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Llanhennock Community Council Meeting Held on 05 August 2019 7pm

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

Apologies County Cllr Clarke , Cllr Thomas

Declarations of interest None

Members of the public present Mrs Linda Wright

Minutes of the last meeting Approved : Cllr Heath Seconded : C l l r Williams

1248/19 New Website:

Mrs Linda Wright was introduced to the councillors as the new website manager. She explained her ideas for the layout of new council website and explained how it could be more interactive and encourage greater communication within the three wards. She also explained the benefits of a Facebook or Twitter page and how she could incorporate various links and contact pages within the website. She would be able to transfer various documents and paragraphs from the existing site; she explained about changing domain names; how she would update and refresh the site regularly; and as a professional photographer she is also happy to come and take some good quality photographs of the surrounding area. Her enthusiasm was infectious and the councillors agreed to discuss details about further information that could be added to the site as it progresses. The Clerk will liaise with Mrs Wright, who will produce a sample template to demonstrate before publishing live. Cllr Chivers volunteered to speak to the current website manager to explain why we no longer require his services.

Mrs Wright left the meeting at this point.

Matters Arising -

1249/19 Quadbiking in Ivybridge woods:

Cllr Chivers has spoken to the landowner and the matter has been resolved.

1250/19 Newbridge bridge:

Cllr Heath has inspected the bridge and the undergrowth has now died back and there is no longer a problem.

1251/19 “No HGV” signs:

Still awaiting response from MCC

1252/19 Speed Indicator signs :

Still awaiting response from MCC

1253/19 Weeding and hedge trimming:

Morgan Davies has done some of the maintenance work requested. Cllr Heath to liaise with him to explain the further hedge trimming requirements at the Tredunnoch junction with Usk Road.

1254/19 Village Hall donation:

Cllr Waters read a letter of thanks from Mr Jim Muir, Chair of the Village Hall Committee, for the offer of a £1500 donation to their renovation and refurbishment fund.

1255/19 Trailers in layby:

These are still in situ on Llanhennoch top road. Chairman is to find out who they belong to and ask for them to be removed asap.

Reports

1256/19 MCC Local Development Plan:

Clerk Davies had attended a cluster meeting of community councils in Usk last month, where the MCC Local Development Plan was discussed. The LDP identified several options of land for development, areas to be protected and policies to be used when decision making. A document was circulated summarising the 8 different growth options and 5 different spatial options. The full report can be found at www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/planning-policy

1257/19 Enforcement reports:

None to report in our wards

Finance

1258/19 Cheques raised:

Balance in account £4275.18

Chairman and Councillors reviewed and approved paperwork for the following cheques to be raised.

Cheques to the value of £145.48 in respect of Clerk fees and expenses for July 2019.

1259/19 Signatories:

Chairman Waters explained that Monmouthshire Building Society had telephoned him to say that new rules meant that we had too many signatories on our account. He therefore volunteered to take his name off the list of official cheque signatories from now onwards.

PMN: Clerk visited Monmouthshire B,Soc and Cllr Waters has been reinstated as a signatory and their new rules state that the Clerk must also be a signatory.

1260/19 Audit 2018/19:

The external auditor had to qualify last year's audit because "The council has not adopted Standing Orders and Financial Regulations." The Clerk has liaised with the auditor and with One Voice Wales to learn more about these new regulations and has been given some model documents as an example; she has been asked to use these to create similar documents for LCC which would be applicable and relevant to its procedures. The Clerk has been given until 4th Sept to complete these documents .

Correspondence

1261/19 Boundary Review of Town/Community Councils

Welsh government and the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales are to formalise the final arrangements regarding the review. It is expected that they plan to adopt the review, which was published earlier this year, as it stands with no amendments (despite some community council objections). The proposals will not take effect until 2022.

Planning

1262/19- DM/2019/ Willow Cottage, Tredunnoch

Councillors found no objections to these plans.

1263/19- DM/2019/ Ty Coets, Tredunnoch

Councillors found no objections to these plans.

1264/19- DM/2019/ Woodbank, Llanhennock

Councillors discussed their objections to the new planning application, which were essentially the same as before and they felt that the new application had done nothing to address them. A new objection letter will be prepared by Councillors Chivers, Williams and Waters and the Clerk will submit them as soon as possible.

Any Other Business

1265/19 Water Leak:

Cllr Morgan reported a water leak on the road outside Willow Cottage Tredunnoch; WW have visited the site and claimed it was just standing rain water. The Clerk is to follow this up with Welsh Water.

Date of next meeting

Monday 2nd September 2019 - 7 pm in Llanhennock Village Hall.