

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15 August 2017

PRESENT Clrs Keates, Davies, R Morgan, T Morgan, Bentley, Woodier, Evans and Cty Clr D Jones.

APOLOGIES Clr Rippin

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC No comments.

FINANCIAL REPORT C/A: £400 Reserve A/C : £6229.55

No cheques were signed on the night.

The Clerk reported that a recent letter plus a follow-up email had been received from the external auditors, BDO. He would respond to the instructions in the letter which had been contradicted in the email within the next few days. The positive aspect of the letter was that CCC would be receiving an 'unqualified report' this year (no issues arising as far as BDO was concerned) although 2 'amendments' were required which would result in 'additional time'. The latter would be challenged in the response from CCC as the community would prefer to spend money on facilities for local children than pay out for unjustified auditors' fees.

Councillors agreed that the proposed wood carvings in the play area should go ahead on the basis of the £200 donation from CEG with CCC funding the rest of the costs at £90.

Further research into extra play area equipment with a possible order would also be processed by the August meeting. Costs of approximately £5000 (equipment and installation) were envisaged with CCC claiming back the VAT on all items. A further precept payment would have been received by the time the order would be placed together with the £748.77 left in the Building Society Account by the now defunct youth club. Close monitoring of finances would ensure that CCC would not overreach itself financially.

Re Clr Rippin's work in managing the Community's website, Clr Bentley proposed (seconded by Clr Keates) that a reimbursement fee of £120 per annum be paid for managing both the Council's website and the Pandy Hall Management Committee's website. Councillors voted unanimously in agreement.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. A site meeting at Perrott's Farm and Llwyn-On had not materialised.
2. New leases. The matter was now in the hands of Gabb and Co., Solicitors, Abergavenny.
4. Letter to the owners of Strawberry Wood Barn. CCC had not received a reply.
5. The Sun Pitch path had now been fully cleared.
6. Fence around the play area. No progress.

7. The Clerk had written to the EAS re comments passed about attendance at governors' meetings and CCC's commitment to the local school. A reply had been received acknowledging CCC's concerns about the comments. The issue would be addressed at the AGM in September.
8. The Clerk had written to BBNP re the retrospective planning issue. The Chief Executive, Mr John Cook had passed the matter on to an officer who would be replying shortly.
9. Access from the A465 into the fields near the Pandy Inn. As per the July meeting.
10. Parking at the top of the Skirrid Pitch. No progress.
11. Information had been received from British Telecom re the adoption of a local phone kiosk. The Clerk and Chairman agreed to process this by the September meeting.
12. CEG had agreed to consider as a project the idea of planters at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney. Cllr Evans thought he could salvage some large wooden 'containers' which might be useful in this respect.
13. The Llwyn Celyn event discussed at the July meeting had been cancelled.
14. It was reported that part of the hedge near the Pandy Inn was engulfing the dog bin and obstructing motorists' view at the junction with the A465. Cllr Woodier would investigate.
15. Some work had been carried out on the roads in the Oldcastle area.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. *Manchester by the Sea* had attracted 15 viewers. *Jackie* would be shown on the 23 August. *The Finest* would be on the 27 September, *Going in Style* would be on the 25 October followed by *Churchill* on the 29 November and *The Sense of an Ending* on the 20 December.

The Llanthony Show had been a good event although a little marred by the weather. MCC had agreed to cut back the roadside greenery prior to the Show but had not carried out its promise. The History Group's trip to Llanthony Secunda in Gloucester had taken place with transport provided by a fleet of cars as opposed to a coach because the latter had failed to turn up.

2. Pandy Hall Management Committee. By switching to Zurich Insurance the Hall's policy had been reduced by about £500. The AGM would take place at 6.45 p.m. on the 22 August at the Hall. Councillors had been requested to trim the area around the Hall. This would be done on the 21 August. The recent redecoration of the interior of the Hall was praised by all at the meeting.
3. CEG. No report.
4. Primary School. No report.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP 17/15176/FUL The Old Smithy, Longtown Road. Clr Woodier reported on this application. Supported by CCC.
2. Application to re-direct Footpath 153. Approved by CCC.

PLANNING UPDATES/ISSUES

1. BBNP 17/14464/FUL Llwyn-On. Withdrawn.
2. BBNP Strawberry Wood Barn. Permission from BBNP

OBITUARIES None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email re BBNP Permission for Strawberry Wood Barn.
2. Email from OVW: Electoral Reform. Noted.
3. OVW:News Bulletin. Noted.
4. NMLC via Hugh Candler. A Wales Audit representative would be invited to the September meeting re concerns about the present external auditors.
5. Email : Weekly Registers re planning would be circulated to councillors.
6. Email from John Cook at BBNP informing CCC that he had passed on the question re retrospective planning applications to the Planning and Heritage Manager.

AOB

1. It was reported that Clr Rippin had given birth to a baby girl. A congratulations card was signed by councillors and given to Clr Keates to 'deliver'.
2. A proposal was made that the meeting should note all births as well as deaths in the community. Councillors decided to continue with noting deaths only.
3. A question was raised re the frequent visits of the Air Ambulance helicopter to the mountain bike centre at Great Llwygy Farm and who was responsible for the costs incurred. The Clerk was asked to research the matter.
4. A question was raised re the possibility of a pedestrian crossing point at the entrance to Wern Gifford. CCC had asked about the latter a number of years ago with no success. It was decided that SEWTRA should be approached again re the issue.

The meeting closed at 9.11 p.m.

Date of next meeting: 13 September 2017