

Meeting of Crucorney Community Council held on the 20 August 2019

**PRESENT** Clrs Davies, Keates, R Morgan, T Morgan, R Morgan-Evans, Bentley, Phillips, Woodier, Evans, Rippin and County Councillor D. Jones. There was one member of the public present. Clr R Morgan chaired the meeting.

**APOLOGIES** Clr R Catley

### **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

1. It was reported that the Treveddu Crossroads down to Cwmyoy (The Queen's) was going to be de-classified. The road up from Trewyn to the crossroads, needed some sort of sign/indication that the road needed to be for access only although it was noted that there was already a sign there indicating that the road was not suitable for heavy goods vehicles.
2. It was also reported that the bus-stop sign at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney was leaning over and needed attention and at the same time it was noted that the bus timetables were still out of date. The Chair and Clerk referred those present to the report in last month's minutes that the Stagecoach Bus Company had been approached re this matter but that internal wrangling within the company seemed to be preventing any action on this matter. County Clr. Jones reported that bus-stop provision was an issue in Abergavenny and it was hoped that the matter would be resolved soon. Councillors felt that the Stagecoach Company should be approached again and reminded of their duties in providing up-to-date timetables.
3. Sarah Mason, the area's new Community Support Police Officer spoke to councillors about her duties and gave a crime report for the area. She would try to attend every monthly meeting and report accordingly. Although living in the area, her base would be 50% Abergavenny and 50% Monmouth. She officially covered Crucorney and Llantilio Crossenny. She actively encouraged residents to report any crime or attempted crime they were aware of. CSOs were not involved with speeding offences, however. Under the new scheme of things, the Police could not get involved with double-yellow-lines transgressions, either, unless vehicles involved were causing an obstruction. She informed the meeting that the new Inspector was Micah Hassell.

Her crime report was as follows: 03/07 Scam phone calls in Pandy; 10/07 Quad bikes theft in Llanvetherine; 13/07 Possible rave in Fforest Coalpit;

15/07 Theft of CCTV camera in Walterstone;16/07 Children on the railway track in Pandy;19/07 theft of diesel from Stanton; 31/07 Damage to a wall in Llanvetherine; 01/08 Theft of diesel from Stanton;04/08 House break in Cwmyoy; 04/08 A465 speeding; 08/08 Fly tipping in Llanvetherine; 12/08 Bike stolen from Pandy (later retrieved). Other calls about same male who was located in Llangua.

Councillors thanked Sarah for her report and looked forward to her attendance at future meetings.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current Account:£400    Reserve Account:£7418.48    Both as at 5 August 2019.

Unpresented cheques totalled £182.87. Cheques signed on the night were £500 (for Cwmyoy Village Hall Management Committee) and £1250 (for Pandy Village Hall Management Committee).

After recent discussion with the external auditors, BDO, Councillors agreed unanimously to formally adopt the Council's adapted version of the NALC Model Standing Orders 2018 (Wales) which had already been sent to BDO and the Council's adapted version of the NALC Model Financial Regulations 2016 (Wales), a copy of which would be sent to BDO as soon as possible.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were read and approved as a true and accurate record with one minor correction re Clr John Davies' attendance at a photo-shoot opportunity with David Davies M.P.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. Parking outside the Primary School. The CSO agreed to patrol the area when possible and possibly issue advisory notices to those who were parking dangerously.
2. Star Legal and the new lease. Councillors were asked to submit any suggestions/alterations to the draft lease already issued to them. The Clerk agreed to re-issue copies by email.
3. Number of new houses for Wern Gifford. No further news.
4. Clr Keates had still received no reply from MCC re the various road reports he had sent in. Clr Rippin reported that a slight improvement had been noticed re the Cwm Coed y Cerrig road.

