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## **Llanhennock Community Council Meeting Held on 29 June 2020 7 pm**

*The Llanhennock Community Council AGM took place remotely via Zoom video messaging due to prohibition of face-to-face meetings by the Government during this pandemic. The July meeting was held a week early in order that the annual report could be approved before the deadline date.*

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

**Apologies:** Cllr McCleod, Cllr Young, County Cllr Clarke,

**Declarations of interest** None

**Members of the public present** None

**Minutes of the last meeting** Approved by : Cllr Morgan Seconded by : Cllr Williams

### **Matters Arising :**

#### **1406/20 Newbridge and Woodbank bridges**

No update from Steve Baldwin on a likely date for the works on the bridges. They are still too busy from flood damaged highways from the spring time.

#### **1407/20 Speed indicator signs**

Cllr Waters had spoken to Jane Pratt who is more senior than the engineer who refused the installation of speed indicator signs in Llanhennock. She was very understanding and supportive of our reasons for needing speed signage on the top road in Llanhennock, particularly due to the pedestrians using the Cheshire Home, the church and the pub. She is taking the matter to her committee and will follow this up. She said that in Tredunnock they would firstly be laying strips across the road to count numbers of vehicles, then they would monitor car speeds for 6 months, before finally installing speed restriction and speed indicator signs if it was deemed necessary. Cllr Morgan reported that there was no sign of any car counting devices having been set up yet. Clerk to email her for an update.

#### **1408/20 Water leak Gatlas Lane**

MCC had informed the Clerk of a road closure on Gatlas Lane. Cllr Waters confirmed that a WW van appeared the day of the road closure, but the workers did not get out of their van and no repair was undertaken; the road was subsequently reopened. Cllr Waters reported that the water leak is now worse than the previous week and pooling in the road. Clerk to chase this up with Welsh Water.

#### **1409/20 Kerbstones**

A request has been sent to MCC Highways requesting these kerbstones. Awaiting reply.

## **1410/20 Carport**

An email has been sent to MMC planning regarding this matter. Awaiting their response.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **1411/20 Website**

Clerk had completed the information to be included in the “local services” page to the website and forwarded it to our website manager Linda, who has already created and uploaded this page. Council viewed the new page. It was decided that the “Meet the Team “page needs to be improved by adding a photograph, contact details and a short description alongside each member’s name. All councillors to send the information to Clerk to forward to Linda. It was noted how impressed council were by Linda’s efficiency and professionalism in comparison to our previous website manager. Cllr Morgan had sent some photographs of a recent scarecrow competition in Tredunnoch to mark Midsummer Solstice; it was felt that events such as these should be added to the website, on a separate “Events “page. Clerk to send photos to Linda with this suggestion.

**Reports:** None

### **Finance:**

#### **1412/20 Cheques raised**

Balance in the account is £ 4574.77

Chairman and Councillors reviewed and approved paperwork for the following cheques to be raised and agreed that the Clerk could cycle to Cllr Morgan’s house in order to get signatures on the withdrawal slips (the clerk herself is also an authorised signatory) :

£125.12 , £18.10 and £14.39 in respect of clerk salary and expenses for June

£93.60 in respect of payment to HMRC

£100 in respect of fees for internal auditor

#### **1413/20 New bank account**

Clerk reported that it had been very difficult trying to get through to any of the banks for information about opening a new account as they are very busy at this time due to covid -19 problems. She is investigating the matter with HSBC currently.

#### **1414/20 Internal Audit**

All paper work had been emailed to councillors prior to this meeting in order to read through them thoroughly ( including the annual report, final accounts, risk report, asset register, explanation of variances to 2018/19 report, internal auditors comments and covering letters to BDO). The annual report was discussed and approved by all present. Clerk and internal auditor Rachel were commended on their work. Clerk to take report to Chairman’s house tomorrow to sign the required documents and will send to BDO. Wales Audit have postponed the dates for inspection of accounts until September this year, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions to access of town halls etc. Notices explaining the delays to inspection dates and giving notices for those dates will be posted on notice boards in our wards and on our website this week. Clerk to send paper copies by post to Cllrs Williams and Morgan.

**Planning:**

**1415/20 Clomendy Cottage DM/2020/00713**

Council discussed the plans for this large double garage and felt that the position of the garage was too far from the house. It would be better placed close to the property, where there seemed to be plenty of room for it. Positioned where it is proposed to be sited seems as if its future purpose could possibly be as another residence, rather than just a garage. There was concern that this could set a precedence.

**Local Matters:**

**1416/20 Candwr road**

Cllr Williams reported that residents have complained to him regarding some building work being undertaken on Candwr road at Celebration Cottage NP181HU. There has been a retaining wall built on the roadside and some tarmac has been removed from the highway; there are concerns for encroaching on the highway with retaining walls restricting road width. Clerk to report this to MCC highways to investigate further.

**1417/20 Verges and hedges**

Cllr Williams reported that verges need trimming on Candwr Road. Cllr Waters reported that ( as a local farmer) he had in fact himself been clearing verges and trimming hedgerows on Gatlus lane and was also going to do Roughton lane himself as he felt they were dangerous to road users. It was noted that it would be useful if LCC knew the exact program for this maintenance work form MCC Highways, then local farmers would not need to be doing it all themselves unpaid. Contractors must be receiving money for doing work that they no longer need to do. Clerk to email MCC to ask for the dates of their program for hedge cutting and verges

**Any Other Business** None

**Date of next meeting** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 at 7pm via Zoom