

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on the 15 December 2020

**PRESENT** Clrs Davies, R Morgan, T Morgan, Morgan-Evans, Phillips, Evans, Rippin, Keates, Catley, Bentley, Woodier and Cty Clr Jones. One member of the public was also present.

**APOLOGIES** None

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

It was reported that the pavement from the Skirrid Garage shop to the telephone kiosk had now been cleared but the surface was still quite rough and in need of attention. Furthermore, the pavement from the Sun Path up to the junction into the village was also dangerous because it was covered in moss. The broken fence bordering the A465 just after the turning to Trehonddu had been reported several times to MCC without any action taken. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Chairperson would contact residents in the vicinity to see if they had any objections to the broken fence being taken away.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current Account: £400 Reserve Account: £29,454.03 both balances as at the 5 December 2020.

Cheques signed on the night were £67.60 to Merlin Waste (whole month of December).

Wayne Richards was still to give a final quote for the majority of the work re the toilet renovations at the village hall. In the meantime, preparatory work was being carried out by Robin Evans who had engaged Elis Jones to remove internal walls to leave a 'blank canvas' for the final renovations.

Information had been received from the Hall Management Committee indicating that at this stage, it would be able to contribute £3,000 towards the project, a sum which was less than originally projected. Minor grant applications had now been submitted to the Welsh Church Fund (through MCC), Persimmon Community Champions Fund and the latest Welsh Government NDR Grant for loss of earnings (Business Restrictions Fund). Clr Bentley, as CCC's representative on the Hall Management Committee would be the contact for any correspondence in relation to these applications. In total the amount applied for would be £7,000, if successful. Unfortunately, Green

Energy Fund grants were only available to the areas of Grosmont, Llanvapley and Llanarth.

Clr R Morgan said that she would donate the normal Chairperson's allowance of £100 to add to the fund for the Hall project.

The account at Robert Price Builders' merchants in Abergavenny had now been opened which would facilitate the ordering of materials for the toilets project at the Hall. The NatWest debit card had now been received to facilitate payments for the Hall project.

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

### **MATTERS ARISING**

1. The former Bowls Club bench had now been painted by the Clerk and the Chairperson and after a second coat, would be placed at the entrance to the play area. Clr Rippin would write an appropriate notice to be displayed on the bench.
2. There had been no further developments from Star Legal regarding a new lease.
3. Status of road near Dan y Bwlch. Clr Jones reported that this was ongoing.
4. Re the handrail near the Tram, MCC was still in discussion with SWTRA. No updates had been received.
5. The signpost to dissuade HGV drivers from using the road through Treveddw Farm had now been erected by Clr Evans. All councillors thanked Clr Evans for completing the task. The work had been funded by CCC.
6. Clr Evans had also renovated and erected a notice board near the Old Post Office. All councillors thanked Clr Evans for completing the task. The work had been funded by CCC.
7. Ditch at Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School. Clr Woodier reported that the ditch needs clearing (saplings included) and the 'fall' was difficult to assess. A more accurate assessment could be made when there was heavy rain.

### **REPORTS**

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
2. CEG. No report.
3. Pandy Hall. See notes under Financial Report above.
4. Primary School. No report.
5. Police Report from Sara Mason, Community Support Officer. A detailed report had been received which included 3 Covid breaches, an abandoned vehicle in Grosmont, an RTC on the A465 in Pandy, vehicle hitting kerb at Llangua, poaching in Grosmont, tools and horse equipment stolen in Llanvetherine, the theft of 2 freezers in Trewyn and fox-hunting in Cwmyoy and Fforest Coalpit. There was also information regarding patrol hotspots, the latest frauds and police personnel in the teams.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. BBNP 20/19179/FUL Maerdy Villa. No objections by CCC
2. BBNP 20/19127/FUL The Woodlands. Fully supported by CCC.
3. DM/2020/01691 Pwll Mair Farm. No objections by CCC.

### **PLANNING PERMISSIONS**

1. BBNP/20/18668/FUL Maes Bach. Permission granted by BBNP.

### **PLANNING UPDATES**

It was confirmed that a planning consultation re the Park Hotel had taken place in January 2019

**OBITUARIES** Ray Newbegin, Cwmyoy

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were several comments re correspondence sent to councillors by email and it was felt that the Doctors' Surgery Survey and the Consultation on the Strategy for an Ageing Society should be placed on Facebook. Clr Rippin agreed to do this.

The Clerk was also in contact with MCC re the new directive to place *No Smoking* signs in all play areas/playgrounds.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Clr Keates reported that there had been complaints re Nant y Gwiddle Farm with regard to excessive water flowing down its drive. Clr Keates

had contacted MCC who were investigating. A blocked culvert may be the reason.

2. Broadley Lane (near Broadley Farm) was also flooding because of a blocked ditch. Clr Keates would report the matter to MCC.
3. Clr T Morgan reported the use of excessive speed on Penbidwal Lane. Once again, it was felt that little could be done about it except for a quiet word in the driver's ear. He also reported that a feedstuff wagon had ignored the warning signs and had had to reverse back down the lane.
4. Roads near the Show Field. It was reported that the river was eroding the road and that traffic warning cones were still in place.
5. Church Services over Xmas: (a) Xmas Eve - 10 p.m. (b) Xmas Day 10 a.m. Both services were restricted to a maximum of 20 attendees who would have to book in advance.

The meeting ended at 20.45      Date of next virtual meeting: 21 January 2021