

Minutes of the meeting held on the 19 January 2016

**PRESENT** Clrs Keates, R Morgan, Davies, M Morgan, Greengrass, Carter, Phillips, T Morgan, Evans, Bentley and Cty Clr Jones. Five members of the public were also present.

**APOLOGIES** None

### **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr Jackman and Ms Rippin from the Environment Group were present and outlined how the website would function, who would be included and what the set-up and annual costs would be. Councillors felt the expenditure to be very reasonable and agreed to proceed on the basis they had set out.

Mr Jackman also reported that the Environment Group was considering a donation to the play area fund. Councillors welcomed and were grateful for the Environment Group's initiative in this matter.

It was also reported that Mr Jackman would consult with the Group's accountant for further details re the income from the solar panels.

It was further reported that Ms Rippin was coordinating the local litter-picking initiative and would welcome volunteers.

Finally, it was reported that Court Wood was now one year into its ten-year plan and was producing 30 cubic metres per year.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** As per previous month.

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

### **MATTERS ARISING**

1. CCC's precept request had now been sent to MCC without alteration. It had been decided that MCC's dubious projected plans for community councils to accept further financial responsibilities because of the County Council's withdrawal of some services were unfair on rural communities.

2. Damage to the back road associated with repairs to the railway bridge near the Pandy Hotel. No progress.

3. Shared website. As above.

4. Date for defibrillator training. Welsh Hearts had postponed the agreed meeting.

5. Ms Wendy Musto at the MCC had stated that Mr Roger Joy (also at the MCC) had known that the roadway at Tre Honddu had now been adopted for 30 years. Clarification was therefore needed although it was reported that repairs to the said road would start on the 25/26 January. It was also reported that Mr Joy could clarify all lighting issues in the same area.

6. Re CCC's representation on the local primary school's governing body, Clr Bentley explained that she had found it difficult to attend governors' meetings because of work commitments which

sometimes took her abroad. She had not completed governor induction training although detailed information re the latter had not got through to her. Further communication with the Chair of Governors at the school had put her into an impossible position re attendance at the next meeting and with reluctance she had decided to resign. Although Crucorney Community Council had elected Cllr Bentley as their representative, it was reported that there had been no official communication from the Governing Body re this matter. Councillors asked Cllr David Jones to voice their concerns at the next Governors' meeting and decided to contact One Voice Wales re the same issues.

7. The local energy group was now sending copies of its minutes to CCC.

8. At recent NMLC meetings held on the 5th and 26th January, it had been decided that no progress could be made re MCC's suggestions with regard to 'clusters' until much more detailed information was available from the County Council.

9. Penbidwal Lane. A site meeting had been held with the appropriate MCC officer and it had been agreed that a change in the angle of the signs on the main road adjacent to Penbidwal Lane was necessary. It was also agreed that a 'road narrows' sign should be put at the very bottom of the lane and that a possible private sign re the unsuitability of the Lane for heavy vehicles might be placed on private property also at the very bottom of the Lane.

10. Re Mr and Mrs Hughes' quarry. Contact had been made with the BBNP and a letter of support had been sent to the same.

11. Cllr Keates and Cllr Jones had sent letters to the Welsh Highways Authority re the deteriorating state of the A465 in the area.

## **REPORTS**

1. Cwmyoy Hall. *Suite Francaise* was the last film to be shown on the 16 December and had been badly attended. The Evening of Carols and Light Entertainment had been well attended and money had been raised for costumes for the pantomime. Rehearsals for the *Nutcracker* were now taking place for the panto which would have its dress rehearsal on the 3 March, followed by two performances on the 4 and 5 March. About 12 children had attended the children's party on the 3 January. The next film, *45 Years* will be shown on the 25 January.

2. Pandy Hall. It was reported that an event had been booked for the 8 July with a chip van in attendance.

3. Energy Group. As above under Comments from members of the public.

4. Primary School. No report.

5. Pandy Kites. No report.

## **PLANNING**

1. BBNP 16/13068 Trewyscoed House. No objections.

## **PLANNING UPDATES/ISSUES**

1. Trewyn Mill. Withdrawn. Noted.
2. Perrott's Farm. Withdrawn. Noted.

**OBITUARIES** None

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. MCC Emergency Contacts Directory. Noted.
2. Llanover Council. Invitation to attend a projected meeting with the Velothon organisers. Responded with a desire to attend.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Extra volunteers were needed for the youth club, Pandy Kites. A request was being circulated on Mrs Judith Anderton's list.
2. The Post Office at Fforest Coalpit had been out of action for 4 weeks because of a broken cable.
3. It was reported that notices were being left on notice boards for weeks after the event. Cty Clr Jones agreed to take up the matter with the Xmas Food Fair organisers and the organisers of cycling events.
4. There were potholes in the road near the finger post in the area of the Old Station and near Clr Phillip's farm. Clr Davies also reported a blocked drain on the Old Hereford Road over to the main A465. Drains were also blocked near the Green Barn. All were added to Clr Keates' list.
5. It was reported that the Vale of Usk Community Fund had £2.7 million to improve local life. It would be available until 2020. Information could be accessed at [valeofusk.org](http://valeofusk.org)

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m. Next meeting would be on the 16 February 2016