

Llanbadoc Community Council

Meeting of Llanbadoc Community Council to be held at County Hall, Usk on
Wednesday 2nd May 2018 6.00pm

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the Ordinary Meeting of Llanbadoc Community Council to be held at County Hall, Usk on Wednesday 2nd May 2018 6.00pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Yours faithfully, Olivia Beaumont CLERK

Members are reminded that they attend this meeting under the provisions of the Community Council's Code of Conduct. Members of the public are invited to address the Community Council for 15 minutes where stated in the agenda.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. Jenny Carpenter

2. **Declarations of interest from members:**

Planning Matters - Cllr. Peter Clarke has previously declared a prejudicial interest in this item under the member's code of conduct, due to his position on the Planning Committee of Monmouthshire County Council.

3. **Police Report:**

- a. Local police report – awaiting report at time of agenda publication

4. **Meeting adjourned, and members of the public invited to speak:** (time for this session is at the discretion of the chair)

5. **Adoption of Minutes:**

- a. Chair to move to approve minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 4th April 2018
- b. Minutes of extraordinary meeting held on 16th January 2018 to be approved and added to the website

6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes / Current Business:**

- a. Update on relocation of Picnic Benches at Usk Island
- b. Speeding through Monkswood
- c. Councillor Vacancies:
Vacancy for Monkswood – Advertised, can co-opt from 4th December 2017
Vacancy for Llanbadoc – Advertised, can co-opt from 7th February 2018
- d. Start times of council meetings and alternative venues if required to attract working people onto council
- e. Opening of LCC bank account
- f. Resurfacing Llanbadoc Island car park – JW to report
- g. Commons Tree Survey Report completed, awaiting quote from Tom Morris
- h. Community Council Newsletter
- i. Monmouthshire local Development Plan Revision – Consultation on draft delivery agreement
- j. Welsh Government – Funding support available in 2018-19 – JW to report (Action from last meeting)
- k. Path by Beaufort Arms – Pub fence broken

7. **Matters arising from recent correspondence / New Business**

- a. Fly Tipping
- b. Llanbadoc Island – Bench for concrete area – JW

8. **Planning**

a. **MCC Planning Committee Meeting** – Awaiting agenda for Planning Committee April 2018 meeting

b. **Report from the LCC Planning sub group**

i. Report on LDP Revision by JW – see appendix

c. **Planning Applications**

DM/2018/00395

DM/2018/00565

DM/2018/00587

d. **MCC Enforcement Cases** (confidential)

9. Finance

- a. Copy of accounts to be circulated by email in advance of meeting and all agreed payments from the last meeting made
- b. Responsible Finance Officer Report, including review of the accounts and spending against budget
- c. Passbook balance **£14,170.49** to be confirmed and signed by the chair
- d. Receipts - **£450.00** Insurance payment from Zurich received and included in passbook balance above.
- e. Payments
 - i. Individual Councillor remuneration requests
 - ii. **£25.00** Chair's allowance – April 2018
 - iii. **£40.20** Clerk's expenses – April 2018
 - iv. **£100.00** Invoice from John Turner for Internal Audit of LCC 2017-2018
 - v. **£14.28** Invoice no. 3119 from Merlin Waste Dog waste collections w/c 19/03/18 and 02/04/18
 - vi. **£532.29** Clerk Salary for May 2018 including £20 admin fee payable to Playworks (subject to approval)
 - vii. **£10.25** Increment to be added to clerk salary for April (published NJC pay scales to be implemented from 1st April 2018) Payable to Playworks (subject to approval)
 - viii. **£200** Isobel Brown, Completion of Community Council website – Awaiting invoice

10. Reports

- a. (Sub-Group) Procedural and Financial
(Cllr. Hilary Jones, Cllr. Peter Clarke, Cllr. Jo Storey, Cllr. James Lawrence, Cllr. Jenny Carpenter)

General Data Protection Regulation – Meeting held on Monday 16th April (HJ, JW, PS, and the clerk present)

- b. (Sub-Group) Environment (Cllr. John Wright, Cllr. Hilary Jones, Cllr. James Lawrence)

- BAE Noticeboard

- c. (Sub-Group) Website (Cllr. John Wright, Cllr. Jenny Carpenter, Cllr. Ed Winter and Cllr. James Lawrence)

- d. Community Meetings

- MCC Litter Champions strategy meeting attended by JW 18th April 2018
- Independent Remuneration panel for Wales attended by PS 18th April 2018 - notes in appendix • One Voice Wales meeting took place 19th April 2018 attended by JS
- Strong Communities

11. **Matters to be considered for the next agenda** (at the discretion of the chairman)

12. **Date of next meetings** – Wednesday 6th June 2018 and Wednesday 4th July 2018

Appendix

8b. Report from JW - At the last meeting I was given a letter from MCC together with a copy of their Draft Delivery Agreement for the proposed LDP revision: and offered to review this. Basically, the letter advised that MCC have approved " the commencement of a full revision to its Local Development Plan, which will result in a brand new LDP for Monmouthshire for the period up to 2033". They also endorsed the Draft Delivery Agreement and invited any comments thereon. We have already reviewed the LDP report and noted where we might be affected. The Draft Delivery Agreement basically sets out their proposed timetable for the revision to the LDP, (which runs through to May 2021) and their proposed " Community Involvement Scheme" setting out how and when it intends to engage with the community. As such we can note the timetable and Involvement Scheme, but I saw no need to respond.

10d. Notes from Independent Remuneration panel for Wales attended by Peter Sutherland on 18th April 2018

Made very clear that we are not volunteers but holders of elected office, unopposed in recent elections or not. Town and Community Councils need to consider their culture and that the "volunteering " culture and mentality may be putting off those from a more diverse and less financially affluent background from applying.

66% non-opposed seats should be ringing alarm bells regarding a living breathing democracy. Mixed views expressed from the participating Clerks as to these views, but the Panel were adamant. It is believed that setting out the financial remuneration available may encourage participation, including, for example, payments for Carers to attend with clients who are Community/Town Councillors. Crèche arrangements in place in one Town Council which has encouraged 3 Mothers to become Councillors and bring their children to the meetings.

The Determinations relating to payments have to be dealt with and minuted at AGMs and those wishing to forgo those payments must do so in writing to the Council Clerks, payments to be published by 30th September. (Apologies-Slightly unsure whether this is an individual decision or a majority vote decision at the AGM?) ACTION

Seems to me we have to have this item on the agenda and minute outcomes. Concerned that I haven't attended this Panel meeting before and am unaware of context and history. Peter Sutherland.