

Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 February 2020

**PRESENT** Clrs Davies, R Morgan, T Morgan, Keates, Woodier, Phillips, Evans, Morgan-Evans, Catley, Bentley and Cty Clr Jones. A number of members of the public were also present.

**APOLOGIES** Clr Rippin

The **MEETING** with Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water had been cancelled because representatives were unable to attend because of operational issues elsewhere. DC/WW had now agreed to meet with CCC at the next council meeting on the 17 March which would, of course, take place after the Planning Committee meeting on the 3 March which would decide the outcome of the planning application re land S-W of Wern Gifford.

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

Further discussion took place re the current planning proposals for land S-W of Wern Gifford especially in the light of recent flooding/sewage 'events'. There were quite a number of reports of sewage and surface water problems in the area which included one family having to vacate their residence to rent temporary accommodation after having been affected by these issues three times since Xmas and one pub in the village being so badly affected that it had had to close. Since the January meeting at which a thorough discussion had taken place between CCC and LRM, P&P Builders and MHA details of the Community Council's and residents' concerns had now been sent to Monmouthshire County Council Planning Department. Since the last meeting, a colour coded series of maps outlining the sewage system set-up had been received from DC/WW which confirmed that all lateral pipes eventually fed into the one main 6" sewage carrier pipe which ran from Llanvihangel Crucorney to the end of Pandy (1 mile approximately). In that respect, it was also confirmed that this original main sewage carrier pipe had been originally laid in the mid-1960s to serve 25-30 residences plus the small primary school and was now serving 250+ dwellings. Clr Evans had brought along an example of a 6" sewage pipe to show those present! Clr Woodier confirmed that SUDs approval re drainage issues would have to be obtained by the planners before any building was allowed. Generally speaking, it was felt that a concentration on foul sewage issues would bring the most satisfactory outcome re residents' concerns and that maximum pressure should be exerted on DC/WW to come up with suitable responses to residents' worries. It was further reported that a

site meeting of planning committee members would take place on the 2 March, the day before the Planning Committee meeting at County Hall.

It was further decided that full documentation from the Community Council should be sent to each individual member of the Planning Committee.

Clr Bentley would speak on CCC's behalf at the Planning Committee meeting. Mr Brian Griffiths would speak on behalf of concerned residents and County Councillor David Jones would also represent the views of the Community.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current A/C: £400                  Reserve A/C: £21,251.13

Cheques to be signed on the night: £197 for OVW subscription, £2155.20 to Anthony Davies for work on the removal of the gravel pit and relaying with turf and £60 for Merlin Waste.

VAT reclaims submitted recently by CCC to HMRC (but not yet paid) totalled £1292.76

It was decided to donate £150 out of the Charitable Donations allocation for 2020-2021 to the Wales Welsh Ambulance Charity.

## **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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

1. Work had been completed on the gravel pit in the play area by Anthony Davies.
2. Draft lease and Star legal. No progress.
3. Direct debit re Wi-Fi had still not been negotiated.
4. Unauthorised access into the field near the Pandy Inn. No further news.
5. Double yellow lines at the top of the Skirrid Pitch. Still not fully completed but motorists seemed to be obeying the lines which were there!
6. Trees and Pont Rhys Powell Bridge. Clr Keates agreed to contact MCC again.
7. Clr Woodier reported that he had placed new timetables in all bus shelters throughout the area.
8. Pontrilas Railway Station Action Group. AM Ken Skates had written a letter of support for this venture.

9. Councillors were reminded that the original permission given for the Twr Mihangel development required the building of a new bus shelter and the planting of an orchard.

## **REPORTS**

1. Crime Report for Crucorney Ward Area:

Update from SWTRA still awaited re speed matrix signs. /Reports of off-road motorbikes in Cwmyoy and surrounding forestry. Patrols with BBNP continue .Information requested. /Parking outside the Primary School continues to be an issue.

