

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 17 May 2022

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

APOLOGIES None

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £24,710.64. Both as at 17 May 2022.

The Reserve Account had been added to by a further repayment of VAT from HMRC of £1935.02 and the first payment of the Precept for 2022-2023 of £5850.

Cheques for items/work agreed by councillors and signed since the last meeting but not yet cashed were: £1150 to Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School for outdoor learning equipment; £231.84 to Zurich Insurance; £430 to R B Boiler Services (work on the new bunded oil storage tank at the Hall); £118.30 (Merlin Environmental Services) and £800 (Tom's Fencing – at the front of the Hall bordering the bowling green for security purposes). When all the above cheques are taken into account, the balance for the Reserve Account would stand at £21980.50

Audit material had now been sent off to Mrs C Haines for the Internal Audit and would be returned by the 5 June ready to be signed by the Chair and Clerk at the next meeting on the 21 June 2022. There were still no instructions from Audit Wales, however, as to where all the material had to be sent after that for the external audit.

All defibrillators had now been fitted at the 4 locations highlighted in the last meeting.

The **MINUTES of the PREVIOUS MEETING** were signed as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Drains at Trehonddu. No progress.
2. Confirmation had been received from the Local Democracy manager at MCC that all community councillors had been returned unopposed. Acceptance of Office forms had been signed.
3. Road between the Stanton and the Old Station. No news.
4. County Councillor David Jones was congratulated on his re-election with a substantial majority.
5. Clr Rippin reported that some archives were still to be placed on the new-look CCC Website.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
2. Pandy Hall. Pandy HMC was well into arrangements for organising various events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the Hall in June.
3. Primary School. A donation had been made to the School as reported above.
4. CEC. Further discussions had taken place with Belinda Davies and 2 applications for funding for environmentally-linked projects were being prepared with costings. One was to buy a

further dog bin for installation at the entrance to the Skirrid Pitch Development and the other was for cutting the very high hedge around the former bowling green at the village hall in time for the Jubilee celebrations with the possibility of future maintenance funding to cut the hedge twice a year.

5. Police Report. The report for April included: an attempted theft of batteries on Great Park Road; possible badger baiting in Pandy; a burglary in Pandy and a distraction burglary in Grosmont.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP 20/2220928/FUL Cwm Coed y Cerrig, Cwm Road, Cwmyoy. No objections from CCC
2. BBNP 20/20817/FUL Moy Mel, Fforest Coalpit. No objections from CCC.

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 22/20726/FUL Chapel at Trewyn House. Permission granted by BBNP. Noted.
2. BBNP 22/20817/FUL Moy Mel, Fforest Coalpit. Permission granted by BBNP. Noted.

OBITUARIES

Denver Green (Fforest Coalpit). Hanbury Evans (formerly of Pandy) . Edith Davies (formerly of Pandy).Rosemary Lake (Llanvihangel Crucorney).

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. There was a lively discussion about the 20 mph limit being applied in Abergavenny in places where some people thought it not necessary. It was pointed out, too, that as far as people were aware, there was a 20 mph speed limit outside all schools in Monmouthshire whereas no such speed limit existed outside Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School .It was decided to ask MCC why this was the case.

During the same discussion, it was suggested that double yellow lines on the curve opposite the primary school would also be a good safety device to help prevent dangerous parking.

2. Speeding along the A465 through Pandy was still an issue and Cty Clr Jones was asked if he could follow this up once more with SWTRA as, once again, they had done nothing to improve the situation since the meeting of Cty Clr Jones and community councillors some months ago with Peter Fox, now an AM at the Welsh Government.
3. Mention was also made of irresponsible dog walkers in the area who failed to clean up after their dogs. Dogs' mess was particularly evident in the grounds of Llanvihangel Court and in Treveddw field and the fenced-off pathway across the field to the river near the former Lancaster Arms. Also reported was the particularly annoying habit of dog walkers who bagged their dogs' mess only to leave it in gateways and even branches of trees for other people to collect and carry away. It had also been reported that professional dog-walkers were travelling some distance to walk dogs in the area. It was felt, too, that dog owners should be reminded that they can put out bagged dog mess in domestic black rubbish bags for the fortnightly collection by Monmouthshire County Council.

Councillors felt that it was especially important that dogs were not taken onto the primary school playing fields or in the play area by the village hall. Unbelievably, during a recent

emptying of the rubbish bin in the play area, a good number of full dog-poo bags were found in said bin.

4. Residents in the Fforest Coalpit area had voiced their concern to CCC about an intended 'rock festival' which had been advertised as taking place on the 2-5th June at the Fforest Barn Mountain Retreat. CCC had contacted the Licensing Department at MCC who reported back that they had been informed that the 'festival' was going to be a private party but had advised the organisers that they should still obtain a licence for the event.
5. Now that the dust had settled after the local elections, Community Councillors asked County Cllr Jones if he could make a fresh approach to MCC Highways to improve the surface of the road at Dan y Bwlch. Councillors reminded him that this had been a long-running concern with many unfulfilled promises to improve the road from the previous administration at County Hall. Residents were tired of excuses re this virtually impassable stretch of road and community councillors would like to remind the County Council that although the road was now deemed unclassified, the MCC/Highways Department was legally obliged to maintain it.
6. Councillors decided unanimously that monthly meetings would remain solely online for the moment but asked Cllr Morgan-Evans to investigate the possibility of successfully running 'hybrid' meetings in the Hall. Cllr Morgan-Evans agreed to research the cost of a reasonably priced microphone and to clarify the codes for the Wi-Fi system in the Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.50 Date of next meeting: 21 June 2022.

S G Cooper (Clerk)