

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 16 November 2021

PRESENT Clrs R Morgan, T Morgan, R Morgan-Evans, Davies, Catley, Evans, Rippin and Cty Clr Jones. One member of the public was present.

APOLOGIES Clr Phillips, Bentley and Woodier.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A local resident asked for the help and support of the Community Council in her efforts to obtain social housing for her daughter who was at present living in Birmingham. Her daughter who lived alone was experiencing serious difficulties where she was living because of various disabilities and medical needs. Her family found the long trip to Birmingham to help out extremely onerous and very stressful for all concerned. Her daughter had made many applications to the various agencies in Monmouthshire to try to obtain social housing but had met with no success. As councillors were aware, a bungalow which is administered by the Monmouthshire Housing Association had recently become available at Trehonddu which was eminently suitable for the young lady concerned, within walking distance of her family who would be at hand to help at all times. The family hoped that councillors could help in her efforts to obtain the tenancy of the bungalow and if not successful to support any further applications for a property in Monmouthshire within striking distance of family help which was sorely needed.

It was reported that many letters had been sent over a long period of time to the local MP, Monmouthshire County Council, Monmouthshire Housing Association and various other agencies without success. With this in mind and after some extended discussion, community councillors resolved to send a further letter seeking help to the local MP, Peter Fox AM and Monmouthshire Housing Association. County Councillor David Jones also agreed to discuss the matter with Peter Fox AM.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C : £400 Reserve A/C: £18,945.83 Both of these totals as at 5 November 2021.

Cheques issued but not yet cashed were: Pandy HMC (£1250); the British Legion Poppy Appeal (£38) and Merlin Waste (£94.79)

Wales Audit which had failed to meet its own deadlines had not yet issued an opinion on CCC's accounts for 2020-2021.

As reported in the October meeting, a further VAT Refund Request would be made shortly and one further precept payment for 2021-2022 would be received in late December 2021.

A Draft Budget would be discussed at the December meeting.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. A carpenter had looked at the original crossbar for the swings in the Play Area and had confirmed that it was safe to continue in use.
2. It was reported that the road at Dan y Bwlch (Groes Lwyd Road) had been visited by Cty Clr Pratt and/or Andrew Welsh from MCC. An email had been received from MCC in which it was explained that although the road had been de-classified, it was still liable to be maintained (Highway Maintainable) at the public's expense. Local residents had been encouraged to write in to MCC to emphasise this point and seek action.
3. Capel y Ffynn. No further progress re the unsatisfactory situation.
4. Dwr Cymru had not issued the formal report promised for October. It had issued leaflets for local residents re how to help prevent blockages in sewage pipes. It had not provided evidence that it had removed the tops of inspection chambers to assess their condition although the Community Council had received assurances that this would be done several months ago. Finally it was reported that 'major works' seem to have been taking place near the old police station and around the Rising Sun recently.
5. No further interest had been shown in applying formally to be co-opted to fill the vacant Lower Cwmyoy seat.
6. Parking on the double-yellow lines in Llanvihangel Crucorney: No progress.
7. There was no news of a finalised deal with Merlin Waste re any county-wide contracts for dog-waste collections.
8. There had been no further news re negotiations with MCC/SWTRA through Peter Fox re safety on the A465.
9. Clr Richard Morgan-Evans had posted a notice on behalf of CCC re abusive language on the 'Llanvihangel Crucorney News' Facebook page.
10. The Clerk had sent off an application form re the free provision of another defibrillator through the NHS Wales Health Collaborative Scheme. A decision was awaited re successful applications.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
2. Pandy Hall Management Committee. Positive reports had been received from members of the public who had used the new toilet facilities at the Hall. Some work was now needed to investigate a small damp area in the bar. Runners for the stage curtains also needed to be upgraded. A further payment from solar panels was due before Xmas. HMC was also organising a Xmas Fayre.
3. Primary School. Governors had been invited to join in a 'learning day' at the School.

4. CEG. CEG was negotiating with Clr Rippin re the renewal of the licence for the joint websites for local organisations.
5. Police Report for October 2021. Two off-road bikes had been reported in the Cwm Road area; there had been 2 reports of sheep loose on the A465 but officers who attended could not locate the sheep; a vehicle being driven in excess of the speed limit had been reported in the Grosmont Road area but had 'moved on' before officers were in attendance.

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 21/19578/LBC Oldcastle Church. Permission granted by BBNP.

OBITUARIES Pearl Oliver, Trehonddu and Chris Mephram, a former community councillor.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Memorial Service for the late James Keates had been held on the 5 November at St Martin's Church, Cwmyoy. Councillors Ros Morgan and John Davies had attended the service and a tribute, worded as agreed by the Community Council, had been delivered by Clr Davies.
2. Clr Rippin agreed to report the slippage of part of the road surface between Cwmyoy Hall and The Queen's to MCC Highways.
3. Blocked drains near Trehonddu. The matter had been reported to MCC Highways as urgent but no remedial work had been done.
4. Proposed Chapel at Trewyn. A majority of councillors voted to send a letter of support to BBNP re the proposal to build a private chapel at Trewyn Manor. Clr T Morgan agreed to compose the said letter.
5. It was decided that owing to current circumstances re Covid that the Xmas meal would not take place.
6. Clr Richard Morgan-Evans had laid the Council's wreath at the Remembrance Day Service at St Michael's Church.

The meeting closed at 20.50. Date of next meeting: 21 December 2021.