

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 19 October 2021

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

APOLOGIES Clrs Catley and Bentley

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Keith Powell gave an interesting talk on 'Stump up for Trees', a project which had taken 5 years to organise. In it, he highlighted details such as the number of trees planted (130,000 mixed native trees), different species of birds and insects attracted, overplanting to compensate for losses, the use of 400 biodegradable tree guards, financing which included £600,000 of left-over European money, present employment of several people, a tree nursery, charcoal-making equipment, further diversification of redundant agricultural land with more tree-planting and further plans for publicity through the NFU and BBC. Councillors thanked Mr Powell for his presentation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C: £400 Reserve A/C: £15,090 both as at 6 October 2021.

A further credit of £4394.88 had been received from a VAT Refund from HMRC on the 8 October with outgoings since the last meeting of £398.37 which results in a running total of £19487.49 on the night.

A further VAT Refund Request would be made shortly and one further precept payment for 2021-2022 would be received at the end of December.

Various cleaning items had been bought for the Village Hall. Councillors had agreed to the expenditure especially as the refurbished hall was now available for bookings.

Councillors agreed that a new category be included in the Budget Proposals for 2022-2023 for the maintenance/running costs of the Play Area.

Three estimates had now been received for cutting the trees near the village hall car park from Dennis Walker, David Watkins and Oliver Field. After some

discussion, Councillors decided that the estimate from David Watkins should be accepted.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record with one amendment re 'Planning Updates' No.1

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. New crossbars had been obtained for the swings in the Play Area and would be fitted as soon as a carpenter could be engaged.
2. Cty Clr Jones reported that he had spoken with Andrew Welsh at MCC re the road at Dan y Bwlch and further progress had been promised. Clr Pratt had been informed again about the uncertainty re the classified/declassified status of the road
3. Capel y Ffynn. Legal discussions were ongoing with the relevant landowner.
4. An email with Clr Woodier's suggested wording had been sent in response to Dwr Cymru's recent email.
5. The Chairperson had not had a response/application re the Lower Cwmyoy vacancy which had been advertised for co-option by the closing date of the 12 October. Clr Rippin had heard from an undisclosed source that someone had applied, however. It was emphasised that no contact had been made in any shape or form with the Chairperson. Clr Rippin was asked to clarify the situation if possible.
6. Parking on the double-yellow lines in Llanvihangel Crucorney was still happening. No contact had yet been made with the local community officer as there had been a change in personnel.
7. Polite 'no parking on the pavement' notices near Twr Mihangel had not yet been placed.
8. Final contract details on a county-wide basis were still ongoing with Merlin Waste.
9. A reply had been received from BBNP re 106 payments re the current situation. Contact had also been established with Mr Mike Moran at MCC who had agreed to monitor the situation.
10. Re the southern entrance/exit to Llanvihangel Crucorney, MCC Highways had repainted part of the white road markings.

11. After a site meeting re safety on the A465 near the entrance to Wern Gifford on the 24 September, it was reported that Cty Clr Jones had met with Peter Fox, AM together with Community Councillors Tony Morgan and James Woodier. It was hoped that MCC (through Mark Hand and Martin Davies) would formulate a scheme to put forward to SWTRA.
12. Re the matter of online abuse posted on the Llanvihangel Crucorney Facebook Page in relation to CCC and the safety issue on the A465, it was agreed that Clr Morgan-Evans would voice CCC's concern re the online abuse received. This would be posted on CCC's Facebook Page and shared with the Llanvihangel Crucorney Facebook Page. In addition, Clr Rippin, as an Administrator agreed to the removal of online abuse in the future, if needed.
13. The car-charging points had now been removed by Gwent Energy CIC.
14. Further research into the best purchase of a second defibrillator was ongoing and a CPR refresher session was to be arranged for the near future.
15. A letter had been sent to BBNP re the TPO order at Llanvihangel Court.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
2. Pandy Hall. (As above.)
3. Primary School AGM. Membership of all sub-committees was quickly established and the Head Teacher gave a positive report on school activities and finance. It was felt that all staff were coping well under the current Covid-19 circumstances.
4. Police Report for September 2021. The report highlighted deliberate vehicle damage in Glanhonddu Close, theft of a camper van in Llanvihangel Crucorney, a lorry crash on the A465, a road traffic accident on the A465 and possible badger baiting at Fforest Coalpit.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP 21/20263/FUL Sunset Cottage. No objections.

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 21/20260/FUL Bryn Enad. Permission granted by BBNP. Noted.

OBITUARIES The Rev. Derek Young

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS None

The meeting closed at 21.23 Date of next meeting: 16 November 2021

(S.G.Cooper : Clerk)