

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 21 June 2022

PRESENT Clrs R Morgan, R Morgan-Evans, Bentley, Philipps, Davies, Rippin and Cty Clr David Jones. There were no members of the public in attendance. Clr R Morgan chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES Clr R Evans

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £21,710.41 Both totals as at 15 June 2022

Cheques issued and card transactions since the May meeting were: £118.30 (Merlin Environmental Services); £223.92 (Robert Price Builders); R. Evans £128.00.

3 quotations had been received for replacing the curtain track for the stage area in Pandy Village Hall. After comparing the quotations, councillors decided they would accept the price of £850 (plus VAT) quoted by Mr Gratton from Hereford.

All Audit Material had been returned by Mrs Haines (FCCA), the Council's Internal Auditor, with her positive report. The multi-coloured Financial Return for 2021-2022 was signed and dated by the Chairperson and the Clerk at the meeting with all councillors' approval. In the absence of any further instructions from Audit Wales, as to what extra material they needed (if any), all known relevant material would be sent to Audit Wales at its Cardiff address before the 30 June 2022.

An extra dog bin had been purchased for the entrance to the Skirrid Pitch Development. The CEC Charity had agreed to pay the costs.

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. Road between the Old Station and the Stanton. No news.
3. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at the Hall had been a very successful event with a good number in attendance throughout the day and evening.
4. Re the previous month's discussion about a suggested 20 mph limit near the Primary School together with double yellow lines to prevent dangerous parking at the school gates, County Councillor David Jones reported on a conversation he had had with an MCC Officer who had stated that the 20 mph restriction was due to come in across the country (let alone just in Monmouthshire) by September 2022. The suggestion of double yellow lines and a rationalisation of parking outside the school gates would also be looked into as well as possible 'cross hatching' to ease the situation. The possibility of a 'Pelican Crossing' on the A465 had also been discussed.
5. Negotiations re a new dog waste removal contract on a county-wide basis would soon be decided. At the moment, there seemed to be 3 companies bidding for the contract to clear the dog waste bins across Monmouthshire including the 8 now owned by CCC. Councillors felt that residents should be reminded that they can also put out bagged dog mess in

domestic black rubbish bags for the fortnightly collection by Monmouthshire County Council.

6. The supposed music event in the Fforest Coalpit (2-5 June) area had not caused any problems as far as councillors were aware.
7. Re the road at Dan y Bwlch, CCC had made another approach to MCC and had been assured once again that the matter would be looked into. Sustained pressure was now needed from CCC, local residents and County Councillor David Jones to progress this matter which had gone on for far too long.
8. Clr Morgan-Evans had investigated the possibility of acquiring an events microphone to assist CCC to hold 'hybrid' meetings in Pandy Hall once again. Two makes of microphone had been suggested (at about £30 and £70) and a decision would be made as soon as the Wi-Fi system had been tested at the Hall by Clr Morgan-Evans on the 28 June.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
2. Pandy Hall Management Committee. The Caretaker had reported that someone had asked to book the Hall for puppy training after being unsuccessful in booking other venues in the area. And that it would put extra pressure on the Caretaker re possible extra cleaning involved. Clayton Bayliss and Val Price had been confirmed as new signatories on the solar panels' Repairs and Renewal Fund.
3. Primary School. A meeting was to be held at Llanfoist School on the 6 July 2022.
4. Police Report. The Report for May included: a deliberate refuse fire in Grosmont; a report of a theft of an aluminium cover to a Volkswagen pick-up truck on the A465; farm machinery blocking a green lane in Pandy; report of a horsebox fire on the A465.

PLANNING

1. BBNP 22/20692/FUL Mountain Bike Trail at Great Llwygy Farm. Councillors voiced concern at a possible expansion of the car park and would write to BBNP accordingly.
2. BBNP 22/21149/FUL The Rock, Neuadd, Cwmyoy. New Tower re Airwave apparatus. There was some strong concern from residents about harmful radio waves and about a detrimental effect on the landscape with the proposed increase in height of the towers and accompanying groundworks. CCC would reply to BBNP voicing these concerns.

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 22/20965/DISCON Court Farm, Llanthony. Permission had been granted by BBNP

OBITUARIES

Alistair Shields and Warren Probert

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Clr Rippin reported that she had received a complaint about noise from a resident who lived close to Neuadd Llwyd. Apparently, noisy celebrations had gone on recently until 1.00 a.m. Clr Rippin agreed to compose a letter of reply to the resident suggesting that the complaint should be directed firstly to MCC (Licensing Department) and possibly, after that, to the Police.

The meeting closed at 21.00 Date of next meeting (possibly 'hybrid') : 19 July 2022