



**Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 25th  
February 2025 – Little Mill Village Hall,  
Buffet Room – 1900 - 2100**

**Minutes**

**1. Attendance:**

- a. Chair: Colin Deakins
- b. Councillors: Jenny Carpenter, Jo Storey, Jan Clarke - Online Ann Bowyer, Hannah Dando
- c. County Councillors: Cllr Meirion Howells, Cllr Tony Kear joined the meeting online 10 minutes late as he had connection issues.
- d. Jenny Carpenter took the Minutes as The Clerk was not present.

**2. Apologies.**

- a. Julian Bowen-Sargent

**3. Declaration of Interests**

- a. Ann Bowyer – planning Application DM/2024/01469 close neighbour.

**4. Chair's Remarks.**

- a. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which had been rearranged at short notice as our usual room at County Hall was no longer available for the times required. Cllr Merion Howells will take this up with MCC. The Chair expressed his appreciation that there was now a Wi-Fi provision at LMVH.

**5. County Councillor Report**

- a. Trees at Llanbadoc – work complete but concerns raised by local resident. Wooden sign re Wallace memorial broken, possible Civic Society (Not LCC) Dead wood retained on riverbank for biodiversity. Wooden railings on path opposite side of road broken- reported to MCC. There is an initial dramatic effect where trees have been removed - this will hopefully be mitigated by replanting specific native broadleaf trees including Yew in winter of 2025.
- b. Horse awareness signs on Glascoed Lane. MCC will add to schedule for 25/26
- c. Broken gutters reported on toilet block at Usk Island.
- d. Bus shelter Cefn Mawr Lane has been cleared
- e. High pressure gas main on a track at Coleg Gwent to be moved for safety. No concerns from LCC, UTAG have been consulted.
- f. Usk Improvement Meeting scheduled for Weds 5<sup>th</sup> March 10.00. Ann has sent apologies Jan is able to attend.
- g. Following further flooding the owner of Island House Llanbadoc has purchased a pump at cost of £2300 as an interim measure. We understand MCC have applied to WAG for funding a permanent fix.
- h. **Councillor Tony Kear reported:**
  - i. Relating to the provision of flood avoidance pumps, Catherine Fookes, MP has been supportive of the issues at Skenfrith and suggested we should advise her of the similar Woodside issues.

- ii. No further news regarding the unauthorised site at LM
- iii. Highways had looked at the drainage issues at Rumble Street and there is a pipe which needs upgrading to take surface water away.
- iv. Concerns raised on FB regarding litter in the Monkswood and surrounding areas especially A472 corridor.
- v. litter Pick arranged Sunday 2 March 10am meet at the Beaufort Arms Monkswood

## **6. Public Participation**

- a. No members of public present.

## **7. Agree Minutes of last Meeting January**

- a. Proposed by Ann Bowyer, seconded by Jan Clarke
- b. Minutes be sent out with Agenda papers in future to save time in meeting. Concerns we are not getting meeting papers soon enough.
- c. **Matters arising from Minutes**
  - i. No meeting has taken place with the Little Jockey yet.
  - ii. Cllr Carpenter advised that Liz Keech MCC has inspected the drains in Glascoed village, and it has been referred to highways for full clearance of drainage in the area.

## **8. Clerk's report & Actions**

- a. LM Defib checked by Colin, Monkswood to be checked by Hannah for February Clerk to update 'the Circuit'
- b. Clerk to confirm Training Bursary has been received from OVW.
- c. Clerk to chase MCC for LM play Park signs 'No Dogs'. Signs have been erected in other local parks so must be available.

## **9. Community**

- a. Environment meeting date TBC (before end March) Discuss Works at Glascoed Common, Zoning of trees in Twyn y Cryn. Woodland Report and MCC contract 25/26.
- b. Await report from Meirion re MCC meeting issues, agreed to try Rugby Club as an alternative venue.
- c. Dissertation questions were sent to LCC from a studying member of BAE based in Portsmouth. The questions pertain to BAE's community involvement within Glascoed. Chair to look at the questions and prepare answers on behalf of LCC.

## **10. Finance and Procedures**

- a. February payments to be made. Proposed by Colin Deakins seconded by Jo Storey.
- b. Councillor Remuneration agreed as per the IRPW report for 24/25. Clerk to provide forms for bank details
- c. £1421.30 MCC invoice to be paid. Proposed by Colin Deakins seconded by Hannah Dando.
- d. Chairs Allowance agreed as per IRPW report 24/25. £150 to be paid in March 2025. Proposed by Ann Bowyer seconded by Jo Storey.
- e. Pleased to report that the 23/24 Audit has been returned from the Audit Office unqualified. Notices have been posted on website and noticeboards as instructed.
- f. Confirmed to appoint John Turner to undertake the Internal Audit for year 24/25

- g.** Finance Meeting online 6pm 5<sup>th</sup> March to discuss changes to Financial Regulations. Meeting to be held online and Clerk to send meeting link

#### **11. Maintenance**

- a.** Clerk to write to proprietor of 'The Stables' (recent works on Glascoed Common has exposed both post and wire fencing and larch lap fencing along the entire length of Lower Common. This fencing is unauthorised on Common Land and if erected by her must be removed by the end of March 2025. Following this date arrangements will be made by the Council to remove and destroy any fencing remaining.
- b.** Further discussions are required regarding the MCC contract as Councillors are unhappy that we are not receiving the full contracted works completed. Specifically street sweeping. Investigate MCC's responsibility for carrying out these services or informing LCC if the services are not being carried out.
- c. Planning**
  - i.** DM/2025/0106 No objections, proposed by Colin Deakins seconded by Jenny Carpenter.
  - ii.** DM/2024/01469 No objections re: building but concerns re access onto very busy stretch of road. Proposed by Janet Clarke seconded by Jenny Carpenter
  - iii.** DM/2025/00132 No objections. Proposed by Colin Deakins seconded by Jenny Carpenter.
  - iv.** DM/2024/00334 Revised comments accepted for submission. Proposed by Colin Deakins seconded by Hannah Dando.
  - v.** Estevarney Dog Field – In view of concerns recently raised LCC would suggest a condition is applied that usage must be limited to dogs from one household at a time. The facility is not suitable for use by professional dog walkers. Proposed by Colin Deakins seconded by Jenny Carpenter.
- d.** Next meeting Tues 25 March venue TBC

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## FINANCE PAPER FEBRUARY 2025

	£	Method of Payment	VAT	Cost centre
<b><u>Payments for authorisation</u></b>				
<b><u>Other expenses:</u></b>				
LMVH booking 14th JAN	£22.50	BACS		LCC
LMVH booking 25th FEB	£20.25	BACS		LCC
		BACS		
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£42.75</b>			

### **Payments made since last Meeting**

13/01/2025	174	TRAINING	BACS	LCC
16/01/2025	286.2	TRAINING	BACS	LCC
16/01/2025	49.5	VENUE	BACS	LCC
23/01/2025	132.66	HMRC	DD	LCC
25/01/2025	603.06	SALARY	BACS	LCC
08/02/2025	5.8	HSBC	DD	LCC
19/02/2025	1050	CONTRACT	BACS	GLAS

**Total £2,301.22**

**Funds received**

**Total £0.00**