neighbouring properties in the proximity.

Caroline understands the application will include provisions for live bands, fireworks, marquees, tents and catering – all year round. All of which will greatly impact on residents of Llanhennock.

Based on the above, Caroline and others have adopted a pro-active approach to managing the objections of residents. Caroline has created a petition and has written to residents affected highlighting the issues – should Woodbank become a Wedding and Corporate events venue.

Chairman Waters thanked Caroline for her comprehensive update.

The Chairman and Councillors confirmed they could not comment on the matter, until a formal application is received from MCC for their consideration. Chairman Waters explained residents could attend the meeting, when the application is discussed and formally raise their objections. In addition, residents should familiarise themselves with the Planning Application process and consider their right to attend Planning Committee meetings, if required.

Matters Arising

1131/19 Water and damage to Llanhennock Hill

The Highways Department have confirmed an investigation is underway with WW and BT regarding the source of the running water and holes in the road. In the meantime, the potholes have been resurfaced to ensure the safety of the highway.

1132/19 Lime Kiln, Llanhennock

Cllr Heath has still not been able to contact the land-owner. Cllr Heath will continue to try and discuss this matter with the land-owner and will provide an update at the next meeting.

1133/19 Ward Notice Boards

The Clerk confirmed John Williams, Carpenter has begun work required on the ward notice boards.

Correspondence

1134/19 MCC E-mail

Chairman Waters confirmed MCC will change the glass recycling process with effect from 04 March 2019. Glass recycling boxes will be delivered to every household in February 2019. Glass will be collected at the same time as refuse – every fortnight.

Garden waste collections are now seasonal and will be again as of 04 March 2019, weekly.

Food waste will no longer be collected with garden waste. It will be collected weekly and residents can now re-use old plastic bags and carriers. Recycled plastic bags will be provided to replace the more expensive compostable food waste bags, as stocks run out.

Further recycling changes will be communicated to residents, by MCC later in 2019.

Reports

Enforcement Report received. No new cases across the Llanhennock Community Council wards.

1135/19 HM Prison Usk & Prescoed.

Cllr Young attended the HM Prison Usk & Prescoed Christmas Church Service on behalf of the Community Council. Chairman Waters thanked Cllr Young for representing the Council and providing a reading at the service.

Finance

Current balance 4889.99

1136/19 Cheque Raised for Intu Designs (Jacob Richards)

In respect of domain and website maintenance to the value of £515 (cheque approved by Councillors and Chairman – two signatures provided).

1137/19 Budget Review & Precept Discussion

A full budget review was completed. Spreadsheet detailing receipts and payments circulated to all. Spreadsheet detailing current spend, projected spend and financial commitments for the rest of 2019 circulated to all. Considered, approved and adopted by Chairman & Councillors.

Reserves considered along with projected spend for January 2019 to April 2019 – approved and adopted by Chairman & Councillors.

Budget for April 2019 to March 2020 reviewed, considered and approved and adopted by Chairman & Councillors.

Implications of delay of Village Hall project discussed to ensure it is factored into timescales of future spend. Approved / adopted by Chairman & Councillors.

Precept request discussed in line with the above. A precept request of £6,160 was agreed in line with the approved budget and requirements. This is fully supported by the figures provided in both spreadsheets and correlates to the Building Society records. Approved and adopted by Chairman & Councillors.

Risk Report reviewed, and no updates required at this time. Approved by Chairman & Councillors.

1138/19 Village Hall Refurbishment Project

Chairman & Councillors agreed an interim payment of £1,000 for the Village Hall Refurbishment project.

Planning

DM/2018/02003

1139/19 Planning Permission – erection of a replacement dwelling and creation of associated residential curtilage.

Little Ton Lands, Ash Cottage to Newbridge on Usk, Tredunnoch

County Cllr Peter Clarke Declared no involvement in all planning matters.

Cllr Chivers declared an interest in the above application, and therefore withdrew his involvement in this matter.

Chairman and Councillors reviewed the associated paperwork for the application. No objections were raised if the application meets planning requirements.

Local Matters

1140/19 Heavy Good Vehicles Using Croes Llywarch Lane, Llanhennock

Cllr Young has been approached by a Tredunnoch resident regarding continued HGV use in the narrow Croes Llywarch Lane, Llanhennock. Heavy goods vehicles are accessing the lane, damaging hedgerows - on occasion getting stuck and blocking the lane. The Clerk confirmed 'No HGV' signs were requested in February 2018. Clerk to request an urgent update on this matter.

1141/19 Recycled Waste In Cefyn Henllan Field, Llanhennock affecting the highway

The Council noted a query regarding concerns over waste on the above land, which is resulting in residue running from the site, across the road. Councillors agreed this was a matter for the Environmental Agency. Clerk will request an update.

Any Other Business

1142/19 Tredunnoch Potholes

Cllr Chivers & Cllr Heath raised concerns regarding the number of potholes on the main road entering Tredunnoch. Clerk to liaise with Mark Watkins, Highways and request a review of the site.

1143/19 Damage to wall, Tredunnoch

A wall has been damaged opposite the bus shelter in Tredunnoch. Clerk to notify the Highways Department to confirm who will arrange the repair.

1144/19 Resignation from Clerk

Chairman Waters read a resignation letter received from Clerk Elizabeth Thomas. Elizabeth has been Clerk for 5 years and will leave the Council at the end of April 2019. Elizabeth explained she has enjoyed working with the Councillors but regrets she can no longer afford the time the role requires. The Clerk thanked Chairman Waters for his support.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 04 February 2019, 7 pm in Llanhennock Village Hall.