

Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 July 2018

PRESENT Clrs R Morgan, T Morgan, Woodier, Phillips, Morgan-Evans, Keates, Evans, Davies, Rippin and Cty Clr Jones. Clr R Morgan chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES Clr Bentley

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC No member of the public was present.

FINANCIAL REPORT Current A/C: £400 Reserve A/C: £8096.68 (Both up to 10 July).

Cheques for £13.47 (R Morgan) and £840.00 (Active Garden) had been issued since the last meeting but had not yet been presented. Cheques for £150.00 (Tucker's Fencing), £307.29 (R Evans) and £500 (Cwmyoy Hall) were signed on the night.

The 106 money (Twr Mihangel) totalling £3749 had been paid into the community council's account on the 19 June .

The Clerk had supplied the extra information requested by the external auditors, BDO.

The third phase of the children's play area had now been completed with the installation of two springers and a nest swing. The play area had also been extended a little to incorporate the French bowls area adjacent to the bowling green.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record with 3 minor amendments.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Re the new Hall lease, nothing had been heard from Star Legal.
2. Re the play area it was thought to be a good idea to publicise the community council's work in the Chronicle. Clr R Morgan, Evans and the Clerk were thanked for the work put in to achieve the implementation of Phase 3 as scheduled. A volunteer group of councillors was now needed to weed the French bowl area. The Clerk agreed to arrange an evening suitable for as many as possible. Clr Evans also suggested that a new entrance to the play area should be made at the top end (inside the car park) to incorporate disabled access. The latter proposal was agreed unanimously.
3. Re parking at the top of the Skirrid Pitch, a local farmer had complained to Clr Keates with regard to difficulties experienced in negotiating the turn with large and heavy farm vehicles. Clr Keates had advised him that the community council were trying to galvanise MCC and the Police into action but that more complaints from members of the public might help our case

4. Re planters, Clr Rippin was liaising with the Garden Club although it was reported that the Club did not meet in the summer. Clr Woodier agreed to find out more about the management of trunk roads and other roads before the next meeting.
5. Mike Petts and stump carving. No progress at all.
6. The new dog bin in Llanvihangel Crucorney had now been installed.
7. The Hall roof repairs were now finished.
8. Timber lorries at Gwryne Fawr. Major haulage had now stopped. There would be another major phase within the next few months.
9. Road reflectors and SWTRA. Ongoing.
10. Clrs Woodier and Evans had 'walked the Hall' re the fire risk assessment and reported that PAT testing was now due. Contact also had to be made with Chubb re an inspection of the fire extinguishers.
11. Missing post box in Fforest Coalpit. No progress.
12. Clr Keates trip to view roadworks on the A3465 had been an interesting experience.
13. Clr Rippin had received some suggestion re the community council's work as follows: (a) It was suggested that the community council should support local chapels [For future discussion]; (b) It was suggested that an enclosed dog-walking area should be provided by the council and (c) More recreational equipment for older children should be provided.
14. The 'bulging' wall at Twr Mihangel had been reported.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. *Finding your Feet* had been shown on the 27 June with 15 viewers. The next film would *3 billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri* would be shown on the 25 July. On the 2 July, the Landmark Trust had held a tea party for residents of the Valley who had lived there for a long time together with one evacuee from Kent (Peter Gilden or his brother?) , brought down from Yorkshire by his daughter. Judging for the Llanthony Show Garden Competition would take place on the 21 July. Cwmyoy Hall would be used as a refreshment stop for cyclists on the 26 July. The Llanthony Show would be held on the 4 August. A Llanthony Makers' Fair would be held at St David's Church, Llanthony on the 11 and 12 August.
2. Pandy Hall. The AGM had taken place. New chairs had been bough at a very favourable cost for the Committee Room. It was suggested that the chairs under the stage should be sold off to raise funds for the Hall.

3. Primary School. The process towards collaborative school federation would be completed before the new school year. The present Head Teacher, Mrs S Davies would soon be retiring and Mr Murphy (Head Teacher at Llanfoist School) would be taking over.

4. CEG Report. The report contained information about the Woodland Group, Litter Picking which continues apace and Upcoming Events which included Woodland Group meeting days (22/7 and 8/8), demonstrations at the Royal Welsh Show on the 25 July and Social Event and Barbecue on the 19 August.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP 18/16267/TPO The Vicarage. No objections

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. Permission given by BBNP for 18/16165/FUL at Strawberry Wood Barn.

PLANNING UPDATES

OBITUARIES None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Clerks and Councils Direct. Noted.

2. Letter from Herefordshire Council re proposed routes for the Hereford Bypass. Noted.

3. One Voice Wales re its AGM on the 19 July. Noted.

4. MCC Waste Education had asked for a few posters to be put up in the Hall re 'plastic free' information.

3. There were no comments (apart from those mentioned in passing in the Minutes above) on the following items of correspondence sent to them by the Clerk by email : Planning Application letter for the Vicarage, Welsh Government on GDPR, OVW Bulletin, Nigel Leaworthy (MCC) re the cutting of the Sun Pitch, OVW on sewerage in private developments, Digital Infrastructure Projects, Twr Mihangel change to Plot 9, Permission granted by the BBNP for Strawberry Wood Barn and information re the poor state of the notice board near the Old Post Office.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Clr Keates' 'drains list' would be passed to Clr Woodier.

2. Clr T Morgan asked Cty Clr Jones about signage for village identification in the Crossways area. He had received a letter from Mr Brian Stone updating the long-running task of improving signage at that end of the village. He passed the letter on to the Clerk. It was felt that the Community Council should have an input into negotiations with the Welsh Government and be informed at all stages about any progress. Mr Stone would also update the Council re news of any progress passed on to him.

3. There was some discussion about the traffic lights in Abergavenny , especially near the new Morrison's store and seating arrangements outside the King's Arms.

4. Clr Rippin informed the meeting that the edges of the road between the Stanton and the old station were breaking away. Clr Keates agreed to inform MCC.

5. Clr Evans reported that the solar panels should be cleaned once a year with ionised water to maintain efficiency. Councillors felt that there needed to be liaison between the CEG and the HMC re this matter. Clr Rippin agreed to pass on the proposals to the CEG.

6. The Clerk had asked Phil Powell of Gwent Energy CIC to report on the Car Charging Facility at the Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m. Date of next meeting : 21 August 2018