

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 22 July 2021

PRESENT Clrs Davies, R Morgan, Morgan-Evans, Catley, Rippin and Evans.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Clrs Bentley, T Morgan, Woodier, Phillips and County Clr. Jones.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £18,379.97 (Both as at 15 July 2021.)

Cheques signed since the last meeting had been: Halden Property Maintenance (Village Hall Toilet Renovations) £4,870.65; H.Rippin £120 (CC Website Management) and Mrs C.Haines £100 (Internal Auditor). Several card purchases had also been made as follows: £69 Sign Shed (Toilet door signs); £3.79 Postage re Internal Audit; £19.62 PVC Safety Signs (Dog bin yellow stickers); £84.97 Amazon (Toilet roll holders + Toilet brushes) and £65.87 BLT Direct (Large light bulbs for Hall).

CCC had received £7,000 from Pandy HMC and £40 from Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru as compensation their late reply to CCC's letter to them outlining CCC's concerns about sewage disposal etc.

A VAT repayment claim had now been made for £4394.88.

Re the Village Hall toilet renovations, cubicle doors and hinges etc had now arrived and had been installed.

Clr Bentley was in the process of arranging for a 'deep clean' of the Hall by a specialist firm in anticipation of the re-opening of the Hall, Covid permitting, of course.

CCC's Internal Audit for 2020-2021 had now been submitted.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Road at Dan y Bwlch. No progress.
2. Capel y Ffynn road repairs. No further news other than a new mound of gravel was now blocking motorists' access.
3. CCC's reply letter had now been sent to Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru and a reply received suggesting a meeting in late July or early August. A list of dates provided by Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water would be sent out by the Clerk to Councillors to ascertain the most convenient date for both parties. The Clerk would also send out correspondence between Wales Water and CCC re recurring issues in the area and councillors were asked to prepare relevant questions to be asked of any Welsh

Water representative at the meeting. Clr Evans also wanted recent news re riverine phosphates treatment and disposal as well as flooding concerns from NRW to be considered at the meeting.

4. Clr Bentley and the Hall Management Committee had met and discussed the details of a deep clean of the Hall, any possible Covid signage to be required and the appointment of a new Hall caretaker.
5. Ty Dolau drains. No progress. Councillors suggested that spraying every drain that has been blocked with blue marker to emphasise the sorry state of the drains in that area might be a good idea.
6. Re dog-waste collections, a virtual meeting of a large number of councils in Monmouthshire had taken place under the chairmanship of Sue Parkinson (MCC) and the outcome was that a further smaller meeting would take place between representatives of Monmouthshire councils and Mr D Ivall of Merlin Waste to discuss the continued provision of his services but hopefully with a more defined (and time-limited) contract so that councils would not be taken by surprise by large , unexpected increases in charges. At the moment, it was likely that CCC would have to pay an increased collection charge of £6.25 per bin per collection from September onwards.

Re the recent misuse of the dog bins in Llanvihangel Crucorney and Pandy, Clr R Morgan and the Clerk had placed extra yellow stickers on the dog bins to urge users not to overfill the bins or leave full bags on the ground near the bins. Residents had also been reminded on Facebook that households with dogs could place dog-waste bags in the fortnightly black bin collection by MCC.

7. Re the tree overhanging the road at Lower Henllan, Clr Rippin reported that the matter was being negotiated between the farmer and MCC. Clr Rippin had contacted MCC Highways and had got a Case reference Number for the issue.
8. The kerb opposite the Grosmont Turn (A465) had now been repaired.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
2. Pandy Hall. As above under Financial Report.
3. CEG. No report.
4. Police Report. A report for May and June had now been received. Re the latter, more up-to-date report there was news of: a stallion loose in Cwmyoy; a cycling accident in Brynarw; damage to the door of Grosmont Town Hall and unauthorised use of electricity; damage to a vehicle in Poorscript Lane, Grosmont; a rave on Grosmont road; a male in a wheelchair on the road in Llangua; a collision between a van and lamp post/bus-stop sign in Llanvihangel Crucorney and 45 missing ewes in Llangua.
5. Primary School Report. No report.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP 21/20108/CPL Delwood, Cwmyoy. No objections from CCC.
2. DM/2021/01054 43, Wern Gifford. No objections from CCC.

PLANNING DECISIONS None

PLANNING UPDATES None

OBITUARIES None

CORRESPONDENCE

Some councillors expressed surprise at the detailed information from One Voice Wales re future arrangements for the passing of the Queen.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Court Farm Planning Application seemed to be making fair progress.
2. Councillors wondered about the state of play re the Cwrt Mihangel Development opposite the Skirrid Inn especially with regard to affordable housing issues, housing density rules and 106 payments to the community. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of BBNP.
3. The Clerk reported that notices for a Casual Vacancy in Lower Cwmyoy had now been posted. If an election did not need to be called, CCC could co-opt a councillor. Councillors were reminded that this seat would be lost in the electoral reforms which would be in operation in the elections next year, when CCC would reduce from 11 to 7 councillors. The Notice had been posted on the CCC Facebook Page, on the Llanvihangel Crucorney Facebook Page, on the CCC Website, at the Skirrid Garage, on the Pandy Hall Notice Board, on the Cwmyoy Hall Notice Board, on the Llanthony Notice Board and on the recently renovated notice board at the Old Post Office in Pandy.
4. Clr Rippin reported that all available trees had now been planted on Bryn Arw and good progress was being made at Llanthony. Clr Rippin felt that Keith Powell should be invited to a future meeting (virtual or otherwise) to comment on progress made.
5. It was decided to continue with CCC's annual subscription to Zoom for its future virtual meetings. The Clerk reminded councillors that if face-to-face meetings were resumed at some time in the future, CCC would also have to provide 'virtual access' to members of the public as well under present regulations.
6. Clr Rippin agreed to update Clr Catley's details on the CCC website.

The meeting closed at 20.40. Date of next meeting: 17 August 2021