

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Attendance

Cllr Carpenter, Cllr Deakins, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Storey, Cllr Dando (Teams) Cllr Storey (1911)
County Councillor Tony Kear

Clerk: Jacob Richards-Powell

2. Apologies

County Cllr Meirion Howells

3. Declarations of Interest

- a. Cllr Carpenter declared a personal interest in item 12

4. comments from members of the public

- a. No members present

5. County Councillor's Reports

a. Cllr Tony Kear:

1 SIDS (Speed Indication Signs)

- a. Llanbadoc – MCC to fund 50% for two SIDS and LCC to pay the remainder
- b. Monkswood – Faulty SID not yet returned to site

2 Flooding Little Mill

- a. County Cllr and Flood Office require Title Deed of land at Ty Draw Lane **Clerk Action**

3 Usk Bridge Meeting

- a. Next meeting taking place: Monday 1st June 2pm

4 Road resurfacing A4042

- a. This is on the MCC worklist but could be moved down if higher priority roads are reported.

b. Cllr Meirion Howells:

- a. **POTHLES** – PLANER AND PAVER METHOD Cross-party councillors recently joined Monmouthshire County Council's Highways team to observe a live demonstration of the **Planer and Paver** method, used to repair larger areas of damaged tarmac efficiently. The process involves removing worn

surfaces before laying and compacting fresh material the following day, using around 15 tonnes of tar daily. Designed for more substantial road failures, this approach aims to deliver longer-lasting results, while alternative methods are being explored to address smaller potholes. This is part of wider work to assess appropriate equipment to improve road maintenance.

b MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AGM

Monmouthshire County Council held its Annual General Meeting on 14 May 2026, confirming **Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby** as Council Leader. She expressed pride in continuing to work with councillors, officers and residents to deliver shared priorities. During the meeting, **Cllr Tudor Thomas** was appointed Chair, supported by Vice-Chair **Cllr David Jones**.

c FAMILY FUN DAY – Friday 29th November 11am to 3pm on the Owain Glyndwr Park. Crafts, Activities, entertainment-Free event

d OPERA NIGHT AT THE CARPENTERS ARMS with live music from classical soprano Emilie Parry-Williams Saturday 13th June 7pm – 9.30pm 3 Course £40; 2 Course £35

6. Clerk's Report & Action points

a. **Noted**

7. Minutes of previous meetings

a. April ordinary meeting

i **Resolved.** Proposed by Cllr Clarke and seconded by Cllr Deakins

8. LMVHA request – Torfaen Dolphins Park Use 8th August 2026

a. **Resolved.** Clerk to write to hall trustee. No objections.

9. Usk enhancement survey

a. Consultation ends on 7th June; presentation is available in Co-operative & Sessions House in Usk. Paper copies are available at Glascoed Hwb. Cllrs encouraged to complete the consultation. refer any questions to County Cllrs

10. Purchase of park equipment – Llanbadoc island

a. **Resolved.** Proposed by Cllr Deakins seconded by Cllr Carpenter. 2x new swing seats and chains, 1x accessible swing seat, 1x see-saw, 1x child's exercise gymnasium, 1x horse rocker – Clerk to go back to MCC for total cost with installation. Chair to inspect local installation of children's gym equipment.

11. Purchase of noticeboard for Monkswood

a. **Resolved.** to purchase Luxe Aluminium noticeboard at a cost of £504.58+ VAT from Gordon Ellis. Proposed by Cllr Deakins and seconded by Cllr Clarke

12. Repairs by Pathcare Group – Monkswood Bus shelter

i **Resolved.** Proposed by Cllr Clarke seconded by Cllr Deakins. The budget is up to £1,000 – Agreed to use Red Cedar as finishing timber.

b. Safety fence behind Telephone box – Llanbadoc – Cllr Deakins and County Cllr Deakins can install fence after a safety inspection to check for cables.

i **Resolved.** Cllr Clarke proposed seconded by Cllr Dando

Cllr Storey joined the meeting at 1911

13. Safety fence behind Telephone box – Llanbadoc Island

a. **Resolved.** Cllr Deakins and County Councillor Kear to conduct safety tests for buried wires / cables. Following test, they can install a fence using spare parts retained by Cllrs and Council.

14. part-funding for two SIDS (speed indication signs) for Llanbadoc Island £5673.67

a. **Resolved.** Proposed by Cllr Storey seconded by Cllr Deakins

15. ‘Horse riding’ warning signs for Glascoed Lane

a. **Resolved.** Clerk to order – x4 (Lilacs, Sandys, Jenny’s Bushes x2) ‘No horses’ Highway approved roundels for woodland and common entrances.

16. Tree survey quotations for 2026-2027

a. **Resolved.** Black Mountain Tree Consultancy £1220 to carry out the tree surveys

17. Financial report (circulated prior to meeting)

a. **Received and noted. See below.**

18. Approval of payments

a. Merlin Environmental £119.34

i Payment approved. Contract renewal accepted.

b. Little Mill Village Hall £31.25

i Payment approved.

c. Internal Auditor fee £200

i Payment approved.

19. Ward Councillor Reports / Updates

a. Cllr Clarke asked if there is an update on the missing bin in Llanbadoc and reported ongoing issues with the exit from Llanbadoc Island (Northbound)

b. White road lines by the Church in Monkswood (near Holly Cottage) needs to be updated

Standing Orders suspended to consider a revision to planning application DM/2026/00653 however no amendment to previous comments was deemed necessary.

20. Items for next agenda (at Chair’s discretion)

a. Purchase of an owl for hybrid meetings

b. Up to date accounts

c. Training plan

d. Asset register

Meeting closed 2011