19 December – Horse shot in Llanthony/6 January - suspicious people on property in Llanvihangel Crucorney. / 17 January – Speeding on A465 in Pandy. / 31 January – Suspicious van in Pandy. / 12 February – Sheep theft in Llanvihangel Crucorney. / 5 February – Young people congregating and speeding in the lanes around Llanvihangel Crucorney.

2. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.

3. Pandy Hall. A March application for a grant for the renovation of the toilets was envisaged. Some builders' quotes were now urgently needed for details. A bunded oil storage tank would be required soon and should be linked to re-filling time. Clr Evans had obtained a rough estimate from Wayne Halden (Electrician) of £1330 to fulfil recommendations in the recent risk assessment report by Blackwood Fire including PAT Testing, testing of the whole system throughout the Hall and the installation of new fire alarms.

4. Primary School. It was stated that maintenance of items donated by CCC to the School were the responsibility of the School.

5. CEG.The Woodland Group would feature on ITV Wales, Coast and Country on 5 March. The Litter Pickers' Spring Clean would be 21 March. The Climate Action group's next workshop would be on the 10 March. Craft Courses would restart on the 28 March. CEG was working in partnership with The Green Valleys and the Grwyne Fawr CIC to re-evaluate the feasibility of a Grwyne Fawr Hydro Scheme using the reservoir. The AGM would be on 20 April at the Skirrid Inn. Forthcoming events would include a Climate Action Workshop (10/3), Work groups in Court Wood (23/2 and 11/3) and a Litter-picking Spring Clean on the 21/3.

## **PLANNING**

1. BBNP 20/118275/FUL Daren Ganol. Fully supported by CCC
2. BBNP 19/17502/CON Twr Mihangel. Application for a variation of conditions, i.e., reduction from 8 to 7 dwellings. The above application (dated 13 February 2020) had not been sent to CCC by BBNP but had been forward to CCC by MCC. CCC had replied to the original application last August but had heard nothing since. The Clerk was asked to write and query why CCC had not been informed about this variation of conditions and to reiterate its comments from last August.

## **PLANNING DECISIONS**

## **PLANNING UPDATES**

**OBITUARIES** None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Correspondence had been received from CCLA Investment Management Ltd., in London re the local charity named Crucorney Fawr Relief in Need Charity which had been dormant for a number of years. Apparently, there was £9,000+ in the charity investment funds but there were no clear details on how any monies could be allocated for deserving cases. The Clerk had contacted the Charity Commission and it had promised to direct the query to the relevant department for that department to contact CCC. As a start, two new Trustees were needed from CCC. Clrs Evans and Bentley offered their services for this task.
2. The following emails had been sent to councillors: Skirrid Pitch Junction 30/1;OVW 21/1; MCC Boundaries 21/1; New Flood Map 21/1; Temp. road diversion C. y Ffin – Llan. Cruc. 27/1; D. Jones re W. Gifford 27/1;Weekly register 27/1; OVW Area Committee Minutes 28/1;OVW Local democracy 28/1; DM/2019/02051 W. Gifford-CCC's reply 28/1; MCC's New Opportunities 3/2; Sewage System, W. Gifford 11/2; D Jones re W.Gifford 11/2; Wales Audit 11/2; Consultation on Future Audits 11/2; BBNP 20/18275 Daren Ganol 11/2;Removal of payphones 11/2; MCC Road Safety Traffic Report 11/2;Enforcement Monthly Lists 11/2;CEG Report 11/2; OVW Bulletin 11/2; Weekly Register 11/2; Aneurin Bevan 13/2; Boundary review 13/2;Twr Mihangel Planning Application 18/2.
3. Cty Clr Jones reported that the Skirrid Garage would no longer be a pick-up point for MCC's pink and purple rubbish bags. He wondered whether

supplies of the bags could be left in the Hall (for pick-up at coffee mornings/events etc.) or whether local pubs could be asked to keep them.

The meeting closed at 21.25

Date of next meeting: 17 March 2020