

Crucorney Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 15 December 2015

PRESENT Clrs Davies, Greengrass, Keates, Evans, R Morgan, T Morgan, M Morgan, Bentley and Cty Clr Jones. Three members of the public were also present. Clr Evans chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES Clrs Carter and Phillips

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Joe Binns spoke on behalf of his application for the mountain-bike development at Great Llwygy Farm. He mentioned the fact that it was employing local people and also bringing accommodation and other business to the area. A letter of support was also quoted from a local resident who spoke in glowing terms of the development. Councillors thanked Mr Binns for his comments.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Current a/c : £400 Reserve a/c: £6821. 53
- b) The budget proposals for 2016/17 were discussed at some length. An extra consideration this year was the need for financial assistance to provide play area facilities near the village hall. Councillors finally agreed a precept of £9,500 for the coming financial year. This total would mean that a Band D household would be paying £12.74 towards the Community Council part of the Council Tax.
- c) A further letter of apology for an administrative error (on their part) in auditing CCC's 2014/15 accounts had been received from Mazars, the community council's external auditors.

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

MATTERS ARISING

1. Clr Keates and the Clerk had brought to the attention of the authorities damage done to the back road by the contractors associated with repairs to the railway bridge near the Pandy Hotel and by the heavier than usual traffic along that route. Unfortunately, the road had not been cleaned up as promised despite the fact that the road under the bridge was soon to be reopened.
2. Shared website. Information had now been received that the community council website was available at www.crucorney.wales/community-council. Councillors' details and the wards they represented were there for all to view. Future liaison between the Council and Ms Helen Rippin would add more information to the site. Councillors were grateful to Ms Rippin for her help.
3. Defibrillator. A date for training was being arranged.
4. The Xmas dinner had been enjoyed by all. Councillors thanked Clr R Morgan for arranging the event.

5. An email from CCC had been sent to BBNP, MCC and Melin Housing re the state of the road near the garages in Tre Honddu and the lack of lighting between Tre Honddu and the low-cost housing development on the Skirrid Pitch. Cty Clr Jones was also in dialogue with the organisations.
6. Callum's Dream Wheels Day. £1200 had been raised. The Pandy Show committee had made a generous donation.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. *Dark Horse* had attracted 30 people. *Suite Francaise* would be shown on the 16 December. Future films would be *45 Years* (January), *A Walk in the Woods* (Feb.), *Brooklyn* (March), and *The Lady in the Van* (April). The Llanthony AGM had been held on the 12 December. There would be an Evening of Carols and Light Entertainment on the 18 December. Rehearsals for the children's panto would start on the 7 January. The Llanthony Show's dinner dance had been very successful.
2. Pandy Hall. HMC had made a loss on the pantomime. The Xmas Fayre had raised £253. 60 and the October Choir performance had raised £225.64.
3. Primary School. Clr Bentley was finding it difficult to attend because of work commitments which meant she was sometimes out of the country. The School had received a good ESTYN Report which could be seen online. It was to be hoped that the local Press might report favourably on the school on this occasion.
4. Energy Group. Clr M Morgan would ask the group to send its minutes directly to CCC as their monthly report.
5. Pandy Kites. No report.

PLANNING

1. BBNP 15/12974/FUL Upper Cefn Minog. No objections.
2. BBNP 15/12513/FUL Great Llwygy Farm. Fully supported by CCC. Parking facilities need to be less visually intrusive, however.
3. BBNP 15/12532/FUL Llwyn Celyn. Noted.

PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

1. Trewyscoed Granary. Approved by BBNP. Noted.
2. Solar Panels NP7 7PB. Approved by BBNP. Noted.
3. Henllan Cottage. Approved by BBNP. Noted.

OBITUARIES Mr Ken Hewitt

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Abergavenny Town Council. Re MCC's suggestion with regard to 'clusters'. NMLC meeting to be held early in January.
2. MCC Careline and Community Meals Service. Taken by Clr Evans.
3. Welsh Government. Road safety review. Taken by Clr Evans.
4. MCC Flood Risk Management Plan and practical advice re flooding. Emails noted.
5. Ms Helen Rippin. Re website. Noted.
6. MCC re Electoral Roll. Noted.

AOB

1. Another lorry had tried to negotiate Penbidwal Lane without success. Re-positioning of signage is urgently needed. Clr Jones would try to arrange a site meeting with the appropriate MCC officer.
2. It was reported that BBNP are closing down the small quarry owned by David Hughes on the Gaer. CCC would lend its support to keeping the quarry open.
3. Comments were made about the poor condition of the A465 in general. Clr Keates and Cty Clr Jones would voice CCC's concerns to the Welsh Highways Authority.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m. Next meeting: 19 January 2016