

Minutes of the meeting held on the 19 September 2017

**PRESENT** Clrs Keates, T Morgan, Davies, Evans, R Morgan, Woodier, Bentley, Rippin, Phillips  
Cty Clr D Jones and 1 member of the public.

**APOLOGIES** None

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** None

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Current A/C: £400 Reserve A/C: £9811.99 (Both as at 5 September 2017)

Further transactions to the above were:

A cheque for £4004.40 paid to Active Garden Ltd for the equipment for the second phase of the play area. An inter-account transfer of £748.77 from the Building Society Account to the Nat West Account (ex youth club money left to CCC for young people's facilities). The latter transactions would leave the Current Account with £400 and the Reserve Account with £6554.37. A VAT refund of £417.77 was due soon from HMRC plus a further refund later in the year when the second phase of the play area was completed. One further precept payment from MCC of £3667.05 was due in December.

A further payment of £1440 would be due to Active Garden when the play equipment was installed. Further imminent outgoings in 2017-18 would include £2500 to the Pandy Hall Management Committee and £500 to Cwmyoy Hall Committee. Councillors were pleased that the close monitoring policy of the Council's finances was being operated successfully.

A bill of £196 had now been received for the external auditors' services. The Clerk had spoken to the external auditors, BDO and to Mr D Evans at Welsh Audit both of whom had clarified a few issues. 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.

Clr Rippin said she was happy to agree to last month's decision re her continued management of the Council's website and the setting up of the Pandy Hall Management's website.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record with three minor amendments 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.
3. Retrospective planning issues. A letter from the Planning and Heritage Manager had been received which stated that BBNP officers were not aware that applicants were being advised to take the retrospective route. The upshot of the reply was that retrospective applications were *a result of a good enforcement service because 'retrospective' was now being inserted in the description of development on applications where the application is retrospective !*

The Clerk informed Councillors that a meeting on retrospective applications (with BBNP officers present) would be held at 6.30 p.m. on the 9 October at Glangrwyney Village Hall. All councillors were welcome to attend. Councillors Woodier, R Morgan, Evans, Bentley and the Clerk were interested in going.

4. Access from the A465 into the fields near the Pandy Inn. Photos had been received which showed that there had been recent activity through the new gates. These photos had been passed on to SWTRA who promised they would follow up with further contact with the new owner of the fields.
5. Parking at the top of the Skirrid Pitch. Cty Clr D Jones said he would pursue the matter again.
6. CCC now owned the telephone kiosk at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney. A cheque of £1 had been sent to British Telecom to purchase the kiosk. Clr Evans outlined some initial thoughts on how the kiosk could be converted into a notice board area for the village.
7. Re planters at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney, the crates suggested by Clr Evans were deemed to be unsuitable for long-term usage. Mr David Jackman volunteered to make up a planter for councillors to view as an example of what could be done. Councillors thanked him for his kind offer which they gladly accepted.
8. Clr Woodier had looked at the hedge near the dog bin at the Pandy Inn and had found that it did not obstruct motorists' vision at the junction with the A465. Clr T Morgan agreed to speak constructively to the owners of the Pandy Inn re the hedge growing over the dog bin.
9. Thanks were expressed to those councillors who had turned up on the 21 August to trim around the Hall.
10. The next NMLC meeting would take place at Gilwern Community Centre on the 26 September. Clr Evans and/or Clr R Morgan would attend.
11. Re Air Ambulance, information had been received that the helicopter would attend as frequently as necessary to the same location. Each call-out costs £1500.
12. Re the suggested crossing-point at the entrance to Wern Gifford, SWTRA had not yet been approached although Clr Evans was certain that there was a plan (formulated some time ago) to put 2 'islands' in the middle of the road. Councillors felt that a crossing controlled by traffic lights was a far better solution.

## REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. Jackie had attracted 25 viewers with *Their Finest* coming up on the 27 September. Events had included the WI's talk on the 40s and 50s in Abergavenny and the Garden Club's talk *250 Years of Garden Visiting in Wales*. Rehearsals for the children's panto had started for the shows on the 1 and 2 December. The History Group would hold its AGM on the 20 September and its first workshop on the 14 October. A tour of Llwyn Celyn would take place on the 23 September between 11 a.m and 4 p.m. with everyone invited. Landmark would be holding a presentation at the Hall on the 22 September. The Macmillan

Coffee Morning would take place on the 22 September at Perthi Crwn starting at 10.30 a.m. Cwmyoy Hall had been hired out on the 16 September to a film crew who were carrying out filming in various locations in and around the Valley. A DVD had been promised as a possible pilot for a TV series.

2. Pandy Hall. The Hall had been decorated recently and new furniture was being sought for the Committee Room. The cost of oil had gone up in the last 12 months and CEG was willing to look into a feasibility study re alternatives. David Jackman offered to check details. Contact needed to be made with the owner of the shoe recycling unit in the car park. It was decided that the owner should be asked to remove the unit. His offer to put in a clothes recycling unit plus a donation would be politely refused. A pantomime would be held on the 15 December . Tickets would be £7 for adults and £4 for children. The Christmas Fayre would be held on the 2 December. It had been suggested that the meters for the electric wall fires in the Hall should be emptied of coins (when the appropriate keys were found) which would then be used as tokens in the future as the new one pound coins would not be compatible.
3. CEG. The report mentioned work by the Woodland Group, Charcoal stocks, Firewood, Craft Courses, Litter picking statistics and funding possibilities from McDonalds, the Website Page, the Play Area at Pandy Hall re tree stump carving by Mike Petts and Upcoming Events. Full details can be seen on the Community website.
4. Primary School Report. The AGM would be held on the 26 September.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. BBNP 17/15289/FUL Cwm Coed y Cerrig Clr Woodier reported on the application. The application was fully supported by CCC.
2. Maps and a list of varieties of trees to be planted were perused by councillors for the Glastir Woodland Creation Scheme. Councillors fully approved of the scheme.

#### **PLANNING DECISIONS**

1. 17/14831 Rhyd Lanau Barn had been approved by BBNP.

#### **PLANNING UPDATES**

1. Re the 106 Agreement pertaining to the Twr Mihangel Development, information had been received from both the BBNP and MCC that a sum of approximately £3750 per unit would be received by the local community to develop play and recreational facilities in the community area. Full details would be obtained from the legal department at MCC and would be distributed to councillors as soon as possible.

**OBITUARIES** None.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. From Mark Hand at MCC re information with regard to Planning Service Updates including pre-application community consultation by developers. Councillors had received copies of this email. The Clerk would reply to Mr Hand with the requested information.
2. From Mr Graham Stacey at Western Power Distribution with an apology for frequent interruptions to the electricity supply recently. He informed the Council that a fault was being actively tracked down at the moment but with little success so far.
3. From British Telecom with the confirmed contract for the ownership of the telephone kiosk at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney.
4. Clerks and Councils Direct. Noted.

#### **AOB**

1. Clr R Morgan would visit the local primary school on the 25 September.
2. Re the National Cycle Route 42, adverse comments were made about the behaviour of cyclists coming down the valley road. It was reported that groups of cyclists in the recent past were both a danger to themselves and other road users with their reckless behaviour.
3. Clr Woodier had been approached by Mr Martin Webb re a proposal for a footpath alongside the A465 from Ty Derlwyn. The meeting was reminded that a gravel footpath proposed some years ago by MCC/SWTRA had been rejected by Mr Webb. Councillors were not inclined to support this renewed request.
4. It had come to the attention of councillors that planning rules and regulations had seemingly not been adhered to in various ways over a number of years in the Llanthony Valley although no exact details had been forthcoming. The Clerk was instructed to write to BBNP Authority to make it aware of this information.
5. It was reported that the footpath from the Skirrid Pitch to Tre Honddu needed to be cleared of nettles. Clr Keates would add this to his list.

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m. Date of next meeting: 17 October 2017