

Minutes of the meeting held on the 19 March 2019

PRESENT Clrs Davies, R Morgan, Keates, Catley, Morgan-Evans, Rippin and Cty Clr D Jones. Clr R Morgan chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES Clrs Woodier, T Morgan, Bentley, Phillips and Evans.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £7,700.21 (Both as at 13 March 2019)

Unpresented cheques not included in the above figures totalled £60.00 (Merlin Waste).

The further outgoings mentioned in the February minutes were still to arrive and be paid for. Anthony Davies had promised to complete the disabled access and gate re the play area before the end of March but because of timing re the latter and the erection of the sports equipment storage shed to take the new equipment at the school, all further outgoings were likely to spill over into the new financial year and the projected balance at the end of the current financial year would be a little higher.

An official invitation was about to be sent to Mrs C Haines FCCA to act as the Council's Internal Auditor for the 2018-19 Audit. Mrs Haines had previously intimated that she was willing to undertake the work again this year.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record with one small amendment with regard to wording re the use of the word 'system' in the report on anti-litter signs at in the Llanthony Valley. The wording was changed to include the insertion of *...with particular reference to the signs and the orange bags...* after the word 'system' in the original report.

MATTERS ARISING

1. The Clerk had written to the Welsh Government re the Review of Community Arrangements in the County of Monmouthshire mentioning , among other things, the fact that Crucorney Community Council now has a full complement of 11 community councillors who are all unpaid volunteers.
2. Anti-litter signs etc. as above.
3. A letter of support had now been written re the planting of trees on Bryn Arw.
4. Star Legal and the new lease. No progress.
5. Stump carving by Mr Petts. No progress.
6. Road reflectors at Crossways. A reply had been received from SWTRA informing CCC that '...the reflective strips on the bollards will deteriorate over a period of time....'

7. Post box at Fforest Coalpit. The Clerk had been in touch with Mr Lew Lewis about this matter and was pursuing the matter again with the Royal Mail
8. Sale of chairs at Pandy Hall and provision of new tables. No news.
9. Wi-Fi at the Hall. No news.
10. It was confirmed that Grosmont Community Councillors also experienced infrequent contact with their CSO .
11. Dead tree at Trehonddu and broken notice board at the Old Post Office. No progress.
12. There had been no reply from the Welsh Government re the issue of access to the field near the Old Pandy Inn. Cty Clr Jones agreed to pursue the matter.
13. The erection of the new storage shed for sports equipment at the primary school had been set for the 30 March. Clr Robin Evans would direct the operation. All help would be welcome.
14. It was confirmed that the CEG would adopt CIC status from the 15 April not the 1 April as previously reported.
15. The road between the 2 chapels in Pandy. No progress.
16. Road markings and potholes at the entrance to the village at Crossways . No progress.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. The last film *A Star is Born* had been watched by only 6 people , the next film on the 27 March would be *First Man*. The pantomime had been a great success and the organisers had donated approximately £1500 to the fund for the new car park. It was reported that Delia Rodriguez (née Evans), one of the producers of the pantomime, was moving away from the area and would be sorely missed.
2. Primary School. The Federation Process had been accepted by MCC. Mr Jon Murphy the present Head Teacher had announced that he was retiring at the end of the year.
3. CEG. Firewood sales continued to do well. The Spring Clean litter pick was to take place on the 6 April. There would be a review of the number of signs and locations re the anti-litter drive. It was reported that signs further up the Llanthony Valley road had been vandalised or removed. The Walking Group's next walk would be held on the 23 March. The AGM would be held on the 15 April.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

A. BBNP 1816906/FUL Owls Lodge. Approved by BBNP

OBITUARIES 1. Heather Griffiths formerly of the Old Pandy Post Office. 2. Mrs Sheila Slater (top of the Sun Pitch).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. An extract from Valley Views re the anti-litter signs in the Llanthony Valley. Views expressed were noted by Councillors.
2. Letter from Blackwood Fire Ltd. informing CCC that under standard best practice a Fire Risk Assessment was due.
3. An email from Ian Maberley voicing his concerns re the anti-litter signs and bins etc. Views expressed were noted by Councillors.
4. Emails sent out to Councillors were as follows: Troed y Rhiw Gou (19/2); Public Meeting at Shire Hall re Aneurin Bevan Trust; Smart Water signs emails; Weekly Register (25/2); Local Health News (28/2); Monmouthshire Roadworks (28/2); No Underground Nuclear Waste Dump in Wales (5/3); Weekly Register (5/3); BBNP Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance, BBNP LDP (8/3); Working Day at Primary School (13/3); Planning Aid Wales (13/3); Owls Lodge, Cwmyoy : Decision (14/3); BBNP meeting with NMLC; Commons Act (16/3) MCC, Police and Parking (18/3); OVW Agenda and Minutes (19/3).

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Following a verbal report by Clr Keates who had visited the site, the Clerk had written to Mr Paul Keeble at MCC indicating the Community Council's support for Mr Nick Macdonald Buchanan's wish to shift the unclassified road (green lane) from in front of his house to a more convenient position.
2. It was reported that the new refuse collection system was a little chaotic but that matters should rectify themselves
3. After a discussion re the purchase of Smart Water signs by CCC , councillors confirmed their previous decision not to fund the venture.
4. It was reported that the Stanton road needed attention especially with regard to the situation re the railway bridge renovations.

The meeting closed at 21.00

Date of next meeting : 16 April 2019