

Crucorney Community Council Virtual Meeting held on the 18 August 2020

PRESENT Clrs Davies, Phillips, R Morgan, T Morgan, R Morgan-Evans, Keates, Rippin, Woodier, Bentley, Evans and Cty Clr Jones. One member of the public attended the meeting.

APOLOGIES Clr Catley

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public, a resident of Llanvihangel Crucorney was concerned about how notification re meetings and minutes were communicated to the public. Councillors replied that with regard to communication with the public, the Crucorney Community Council Portal was available on the Internet, with lots of information including upcoming meetings (now virtual through Zoom until further notice) ,all the agendas and minutes going back to 2015, financial records, details of councillors and their wards and even their declarations of interest. Furthermore, agendas and minutes were emailed widely through *What's on Crucorney*, a service kindly supplied by Judith Anderton. Normally, too, minutes and agendas were posted in the Skirrid Garage window and on the notice board at Pandy Hall. Councillors also commented on what the Community Council had done for the Community in recent years despite having to defer to the superior authority of the Brecon Beacons National Park and Monmouthshire County Council on many issues.

It should also be remembered that all councillors are volunteers and do not receive any payment for the hours that they devote to the role.

FINANCIAL REPORT

There was £400 in the Current Account and £28,692.98 in the Reserve Account as at the 5 August 2020

Since the July meeting, further cheques had been issued as follows: £7.89 (R Morgan : Reimbursement for laminator pouches) and Helen Rippin £100.72: Reimbursement for 12 months subscription to Zoom for virtual meetings).

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were signed as a true and accurate record with one minor amendment.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. It was reported that the Hall Management Committee, 2 councillors and the Clerk had discussed possible alternatives for the toilet renovations

and one, in particular, seemed to be the way forward. A site meeting would be arranged to pursue this matter. In the meantime, the Hall would remain closed.

2. Clr Morgan-Evans had sent in a very thorough assessment of the previous month's planning application re the installation of a telecommunication mast at Penyworlod, Capel y Ffin. This reinforced the council's initial reactions at the July meeting and the community council would raise no objections to the application.
3. Re CCC's concerns with regard to the reduction in dwellings at Cwrt Mihangel, BBNP's reply was that the planning officer had taken into account the council's concerns but it had been decided that the application should be allowed. Furthermore, the reply stated that it was not normal practice for the BBNP to respond directly to individual councils.
4. BBNP had replied that no decisions had been taken re the planning proposals at Noyadd Llwyd.
5. In the light of irresponsible behaviour by some adults in allowing their dogs to enter the children's play area, it was decided to install additional signs indicating that no dogs were allowed and also to inform people what diseases could be picked up by children from dog excrement.
6. As mentioned briefly above, it had been decided that the Hall would remain closed for the foreseeable future. Use of the car park had been granted to the Coffee Morning Group, however, and they had provided a comprehensive risk assessment for their meeting based on the template kindly supplied by Clr Woodier.
7. Contact had been made with Melin Housing over the back path to the Skirrid Pitch Development and they had promised to cut back the brambles.
8. Enquiries had been made with the owners of the Rising Sun who had stated that the path at the back of the Rising Sun Caravan Site was not theirs.
9. The exit road onto the A465 on the south side of Llanvihangel Crucorney Village had now been repaired, reportedly by Monmouthshire County Council but the finish left a lot to be desired.
10. The overgrown hedge in the Cwm Coed y Cerrig area had now been dealt with by the landowner.

11. Re a projected livery stable development at the former Pont Rhys Powell Farm – now Oaklands Farm - BBNP had informed CCC that if the stables etc. were on wheels or skids, then no planning permission would be needed. If the development were to be a commercial development, then planning permission would be required.
12. The CEG had provided a very informative report about the history of litter picking in Cwmyoy and the present day situation. A copy is on file. CCC had requested this because of reports of litter being dumped over recent weeks by wild campers at certain locations in the valley.
13. The final version of the new lease with HMC had now been agreed with Mr Marshall at Star Legal and would be ready for signatures when sent back to the Council.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. A report had been received re the good progress made on the new car park
2. Pandy HMC As above re virtual meeting to discuss toilet renovations.
3. CEG . Apart from the comprehensive report on litter picking in the area, the CEG had given news of their AGM held on the 16 August and a request for help on the 22 August re processing wood for stove and fireside logs at Llanvihangel Court.
4. Primary School. No further news to report.

OBITUARIES

Mr Gareth Thomas

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no queries re email correspondence sent to councillors. The proposals to extend the 50 mph limit outwards towards Abergavenny was received very favourably by all present. It was hoped that this would be linked to signposting long advocated by a local resident, Mr Brian Stones and supported by CCC.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Councillors agreed that at all future virtual meetings if members of the public wished to speak, it would be at the Chairperson's discretion, as per normal but, in addition, people who wished to speak would be asked to identify themselves.

2. It was reported that motorists were still parking on the double yellow lines at the top of the Skirrid Pitch. Councillors felt that polite notices should be placed under windscreen wipers asking people to desist from this practice.
3. It was reported that the road from Trewyn to Cwmyoy was still a classified road although the road surface was poor and the hedges overgrown. A gate was sometimes placed across the road. Clr Keates would write to MCC. Cty Clr Jones also agreed to inform MCC.
4. The wooden fence bordering the edge of the road at the top of the Sun Pitch needed repair or removal. Clerk to write to MCC.
5. Residents in that area had also complained about poor TV reception because of the very tall trees bordering the A465. Clerk to write to SWTRA.
6. Clr Keates also agreed to look at the condition and position of the notice board opposite the Skirrid Garage.

The meeting closed at 21.28 Date of next virtual meeting: 15
September 2020