5. Clrs Morgan-Evans and Rippin agreed to continue with research re bus shelters as conflicting reports about installation of the same had been received by the Welsh Government and Monmouthshire County Council. It was also decided to sound out residents at the prime location suggested for a first bus shelter as to their thoughts on the matter.
6. Wi-Fi. Pandy HMC had agreed to install and pay the monthly fee for Wi-Fi in the Hall.
7. Unauthorised access to the field near the Pandy Inn. An officer from BBNP had visited the site on the 2 August.
8. Press coverage had been achieved re the double yellow lines in Llanvihangel Crucorney. Reports had been noted in the Abergavenny Chronicle (twice), The South Wales Argus and, it is believed, the Monmouth Beacon. A photo accompanied some of the reports.
9. A meeting had been held on the 13 August which had been attended by representatives of the CEG, Pandy Hall Management Committee and the Community Council. The issue of the joint bank account for possible repairs to the solar panels was resolved with a proposed adjustment to the name of a CEG bank account which would have two signatories from each of the two organisations. Various other matters were also clarified and have been summarised in the minutes issued by the Pandy Hall Management Committee.  
Just prior to that meeting, the Clerk, the Caretaker of Pandy Hall, Mr D Jackman and a heating expert had discussed possible improvements to the Hall's heating and lighting system. In short, it was thought that it would be better to add alternative heating and lighting material to what already existed to boost energy efficiency especially in the utilisation of unused free electricity provided by the solar panels. A full report from the heating expert re the various alternatives was promised to all organisations within a week or two.

## **REPORTS**

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report on the night.
2. Pandy Hall Management Committee. Funding for the renovation of toilet facilities were being sought. Electoral numbers were needed for any application. The latter would be passed on to Clr Bentley. HMC had also agreed to purchase one more table for the Committee Room. The Xmas Fayre would take place on the 7 December,

Pantomime would take place on the 13 December and HMC's next meeting would be on the 22 October.

3. CEG. The Woodland Group and Walking Group continued to thrive. Litter-picking issues had been updated and climate change workshops had been publicised. The CEG's presence at the Llanthony Show had been a success with special interest in the 'Climate Change MOTs'. Meetings re energy efficiency and with HMC re the solar panels (as outlined above) had taken place and there was a list of forthcoming events.
4. Primary School. No report until September.

### **PLANNING APPLICATION**

- A. BBNP 19/17639/FUL Tre Honddu. Fully supported by CCC.
- B. BBNP 19/17678/FUL Daren Uchaf. Fully supported by CCC.

### **PLANNING DECISION NOTICES**

- A. BBNP 19/17115/FUL Steppes Hafod. Noted by CCC.
- B. BBNP 19/17324/CON Cycle Centre, Great Llwygy Farm. Noted by CCC.

### **PLANNING UPDATES**

None.

### **OBITUARIES**

Mr Dennis Watkins, Mrs Mary Holmes, Mr Tony Wright, Mrs Lillian Roberts, Mr Tom Watkins and Mr Ken Harris.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Emails sent to Councillors were as follows: Bus shelters 18/7; Energy Efficiency Survey 18/7; OVW Bulletin 18/7; BBNP Community Engagement 18/7; Proposed new lease 18/7; Post box at Fforest Coalpit 22/7; Agenda re Bike Centre 23/7; Clerks' Council 23/7; Old Court Road Closure 23/7; David Davies Press Reports 23/7; Planning – Daren Uchaf 29/7; Meeting with Mark Hand 30/7; OVW Newport Area Committee Meeting 31/7; Black Mountain Cycle Centre 31/7; Weekly Register 5/8; OVW Bulletin 15/8; Adapted Financial Regs. 15/8; Local Health News 15/8.
2. NMLC Email re date of next meeting. Noted.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. There were reports of poor hedge cutting in Cwmyoy and at the Sun Pitch on both the road and path. It was mentioned that MCC has no statutory duty to cut roadside hedges but has done so in the past. Furthermore, the appropriate landowner is responsible for cutting hedges but this cannot take place until September. Even so, County Cllr Jones agreed to take this matter up with MCC.
2. The tree in the middle of the green at Trehonddu was in a dangerous condition with branches falling off. It was agreed to contact Monmouthshire Housing Association.

The meeting closed at 20.55      Date of next meeting: 17 September 2019