

Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 October 2017

PRESENT: Cllrs Keates, T Morgan, Davies, Evans, Woodier, Bentley, Rippin, Cty Cllr D Jones and there were no members of the public present.

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Morgan, Clerk G Cooper

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

FINANCIAL REPORT Current A/C: £400 Reserve A/C: £6969.95 (Both as at 16 October 2017)

Further transactions to the above were:

A cheque was issued on the night for £1250 to the Pandy Hall Management Committee and £500 to Cwmyoy Hall Committee.

The new play equipment was installed over 16 & 17 October, the new equipment will be ready to use on the 18th. Equipment installed across the width of the ground, a few problems encountered with underground drains however they were overcome and they were able to install as originally planned. Spare mats were stored in the Village Hall. Cllr Morgan was thanked for attending and providing access to the contractors. Cllr Evans was going to undertake the periodic routine visual check of all the play equipment following the meeting.

The Clerk had been advised to write formally to BDO to ask for a break-down of the bill re number of hours spent on the accounts etc. and to copy Mr Evans into the reply received. Councillors would be interested in the auditors' reply. Email sent to BDO and copied to Welsh Audit. No reply as yet.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record with the exception of one additional note of acknowledgement of the council's approval and acceptance of the annual return for 2016-2017 which had been omitted. Crucorney Community Council approved and accepted the annual return for 2016-2017 which was written in and signed on the Minutes.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. New leases. No progress.
2. Repairs to fence around the play area. No progress. Cllr Evans will undertake the work on Saturday, 21 October.
3. Retrospective planning issues. Cllrs Woodier, R Morgan and Clerk G Cooper attended a meeting on retrospective applications (with BBNP Officers present) on the 9 October at Glangrwyney Village Hall. Cllr Woodier provided councillors with feedback from the meeting. BBNPA received 65 retrospective planning applications from April 2014 to October 2017, approximately 2,000 applications were processed in total for this period, 65 was therefore not considered a high figure. The number of retrospective applications received appears to have increased over the last 3 years however BBNPA feel this is due to the Enforcement Team operating more effectively; as a result on catching up on a backlog and a change in procedure where retrospective applications are now described as such which is why there seem more in recent years. Enforcement team will not go around the Park

looking for developments, it's up to the public to report to the Park. Members of the public can approach community councillors to report planning concerns on their behalf.

Enforcement will advise whether an application is likely to succeed and will invite people to apply retrospectively, they cannot make people apply. Enforcement must consider the wider public interest. It may not be expedient to use public funds to pursue certain cases. It is not possible to penalise people or treat applications in a different way if they comply with policies. There are risks as lack of appropriate permission may affect a future sale, people could be prosecuted and ultimately the build could be taken down. Enforcement has to be acted on within a period of 4 years for operational development and change of use, after that it is immune for action. This period extends to 10 years for change to non-residential use. Breaches therefore have to be reported and dealt with expediently.

4. Access from A465. New gates required planning permission.
5. Parking at the top of the Skirrid Pitch. Cty Clr D Jones said he would pursue the matter again. No further update.
6. Re planters at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney. David Jackman has approached Cllr Evans to take up the offer of wood for the planters.
7. Dog bin near Pandy Inn. Cllr T Morgan spoke to the landlord who agreed to prune the hedge to make the dog bin more visible, he had encountered problems with dogs fouling on the grass verge.
8. Last NMLC Meeting took place on 26 September 2017 at Gilwern Community Centre. Cllr R Morgan reported that those in attendance felt that the NMLC should remain alongside the 'new' cluster group. The Team Abergavenny 5 year Plan would be out soon. There was a local transport update it was reported that there was dissatisfaction with the progress of the Heads of the Valleys roadworks.
9. Suggested crossing-point at the entrance to Wern Gifford. Cllr Woodier agreed follow up with MCC and SWTRA to obtain confirmation of what sort of crossing is proposed at the junction.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. Last film 'Their Finest' attracted 27 film goers, an improvement in attendance. The next film will be 'Going in Style' which will be shown on Wednesday, 25 October 2017. The History group's workshop last Saturday, 14 October 2017 covered amongst other items research into the schools in both Cwmyoy and Llanthony, this included a few of those that had attended the schools sharing some of their experiences. The Macmillan Coffee morning raised £777.00 although it did not attract as many people as usual. This month's W.I. meeting covered 'photography', a walk given by Chris Barber and was once again most interesting and some beautiful photographs were shown. The Landmark Trust's open day at Llwyn Celyn was very successful and most interesting, a great deal of work has been completed and all to a very high standard. Last Friday a small group of judges and a photographer spent the day judging stone walling, the competition, that had been built over

the last few years in readiness for the stone walling match that is taking place at Treveddw Farm, Pandy where the competition results will also be displayed. The stone walling match will start at 9.00am next Saturday 21st to which everyone is welcome.

2. Pandy Hall. Heating feasibility study, David Jackman to report. Shoe recycling unit has been collected from Pandy Village Hall car park. Old coins in meters, no further news.
3. CEG. Mike Petts and stump carving. No further news.
4. Primary School – no update.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. No applications tabled. Planning application circulated via email for Clouds Edge Llangattock. Insufficient information for councillors to comment.

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. No decisions tabled.

PLANNING UPDATES

1. Re the 106 Agreement at Twr Mihangel Development, Councillors should have received a copy of the agreement which clearly states that the £3750, should be used in the local community. Further communications with the BBNP and MCC had confirmed this. A BBNP Officer had written to the developer to ascertain the position at the moment re the development at the site.

OBITUARIES

1. Mrs Margaret Gibbs

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Cllr R Morgan had visited the local primary school on the 25 September 2017. She had been pleased with her welcome and to see the children at work. She reported that the children were very enthusiastic about the news that new equipment was coming soon to the play area.
2. Cllr Woodier reported he received a thank you from Mr Martin Webb regarding an update on the proposed footpath.
3. Planning regulations in the Llanthony Valley. Councillors will have received the replies from the BBNP which were confirmed at the meeting at Glangrwyney Village Hall. It should be noted that the BBNP cannot take action unless they receive specific information re a breach of planning rules. The anonymity of any complainant would be respected. Councillors didn't feel they had sufficient information at this time.
4. Footpath at Trehonddu. To be completed within the next 5 weeks.

AOB

1. Cllr Keates visited the phone box at Bettws to see what signage was on the box and confirmed still says Phone Box. It also had a sign on asking for people to advertise in each small pane at £10.00 per annum.
2. Mr Brian James, Twr Mihangel, mentioned to Cllr Keates that he had relocated the noticeboard. Cllr Keates reported the board is difficult to reach in its new location. Cllr Evans suggested placing a temporary noticeboard by the post box at the garage until the phone box is ready to use and to relocate the noticeboard at the Skirrid to replace the noticeboard opposite the red phone box in Pandy. Councillors agreed with this proposal.
3. Cllr Rippin requested the Community Council write to the developer of woodlands in Cwmyoy to request the removal of tree guards after 5 years to prevent pollution. Request noted.
4. A further dog bin had been requested for the far end of Llanvihangel Crucorney village near Pen-y-Dre. The cost would be approximately £200 for the bin and the post plus £10 for installation. Councillors requested further information and deferred a decision until the next meeting.
5. Councillors discussed venue for this year's councillors Xmas dinner. Councillors finance their own meal each year. Councillors decided on booking the Crown Pantygelli and the preference for a Saturday night in December.

The meeting ended at 8.25 p.m. Date of next meeting: 21 November 2017