

Minutes of the meeting held on the 16 April 2019

PRESENT Clrs Davies, R Morgan, T Morgan, Phillips, Keates, Bentley, Catley, Evans and Rippin.

APOLOGIES Clrs Woodier, Morgan-Evans and Cty Clr Jones

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C: £400 Reserve A/C: £7641.62 (Both as at 5 April 2019)

As reported at the last meeting, some outgoings would fall into payments for the current financial year 2019-2020 because of the timings of invoices and the arrival of different items of equipment etc.

Councillors were presented with the 2018-19 accounts which were now ready for the Internal Auditor Mrs C Haines, FCCA who had recently accepted her invitation to audit the Council's accounts. A date before the end of April would be arranged for Mrs Haines to receive the accounts.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was some discussion as to the latch/return spring/finish on the recently installed gate to the play area. It was suggested that a more child-friendly latch be installed with a slightly stronger spring and a better finish to one of the pieces of wood. The Clerk would pass these observations on to the installers.
2. The change in wording around the use of the word 'system' in the February minutes was accepted by councillors.
3. Star Legal and the new lease. No news.
4. Stump carving by Mr Petts. No progress.
5. Post box at Fforest Coalpit. Mr Lew Lewis and the Clerk had both contacted Nick Ramsay, AM re this matter. He had taken up the issue with the Royal Mail and a letter had been received from one of their managers which highlighted information to do with the wrong area. Further correspondence had ended in an apology from the Royal Mail and a promise to investigate the correct area.
6. The sale of chairs at Pandy Hall would take place on the 3 May from 18.00 to 20.00 on a first come first served basis. The Hall Management Committee would place adverts on Facebook and in The Chronicle.
7. A 50% deposit was soon to be placed on new tables and chairs for Pandy Hall. The total amount to be spent by the Hall Management Committee would be around £1700 inc. VAT.

8. Wi-Fi at the Hall. There was a rather technical debate re value of installing Wi-Fi at the Hall and associated running costs estimated at being in the region of £40-£50 per month. Clr Bentley agreed to communicate with BT and report back to the next meeting.
9. A new notice board for the area near the Old Post Office was currently being constructed by Clr Evans. Clr Davies commented on the fact that notices were not taken down when out of date.
10. The Welsh Government had still not replied to the Council's concerns re the issue of access to the field near the Old Pandy Inn. It was reported that recently sheep had been driven into the said field off the B road near the Pandy Inn with a few getting on to the main A465 road with all the attendant dangers caused by that action.
11. The erection of the new storage shed had taken place on the 30 March as arranged. Clr Evans had supervised the work with help from a good number of people including Mr David Speake who had used his carpenter's skills to good effect. A letter of thanks would be sent to Mr Speake for his assistance. The Chairman, Clr R Morgan thanked all those who had taken part in this exercise which would be very useful to the children of the school and the community at large.
12. The Crucorney Environmental Group was seeking charitable status. When achieved, it proposed to aid projects in the community with the help of its share of the money accrued from the solar panels on the Hall roof. It was also reported that the loan which helped towards the installation of the panels had now been paid off. The Clerk and Chairman had attended a gathering to celebrate the latter just before tonight's meeting. Parties concerned with the solar panels now needed to set up a repairs and renewal fund on an equal basis to move this project forward.
13. The road between the two chapels in Pandy. No progress.
14. Road markings and potholes at the entrance to the village at Crossways. No progress.
15. Re the bridge repairs at the Old Llanvihangel Station, it was reported that a month's extension to the work had now been requested.
16. 'Green Lane' at Middle Gaer. Now being progressed by MCC.
17. Stanton road. No progress.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. The last film First man had attracted 8 film-goers. Future films would be *The Favourite* (22/5), *Green Book* (26/6), *Stan and Ollie* (24/7) and *Mary Queen of Scots* (28/8). An auction of general items and promises to raise funds for the new car park would be held on the 11 May starting at 2 p.m. Items had to be delivered on 10/5 between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and 11 May between 8.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Documents had been issued the previous week to 4 local contractors to tender for the work on the new car park. The Hall had been let out to Evans Cycles as a refreshment stop on the 31 March.

2. Primary School. The appointment of the new Headteacher, Mr Steve Davies had now been ratified.
3. Pandy Hall Management Committee. As above re furniture etc. Quotations were also being sought for upgrading the toilet facilities at the Hall including the removal of the shower units. On behalf of the Committee, Clr Bentley had looked at the equipment being sold off by the Park Hotel and had advised that some items could be useful for the Hall.
4. CEG. Charcoal is again ready to purchase from the Skirrid Garage Shop. The Spring Clean Litter pick took place on the 6 April. 18 litter pickers picked 58 bags of litter from around the Community. 25% of litter prevention signs had now been removed and would be reviewed regularly. A walk from Cwmyoy had taken place on the 23 March and the next one was due on the 27 April on the Cats Back Ridge. The AGM took place on the 15 April. Forthcoming events were: Chair making on the 27/28 April and the 11/12 May; Bowl carving on the 4 May; Walking Group on the 27 April and Woodland Work Groups on the 28 April and the 8 May.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS None

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 19/17149/FUL Downey Big Barn. Approved by the BBNP

PLANNING UPDATES None

OBITUARIES None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. An email had been received from Sarah Winey thanking the Community Council for the new sports facilities and equipment recently purchased.
2. An email had been received from Ian Moberly asking for CCC to report the state of the road outside Code y Cirri Farm to MCC Highways. Clr Keats agreed to speak to Ian re the full details before reporting the matter to MCC.
3. Emails sent out to Councillors were as follows : Patients' Voice New Bulletin (20/3); Middle Gear (20/3);Planning; Public Access for Viewing Applications(21/3);Weekly Register(3/4);Note from Meeting between NMLC and BBNP(3/4);Infill: Supplementary Planning Guidance (3/4);Weekly Register(3/4);Consultation re Public Audit Wales(3/4);Bruit: Getting ready (4/4);Civil Parking Enforcement(4/4);Draft NEC Minutes(4/4);Council's Intergenerational Initiative Boost(8/4);Weekly Register(8/4);Health Board(8/4);Approval of changes to Catchment Areas in Monmouthshire (8/4);OVW Presentation Minutes(10/4);Revised Draft re Affordable Housing(11/4);Executive Headship(12/4);Email from Ian Maberley(14/4);CEG Newsletter(15/4);MCC Dog Waste Bin Emptying: Possible Changes(15/4);Notice and Agenda of next NMLC Meeting(15/4);Planning Officers' Society Survey (16/4);Guidance re Payments to Members of Community Councils and Town Councils(16/4) and OVW Acknowledgement Letter (16/4).

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Clr Evans asked whether more information re the exact number of houses to be built at Wern Gifford were known. The Clerk would contact MCC to ascertain further details.

The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m. Date of next meeting : 21 May 2019 (Normal meeting + AGM)

S G Cooper (Clerk)