

Meeting held on the 20 February 2018

PRESENT Clrs Keates, Davies, Bentley, T Morgan, Evans, Woodier, R Morgan and Rippin. Clr R Morgan chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES Clr James and Cty Clr D Jones

The **AGENDA** was suspended to hear a presentation from Mr Ian Maberley re a new emergency services project in the Gwryney Fawr area. Mr Maberley reported that he had accompanied a policeman recently who had been called out to monitor a 'rave' which was taking place in that area. He said that the police force's power of intervention had been severely curtailed by the inability to communicate with Police Headquarters because there was little or no reception in that area. He was seeking support, therefore, from Crucorney Community Council and Llanigon Community Council re a recent application for a 17.5 metres high telecommunications mast on a site near Capel y Ffin. The latter had been withdrawn temporarily to facilitate an ecological survey but would be reinstated to help improve the communications structure in the area. He also mentioned the Gwryney Fawr CIC (Community Interest Company) which had been formed to improve communications and to combat anti-social behaviour and which worked closely with the police and other organisations. Councillors thanked Mr Maberley for his presentation and agreed to support any application which appertained to the situation outlined above.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC Apart from the above, there were no comments.

FINANCIAL REPORT Current A/C : £400 Reserve A/C: £7120.78 (Both as at the 5 February 2018). A cheque for £81.36 was signed on the night to pay a bill from Merlin Waste.

The Clerk would send out a letter of invitation to the Internal Auditor for this year's audit within the near future.

Quotations would be sought from Active Gardens for further items of play equipment to be installed during 2018. The latter quotations would be in readiness for the 106 Agreement monies held by MCC. A meeting would be arranged between the Clerk, the Chairman, Cty Clr D Jones and Mr Mike Moran (MCC) re procedures.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. New leases. Contact had been made and Mr Flanagan was preparing a drafts.
2. Clr Woodier reported that there were no new developments of importance re access to the field near the Pandy Inn.

3. Parking at the top of the Skirrid Pitch and crossing point/sign at the entrance to Wern Gifford. No further news.
4. Re planters at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney and Pandy, contact needed to be made with SEWTRA re permission to develop any area before any further progress could be made. Suggested areas were both ends of Llanvihangel Crucorney and both ends of Pandy. Information had been received that 9 cms plants would take up to 4 years to establish themselves and would cost about £10-£15 per square metre.
5. Clr Davies had mentioned to Mr Martin Whistance that it would be useful if the area near the telephone kiosk (Old Station) could be tidied a little.
6. Mr and Mrs R Davies had sent their thanks to Clr Keates re the efforts he had put in to negotiate a clear up of the lay by in front of their house at the entrance to Wern Gifford.
7. Clr Evans agreed to look at the damaged lid on the dog bin at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney and also to progress the signs suggested for the telephone kiosk.
8. Heating feasibility study for the Hall. No further news.
9. Stump carving by Mr Petts. No further news.
10. New dog bin. Not ordered yet.
11. On behalf of CCC, the Clerk had supported Mr Holloman's request for drain cleaning near St Michael's Church and his own property but because of new Data Protection rules he had had to initiate a new request on behalf of the community council before MCC would consider submitting the request to the highways department.
12. Notice board near the Skirrid Inn. No progress.
13. Re the traffic danger at the primary school, no improvement had been observed.
14. No further news had been received re drainage at the end of the lane opposite the Lancaster Arms although Clr Keates and Cty Clr Jones had reported the issue.
15. Dog fouling signs were now in the possession of the Chairman and Clr Evans.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. The last film shown had been *Dunkirk* which had only attracted 11 viewers. The next film would be *Victoria and Abdul* on the 28 February. On the 17 January, Mr John Evans had given a talk on *John Arnold and the Persecution of the Catholics*. The Llanthony Show Committee had had their AGM on the 27 January. On

the 12 February, the Gardening Club had been treated to an interesting talk by Anne Swithinbank on 'My Garden in Devon.' The new Cymyoy Hall Committee held its first meeting on the 16 February, chaired by Andrea Ellaway.

2. Pandy HMC. The HMC had made a £230 profit on the Xmas Fayre and had broken even on the pantomime. The AGM would be held on the 15 May at 6.45p.m. at the Hall.
3. Primary School. It had been reported that the end-of-year deficit budget was going to be less than predicted. Although no final budget had been received from MCC, the Finance Committee had decided to maintain the status quo for classroom assistants at the moment. The School was also still in the 'green' category and a growth in numbers was seen as very positive.
4. CEG Report. Finances were healthy and the PV Panel income continued to perform well. Litter-picking continued and McDonalds had agreed to pay for 3 more litter bins throughout the community. Mike Petts had indicated that the play area carvings would be completed before the end of February. Some CEG members had had equipment stolen from their properties and wondered whether something could be done in the community to improve safety and security.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP 18/15784/FUL Gwent Lodge. Fully supported by CCC.

PLANNING UPDATES/ISSUES

1. BBNP Footpath 513. Noted.

OBITUARIES None

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no comments by councillors on any correspondence sent to them by the Clerk by email. Items had included the Review of the Local Government Sector, Alternative Delivery Models for Tourism and Leisure, Planters, Telecom Mast at Grwyney Fawr, General Data Protection Regulations, Highway Issues (from Cty Clr D Jones), Weekly Registers, GDPR Awareness for Town and Community Councils, Review of BBNP Development Plan, the 106 Agreement at Twr Mihangel, Review of Community Boundaries, and BBNP Planning re Gwent Lodge.

Also received through the post was : MCC's Review of Community Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements. (See AOB.)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was reported that timber lorries were breaking up the road surface near the Stanton. To be added to Clr Keates' list.
2. It was reported that the guttering and fascia boards on the Hall needed attention as soon as possible. Councillors agreed that Clr Evans should do the work and be paid for his services. Clr Davies proposed the latter with Clr Woodier seconding the proposal . The vote was unanimous.
3. Mrs Rees had submitted a long list of drains which needed attention in the area.
4. Re the dangers of Social Media, it was reported that completely without foundation, indirect accusations had been made against Mrs Morgan, the Chairman of Crucorney Community Council about dog-fouling. Without ascertaining facts, some contributors to the Llanvihangel Crucorney News site on Facebook (most from within the community but even some from outside the community) had accused her of letting her dog foul parts of the Skirrid Pitch development. When visited by Mrs Morgan, however, one of the contributors immediately withdrew her insinuation and issued an apology on the Facebook site acknowledging that Mrs Morgan was not the person observed allowing her dog to foul the environment.

Councillors sympathised with Clr Morgan re these completely unjustified accusations and were totally amazed that such innuendo could have arisen against one of the people who have been instrumental in acquiring dog bins for the community and who is absolutely scrupulous and caring about her own dog's health and habits.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m. Date of next meeting: 20 March 2018