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Llanhennock Community Council Meeting Held on 02 March 2020 7pm

Present Vice Chairman Thomas, Cllr Young, Cllr Williams,
County Cllr Clarke and Clerk Davies.

Apologies Cllr McCleod, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Chivers, Cllr Waters

Absent Cllr Heath

Declarations of interest None

Members of the public present None

Minutes of the last meeting Approved by : Cllr Williams Seconded by : Cllr Young

Matters Arising :

1349/20 Llanhennock Hill pothole

It was reported that unfortunately this pothole had reappeared within a few days of being filled last month due to the very heavy rainfall. Water pouring along the Glen Usk road is also flowing down the main hill as the culvert outside Tower House is blocked, this exacerbates the problem. Cllr Young said he used to always clear this culvert when he lived there; Clerk Davies said her husband has offered to clear it - council were grateful for this offer. Cllr Thomas suggested MCC Highways Dept should be contacted again as this problem has been on-going for years and needs to be resolved permanently. Highways keep blaming BT ducting as the cause, but ultimately, they are responsible for the road.

1350/20 Woodbank bridge

Clerk Davies read out her email correspondence with Highways, who want to remove the wall, replace it with a stock fence and monitor any further subsidence. Councillor Thomas said we should ask to keep the wall and just re-level the tarmac road surface; once the wall is removed it is unlikely to be rebuilt and this would be a shame as it is more aesthetically pleasing and matches the wall opposite. Also, a stock fence would not be a strong enough defence for cars if they bumped into it and there is a considerable drop into the stream. Clerk to email MCC again.

1351/20 No HGV signs and Speed Indicator signs

Clerk reported that Cllr Waters had met on site with Phaedra from Highways Dept at the 3 sites of concern. Only the junction at Llandegveth crossroads was deemed to be suitable for the NO HGV signs. In addition, he reported that the speed indicator signs at Tredunnock would be installed after a speed survey had been completed to see if there was indeed a speed problem. Phaedra said that no speed signs could be erected in Llanhennock as it does not have a natural village gateway in and out, as Tredunnock has; this was despite Cllr Waters suggesting that high

speed cars are a danger for example to children playing near the pub. It was suggested that Cllr Chivers speaks to Phaedra about this; to be discussed at next meeting.

1352/20 School catchment areas

Acknowledgment of complaints has been received from Newport CC and MCC but no further news yet.

Cllr Thomas read out another letter sent by Mr David Powell from Llangattock NC ward to Newport CC, which had been copied to Chairman Waters; this contained similar objections. We await the outcome of the proposals.

1353/20 Website update

Clerk Davies has sent the website manager the new achievements page content and extra information about church times etc; these have been uploaded. She has also compiled a page of information on "Other Services" which when completed will be uploaded soon.

1354/20 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission final report

OVW had emailed to say that there were a lot of requests from community councils and consequently they have written to MCC on our behalf to ask them to carry out a fresh review of the community boundaries.

Correspondence: None

Reports: None

Finance :

Balance in the account is £4638.16

1355/20 Cheques raised:

Chairman and Councillors reviewed and approved paperwork for the cheque to be raised for £125.12 in respect of clerk salary

1356/20 Internal Auditor:

Clerk Davies reported that Mrs Rachel Bundy, a senior manager at UHY and ACCA qualified, has offered to do our internal audit for a charge of £100. Council agreed the fee. Clerk to confirm with Mrs Bundy.

1357/20 OVW Membership Renewal

This year's subscription is due at £64. It was decided to defer this decision until next month when more councillors will be present. It was also discussed that possibly a new bank account should be considered for LCC to make payments such as this easier in future; to be discussed at the next meeting.

Planning

1358/20 The Gables :

Councillors found no objection to these plans, especially as the proposed new roof light window was on the rear of the property.

Local Matters

1359/20 Theft:

Cllr Williams reported a theft of a bag from a Blue Vauxhall car parked at the Livery Stables. The thieves were caught on CCTV and their car registration was BD04JFN. Police are investigating.

1360/20 Fly Tipping :

Cllr Thomas reported that the fly tipping left on Gatlas Lane was still in situ despite Cllr Waters having reported it to MCC last month. Clerk to email again.

1361/20 Broken Drain:

Cllr Williams reported that a drain has disintegrated and is dangerous to traffic at the junction of Candwr road and Whitehouse lane. Clerk to email Highways Dept.

Any Other Business

1362/20 Defibrillator Registration:

OVW has emailed to ask us to register our defibrillators onto a network called The Circuit organised by Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust. Clerk will set up the account and register ours; she will find out the necessary details regarding serial numbers etc from Cheshire Home and will ask Cllr Morgan to find out the details for the Tredunnoch defibrillator.

Date of next meeting

Monday 6th April 2020 - 7 pm in Llanhennock Village Hall.