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Llanhennock Community Council Meeting Held on 03 August 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 :

1418/20 Newbridge bridge/ Woodbank bridge/Speed indicator signs/Kerbstones

No updates to report from MCC on each of these matters, no replies to emails received this month- general delays due to Covid

1419/20 Water leak Gatlas Lane

Cllr Waters reported that Welsh Water had been to fix the leak, but water is still escaping (though less than previously); engineer had told him that another leak had been caused by fixing the initial one and this is likely to reoccur. Clerk to report this to WW.

1420/20 Carport

Planners have replied that the site was visited by an Enforcement Monitoring Officer on 30th June. She confirmed that the development was built in accordance with the approved plans. Cllr Chivers will draft an email response to dispute this and request a site visit with the officer to explain the problem.

1421/ 20 Retaining wall on Candwr lane

The Clerk spoke to MCC and has sent a photograph of the site. Cllr Williams reported that when wall is complete it may not encroach on the highway; it seems the builder had just removed tarmac in order to underpin the existing wall. Awaiting MCC site visit following enforcement order # E20/220

1422 /20 Hedges and Verges

The MCC response to our query about timetables for cutting of hedges and verges was simply that they "have to prioritise spending...will review the issue and action appropriately". Clerk to resend her request for a timetable in order that local famers will not be forced to cut them unnecessarily.

PMN: MCC updated the service request to say “ the responsibility of cutting hedges lies with the landowner”

1423/20 Website update

Cllr Morgan supplied information about the scarecrow competition, which the clerk has edited and the website manager has now uploaded this with the photos onto a new page called “events” on our website.

Correspondence:

1424/20 Action Travel Survey

MCC had asked community councils to contribute to a consultation exercise on Active Travel to help in determining priorities for investment in the physical infrastructure of roads/paths suitable for cycling and walking, specifically for when they replace car travel to work etc. Cllrs felt that this scheme would not apply in our rural wards, so they chose not to complete the survey.

1425/20 Replacement Local Development plan

Due to the Covid pandemic the RLDP preparation timescale will now be delayed because local authorities need to assess the strategies and policies in terms of sensitivity to the consequences of the current pandemic. Cllr Williams noted that only one possible site had been put forward in our wards, which is the 1.35 hectares of land behind St Andrews Walk.

1426/20 LDBC boundary review

The *community* review has now been passed by MCC and will NOT be reconsidered despite many complaints from community councils and an appeal made by OVW on our behalf. Hence our three wards in Llanhennock CC will be merging with the Llangybi CC and our councillors will be reduced from the current 8 to 3 or 4. However, after reading through all of the documentation and letters from OVW on the matter, Cllrs felt that they did not really understand the processes of the *electoral* review sufficiently to comment on them for the current consultation period. It was suggested that the Clerk speaks to County Cllr Clarke to ask for clarification.

PMN: According to C Cllr Clarke, our particular wards will not be affected by the new proposals on the electoral review, so no further comment will need to be passed on to OVW in this respect.

1427/20 Remote Working survey from OVW

This survey had been emailed since our last meeting and replies were expected before today; the clerk had emailed the survey to all councillors and it was completed according to the two responses she had received - basically implying that broadband connections are not good enough in all wards to properly conduct zoom meetings without any interruptions or technical problems. Cllrs wish to resume face-to-face meetings asap as preferred.

PMN: Restrictions have now been lifted and village halls can re-open, thus the next LCC meeting will take place in Llanhennock Hall

Reports:

1428 / 20 Police report

Gwent Police received 22 x reports for the LLANGYBI Ward area during July. No major incidents.

Finance:

1429/20 Cheques raised Balance in the account is £ 4223.56

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 , £29.48 and £14.39 in respect of clerk salary and expenses for July

£35 in respect of payment to Morgan Davies for strimming hedges

Planning: None

Local Matters:

1430/20 Fallen No HGV signs

The recently erected No HGV signs either end of the lane to Tredunnoch through Croes Llworth have both fallen down. Clerk has alerted MCC to concrete them in this time.

1431 /20 Post boxes removed

The Post Office has permanently removed the local post box which was next to the noticeboard on Candwr Lane; this is seen as part of the gradual erosion of facilities for residents & subject to many complaints by neighbours. Clerk to write to Post Office for an explanation.

1432/20 New bench

It has been suggested that a new bench could be installed by LCC, similar to the Millennium bench , on the lower Llanhennock Road at the bottom of the hill to the Garn Farm where there is a layby (overgrown at present) overlooking the river. It was felt that many people now walk these lanes and would appreciate this spot as a pleasant place to rest, with views up the river valley. Clerk to make preliminary enquiries to check on the costings and who supplied the Millennium bench.

1433/20 Poppies

Further to comments made last year about purchasing large poppies to go on lampposts (as were used in Caerleon last year) the clerk asked how many would need to be ordered for this November's Remembrance Day. Cllrs are to count how many suitable posts could be decorated in their wards and report back next meeting.

1434/20 Japanese knotweed

A resident had emailed to ask if LCC could help in paying for the eradication of some Japanese Knotweed which is growing in the lane alongside School House Llanhennock, opposite the village hall; MCC had already refused, saying the lane was an unadopted lane and as such they were not responsible. This was disputed by councillors, two of whom recall cycling up this lane in their youth; it is a continuation of Gatlas lane on the other side of the Usk Road and was a main

walking path from Llangattock Nigh Caerleon to Llanhennock years ago. Cllrs felt that MCC were indeed responsible and asked the Clerk to enquire with the Countryside Warden.

Any Other Business

1435/20 White lines

Cllr Heath reported that the white line at the crossroads in Tredunnock need repainting as cars cannot see the marking clearly and an accident could happen at this junction. Clerk to report this to highways.

1436/20 Broken Footbridge

Cllr Williams reported that the footbridge across Candwr brook has been broken and closed since May. The notice on it says it will be repaired by June, but people are currently using it despite its dangerous disrepair. Clerk to email MCC for an update on the service request #3664/141

1437/20 Soil tipping in field

It has been reported by residents that lorries of soil and subsoil have been tipped in the field gully (known locally as the Roman Road) on Llanhennock hill in order to level the field. MCC need to be informed to check it is permitted works. Clerk to contact MCC.

1438/20 Broadband issues

Cllr Waters reported that he has spoken to David Davies MP's office regarding the poor broadband situation in Llangattock Nigh Caerleon; he has promised to look into it. Cllr Williams commented that cables are due to be laid along Candwr Lane over the next 4/6 weeks, but this would not extend down Gatlas Lane.

PMN: Cllr Morgan sent a BBC link regarding new government grants for super-fast broadband, which the clerk added to LCC Facebook page. A few residents have suggested forming a local group to apply for the grants in order to improve internet speeds in the ward.

1439/20 Hedge strimming

Chairman commented that the hedges at the junctions with the main road need to be strimmed back regularly during the summer months as the growth is restricting the view and dangerous to road users. Morgan has been asked to re-strim them this month.

1440/20 Cheshire Homes entrance

Cllr Waters reported that a car collision had occurred due to a car exiting the Cheshire Homes without a clear view of the road. It was suggested that the viewing splays are insufficient and also too many cars now park on the road outside the home which causes additional problems, as well as being a hazard for tractors passing through. Cllr Chivers will draft a letter to the Cheshire Home suggesting measures that could be actioned in order to make the road more safe.

Date of next meeting _Monday 7th September 2020 at 7pm in Llanhennock Village Hall