

Minutes of the Virtual meeting held on the 15 February 2022

**PRESENT** Clrs Davies, R Morgan, Morgan-Evans, T Morgan, Evans, Rippin, Bentley and County Clr David Jones. Clr R Morgan chaired the meeting.

**APOLOGIES** Clrs Phillips, Woodier and Catley

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** None

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £22,170 both as at 6 February 2022

Unpresented cheques included £1250 (Pandy HMC); £198 (Webbs Glazing); £1560 (Abergavenny Fuels). Forthcoming expenditure included £113.86 (Merlin Dog Waste collection), £150 (MCC Children's Summer Play Scheme) and £6.60 (Robert Price).

CCC had received a cheque for £4809.06 from Mr and Mrs Dean Arnold for the purchase of defibrillators for the area in memory of their late son Callum. This money had been total amount raised from generous donations by the general public after the family's sad loss.

There was still no information from Audit Wales re its failure to meet its own deadlines for issuing an opinion on CCC's 202-2021 Accounts.

MCC had informed all councils that the Precept for 2022-2023 would be paid in 3 instalments as per usual

CCC was still in the process of making a VAT claim up to the end of February.

CCC was also still trying to obtain online banking.

It was reported that CCC had received a rather curt demand from MCC for payment of a **voluntary contribution** towards summer play activities organised by MCC. The demand suggested that 'further action' would be taken if the £150 **voluntary donation** were not made and possible 'further costs' applied. Councillors asked County Councillor David Jones to investigate this aggressive approach by the Finance Department at County Hall and to suggest that a more courteous demand for payment of a voluntary donation be applied.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. Capel y Ffynn. Road works were ongoing. Apparently, the road was closed during the day but open afterwards.
2. Dan y Bwlch. No update.
3. Road safety on the A465 through Pandy. County Councillor David Jones reported that he had met with police in the car park at Pandy Hall on the 3 February where findings of a recent speed survey were confirmed. Councillors had commented previously (January minutes) that maximum speeds recorded in no way represented the general experience of residents in

that they were far below the speed that many motorists achieve on the road from day to day.

4. CCC's defibrillator application to the Welsh Government for a free defibrillator had been successful. (See also comments under Financial Report above.) After some debate, councillors decided that the cabinets for the defibrillators to be purchased would not be locked. This reflected advice given on the application forms. The free defibrillator is to be sited in the obsolete telephone kiosk at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney and the Clerk and Chairperson would investigate possible sites for the location of the other 3 defibrillators (from the donations mentioned above) before the next meeting.
5. Road slippage between Cwmyoy Hall and the Queen's. No further news.
6. Drains at Trehonddu. MCC had been contacted once again about this matter.
7. Overgrown path at the southern end of Llanvihangel Crucorney had been reported.
8. Road signs left after road repairs had been finished. Clr T Morgan reported that signs he had mentioned in January had now been removed. Cty Clr Jones had requested a full explanation of the reason for longstanding traffic lights near the Old Norton School, mentioned by community councillors in the January meeting. Apparently, there had been some difficult negotiations with the landowner and other bodies re progress of road works in the vicinity of the lights but that it was hoped that they would be removed in April or May 2022.
9. Councillors were reminded once again about election procedures for May.
10. Clr Morgan-Evans had posted information re excessive use of the dog bin on Wern Gifford as opposed to the use of the black bag collections carried out by MCC every fortnight. He had also been asked whether a general waste bin could be provided for the area. Councillors felt that this was an issue for Monmouthshire County Council as they would be responsible for the collection of any waste.

## REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
2. Pandy Hall. There would be a meeting on the 22 February. Clr Bentley would attend and mention details re payment for the recent breakage of glass in the front door of the Hall. She would also ask for details re the 'Memorandum of Understanding' being updated by Belinda Davies for the CEG.
3. Primary School. County Councillor David Jones had attended a recent Governors' Walkabout Day at the School.
4. CEG. No report.

## PLANNING

1. BBNP 22/20726/FUL Trewyn House. Fully supported by CCC.
2. BBNP 21/19781/FUL Court Farm Llanthony. Fully supported by CC.
3. BBNP 21/20673/FUL Dellwood, Cwmyoy. No objections.
4. Pre-application Community Consultation –Extension and Upgrades to Mountain Bike Trail Park, Black Mountain Cycle Centre, Great Llwygy Farm, Llanfihangel Crucorney.  
A letter dated the 11 February 2022 outlining the above and inviting interested parties to view proposed plans and supporting documents on the relevant website had been received. After some deliberation re the proposed plans, councillors decided that their reply to this

pre-application would request more information re the construction of the emergency access trail, express initial concerns re the possible visual impact of any extension of the car park and proposed kiosk and toilets and highlight their reservations about an increased volume of traffic through the village and along B-roads in the area. Councillors noted that any comments made at this stage would not prejudice their ability to make representations to the Brecon Beacons National Park on any related (full) planning application.

#### **PLANNING DECISIONS**

1. 21/20263/FUL Sunset Cottage, Cwm Road, Cwmyoy. Permission granted by BBNP. Noted.

**OBITUARIES** Bill Wheeler (The Queen's)

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no queries from councillors re correspondence emailed to them.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. It was reported that there were pot holes on the road at Crossways.
2. Feedback re a recent survey by Ofwat/Britain Thinks/Acumen Fieldwork on Dwr Cymru /Welsh Water would be completed, if appropriate.

The meeting closed at 20.55.

Date of next meeting: 15 March 2022

**S G Cooper (Clerk)**