



Llanhennock Community Council

Annual General Meeting

Held On Monday 06 May 2019 - 7 pm

The Llanhennock Community Council AGM took place remotely via Microsoft Teams video messaging. This is due to face-to-face meetings having being prohibited by the Government Lockdown regulations due to the Covid19 Pandemic.

Present: Chairman Thomas, Cllr Williams, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Chivers, Cllr Waters and Clerk Davies.

Apologies: Cllr McCleod, Cllr Young, County Cllr Clarke, Vice Chairman Heath

NB: Cllrs McCleod and Young will be unable to attend remote video meetings over the coming months as they do not have internet access in their homes.

Members of the public present None

Minutes of 2017 AGM Approved by Cllr Thomas
Seconded by Cllr Williams

Matters Arising None

Chairman's Remarks For 2019

Firstly, I would like to thank all the councillors for your continued support throughout this year. I would like to thank our county councillor Peter Clarke for his continued support and attendance. I would like to thank councillor Young, for his continued attendance on the USK and Prescoed prison liaison committee, providing on going communication and information.

The council continue to consider planning applications received from MCC, we have had 16 applications in total. This year we had a very contentious application at 'Woodbank'. This was an application of change of use, from a holiday let to a wedding venue. Many of the local residents were vehemently opposed to this development, as it would have an adverse effect on their properties due to the following :

- Loud music
- Bars open till 12:30
- Traffic Problems

Unfortunately, after all the effort put in by the residents and the community council to stop this, the permission was granted. I would like to thank councillor Williams for speaking on behalf of the council and the residents, also all councillors that attended the planning meeting at county hall.

Achievements made this year by our council were, writing policies for :

- Standing orders*
- Financial regulations*
- GDPR*
- Bio diversity policy*

We have also supported residents over the changes to school admission policy and the attempt by Newport Council to force our children in the surrounding area of Caerleon, to be sent to Monmouth school whilst living only one mile from Caerleon school.

Turning to highways, we have a constant liaison with the officers highlighting the same reoccurring problems :

- Pothole on Llanhennock Hill*
- HGV lorries travelling up small country lanes*
- Hedges that need constant trimming.*
- The bridge at the Newbridge*

However, the pothole has once again been filled and new signs have been erected by MCC to prevent HGV's going down small lanes. These problems have been sorted due to councillors having site visits with MCC highways officers.

Financial contributions to both Llanhennock and Tredunnoch churches are pending. A large contribution was also made for the refurbishment of the church room in which we meet. We have also cleaned up both bus shelters again and I would also like to thank councillor Thomas, for galvanising and painting the millennium bench at his own expense.

We are still in close contact with the police, if any issues occur in our parishes we report them as soon as possible. We have a new WPC rural officer, who attended our meeting, and took on board our concerns.

The Council now has a new website with more information at hand and we have more interaction with our new website designer.

I would like to thank Debra Davies for helping with the new website, also for her professionalism and support in her first year as Clerk to the Council.

Finally I hope we can all return to some kind of normality, not just on the council, but also in our normal everyday lives. Once again thank you all for your support.

Election Of Chairman

Cllr Waters proposed Cllr Thomas as Chair and seconded by Cllr Morgan.

The Councillors unanimously elected Chairman Thomas. Chairman Thomas accepted the role with thanks.

Election Of Vice Chairman

Cllr Waters proposed Cllr Heath as vice chairman, who had told him by telephone previously that he would accept the position despite his absence at the AGM. This was seconded by Cllr Chivers. Voting was unanimous and Cllr Heath was elected as Vice Chairman.

Financial Accounts For April 2019 to March 2020

A detailed budget for 2019/2020 was share with the Council on the screen, along with a spreadsheet detailing all receipts and expenses over the last financial year to date. It was noted that the precept was very close to the money spent this year, the main discrepancy was due to the fact that the annual donations to the two churches has not been paid yet this year; this would have happened last month but the meeting had been cancelled. It was decided that two donations would be made instead in the next financial year at the beginning and end of the year. Balances and reserves were noted and duly formally adopted by all Councillors. The Clerk was thanked for her work in preparing the accounts.

Bank Reconcilliation: Balance = **£4,387.92**

Any Other Business None

Meeting Closed