

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 15 March 2022

**PRESENT** Clrs R Morgan, T Morgan, R Morgan-Evans, Davies, Catley, Bentley, Rippin and County Clr David Jones. Clr R Morgan chaired the meeting. One member of the public was also present.

**APOLOGIES** Clrs Evans, Phillips and Woodier.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £18,862 Both as at the 4 March 2022

Unpresented cheques include: £150 MCC (Play Scheme); £113.75 (Merlin Environmental Services); £214 (One Voice Wales); £2,500 (Clerk's Annual Salary)

CCC's VAT claim to the end of February. There were still difficulties re submitting online to the 126 VAT Team or by post using the 'hard copy' method.

Audit Wales had finally 'issued an opinion' on CCC's accounts for 2020-2021 on the 10 March 2022. All was positive except for the fact that Wales Audit had observed that the Clerk did not have a written contract of employment. The Clerk had already informed Mr Deryck Evans at Wales Audit that he had never had a written contract during the 30+ years he had been in post and there had never been any issues over those years. Nevertheless, it seems that CCC would have to come up with a written contract, probably with the help of One Voice Wales.

Re MCC's aggressive demands for the payment of a voluntary contribution to MCC's Play Scheme for the summer mentioned in the February minutes, CCC had now received a full apology from the Finance Department at County Hall. County Councillor David Jones was thanked by councillors for his help in bringing this matter to a close.

Save a Life Cymru had been informed that CCC was now nearing completion of work to fit a cabinet to receive the free defibrillator from the Welsh Government.

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

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

1. Capel y Ffin. It was reported that the road was now open with temporary repairs.
2. It was reported that some hardcore had been left at the side of the road, presumably to effect repairs to the road slippage between the Queen's and Cwmyoy Hall.
3. The Chair and Clerk reported that the 3 sites for the defibrillators/cabinets purchased with money raised by donations from members of the public had now been confirmed as Zoar Chapel, Cwmyoy Hall and the entrance to the car park at Llanthony Abbey. 'Guardians' were in the process of being appointed. On behalf of CCC, the Chair had secured a favourable deal with the Defib Store Ltd (Suppliers to the Welsh Ambulance Service). The 3 defibrillator cabinets would have an inscription indicating that they were dedicated to the memory of Callum Arnold. As a gesture of good will, the suppliers had agreed to do this free of charge.
4. Drains at Trehonddu. No progress.

5. Overgrown path at the southern end to Llanvihangel Crucorney. Work seemed to have been started.
6. Abandoned road signs. The situation seemed to have improved.
7. Councillors were reminded again about election procedures for May especially with regard to relevant deadlines.
8. A reply had been sent re the Pre-Application for the Black Mountain Cycle Centre.
9. The recent Ofwat survey had turned out to have been targeted at householders only.

## **REPORTS**

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No Report.
2. Pandy Hall. Clr Bentley reported that the Xmas Fayre at the Hall had raised £76. The Hall's finances were healthy. The Hall Committee had called a public meeting for the 14 March re the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which would also be publicised on Facebook. The Memorandum of Understanding was still being updated by Belinda Davies for the CEG. The Committee had issued new paperwork re future hiring of the hall to avoid expensive damage by hirers and/or suppliers as had occurred recently. The full cost of this latest damage (breakage of glass in the main door to the hall on delivery of a bouncy castle) would have to be paid for in full by the HMC although the supplier concerned had agreed initially to pay 50% of the £198. After multiple promises to send the money, however, this agreement had not been fulfilled by the supplier. As a result, no hirer of the Hall would be allowed to use the services of this supplier in the future.
3. Primary School. A meeting was to be held on the 16 March.
4. Police Reports. Details of the Reports for January and February were discussed. The main items mentioned for January were: a derelict property had been broken into in Crucorney, off-road bike damage in Grosmont, a single vehicle accident on Wern Gifford and suspicious torch-light activity off the A465. Items for February were: planks of timber on the A465, a suspicious vehicle circling a caller's farm, a suspicious vehicle whose number plates were being changed, a burglary at a stable and an attempted break-in.
5. CEG. No report.

## **PLANNING**

1. BBNP 22/20817/FUL Moy Mel, Fforest Coalpit. No objections.

## **PLANNING PERMISSIONS**

1. BBNP 20/19237/LBC Oldcastle Court Farm. Permission granted by BBNP. Noted.
2. BBNP 20/19781/FUL Court Farm. Permission granted by BBNP. Noted.

**OBITUARIES**    Guy Rogers

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. The road between Llanvihangel Station and The Stanton needed attention. Clr Rippin would report this to MCC.
2. Clr Rippin informed the meeting that 'rebuilding' work on the Council's website was making progress.
3. The notice board opposite the Skirrid Inn needed attention as it had become difficult attach notices.
4. It was noted that Clrs Tony Morgan, Rob Catley and James Woodier would not be putting their names forward for re-election in May. Those present at the meeting were very appreciative of all the hard work and commitment the 3 councillors had contributed over the years. Clr Tony Morgan, in fact, had been a community councillor for over 30 years.

The meeting closed at 20.25

Date of next meeting: 17 May (AGM and 'Normal' Meeting)

*S G Cooper (Clerk)*