

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on the 16 February 2021

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

**APOLOGIES** There were no apologies.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** None

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current Account: £400 Reserve Account: £31,906.10 both as at 5 February 2021.

Cheques signed since the last meeting on the 19 January 2021: £247.50 (R Evans, Groundwork), Halden Property Maintenance (£12,000 – Contractor for Hall Toilet Project – stage payment agreed by councillors), Merlin Waste (£67.60).

Information had been received that the Pandy Hall Management Committee would be receiving 2 tranches of £3,000 from the Government Business Restrictions Fund.

Work was progressing well on the toilet renovations. Stud work and first fix for electrics and plumbing had been completed. Compensatory storage space was also being created by making use of the former bowling club's equipment space, backing on to the kitchen. A draw-down ladder was also being installed above the foyer to make use of the sizeable roof space there.

The Precept for 2021-22 would be paid in the normal manner with three instalments over the year.

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

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. Former Bowls Club bench. This was now ready to go out and a suitable sign was available. Clr Evans would fix the sign and would put some 'hitching hooks' on the bench.
2. Star Legal lease. No progress.

3. Status of road at Dan y Bwlch. Ongoing.
4. Ditch at Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School. Work on the ditch would be completed by MCC
5. Excessive flow of water at Nant y Gwiddle Farm and Broadley Lane. Work had been progressed by MCC and the local landowner.
6. Roads near the Show Field. Undercutting work was imminent as the previous revetement now needed attention. .
7. Clr Evans had now removed the broken fence at the top of the Sun Pitch.
8. The landslip at Capel y Ffynn was being managed by Steve Baldwin at MCC. He had made several reports on progress by email. Negotiations were in hand with the local landowner. A suggestion was made that MCC/Powys County Council should be asked to put helpful early signage to advise travellers how far they could progress along the road from both the Monmouthshire side and the Powys side.
9. A letter had been sent to the landlord of the Pandy Inn re the excessive amount of rubbish in his car park and the environs of the pub.If there was no response, councillors felt that a letter should be sent to BBNP and Enterprise Inns to alert them to the situation.
- 10.Re the need for an improved broadband service in the Bettws area, information had been received from Mike Powell at MCC re the joint scheme they were operating with a provider already working in the area. The information had been passed on to Mrs Penn.
- 11.Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru had been in the area on at least one further occasion in January in addition to the 4 occasions mentioned at the January meeting. Clr Woodier agreed to survey all existing Welsh Water manholes to see whether they were obstructed or, indeed, had been opened in the recent past for inspection by Welsh Water.

## **REPORTS**

1. There were no reports from CEG, Pandy Hall (except as reported above under Financial Report) or Cwmyoy Hall. Re the Primary School situation, a health and safety meeting had been held during which it was reported that all government guidelines were being followed successfully.
2. Police Report for January 2021.Reports had been received re damaged fencing by an off-road vehicle, an overturned gritter and car, an

overloaded scrap truck, a lorry blocking the road, people walking in the middle of the A465 in Pandy, a missing person located on the A 465 in Pandy, the theft of oil and ladders stolen. Information was also included re latest scams, ongoing operations, Your Voice update and Info/Appeals/Court Updates.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. BBNP 21/19478/FUL Noyadd Llwyd. Objections from MCC Highways re a double gate request. A single gate was sufficient according to MCC. CCC agreed with MCC.
2. BBNP 21/19468/FUL Halewood, Old Hereford Road. No objections.
3. BBNP 20/19069/FUL Blaengavenny Farm. No objections.

### **PLANNING DECISIONS**

1. BBNP 20/19179/FUL. Maerdy Villa. Approved by BBNP.
2. BBNP 20.19127/FUL. The Woodlands, Cwmyoy. Permission granted by BBNP.

**PLANNING UPDATES AND ISSUES** None

**OBITUARIES** None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no comments re information sent out to councillors by email.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Councillors felt that news of the landslip at Capel y Ffynn should be reported on CCC's and the Llanvihangel Crucorney News Page.
2. Clr T Morgan reported on the state of the Trewyn Road where the left-hand side going up had been maintained whereas the right-hand side was out of control and forcing vehicles across to the left. Clr Woodier informed the meeting that MCC had served notice on the landowner to maintain the hedge or the County Council would do it and charge him. Clr Woodier would supply the reference number of the notice.

3. Clr T Morgan also reported that upstream of the footbridge near the mill before Allt yr Ynys , the river was cutting into the bank and causing erosion. Clr Woodier said he had reported this before and would do so again.
4. Clr Keates asked why the public toilets were closed in Abergavenny and questioned the clearance of blackthorn hedge cutting on the Cwmyoy Road. The Clerk would investigate.
5. Clr Evans reported the recent attacks on sheep by uncontrolled dogs including one near the Tram. There was some discussion as to what was meant exactly by dogs 'under control'. The majority of councillors felt that if livestock were nearby, dogs should be kept on a lead.
6. It was felt that further information should be sought re the status of the planning application for land south-west of Wern Gifford especially in relation to the recent new flood model.
7. There was a prolonged discussion re the MCC Sustainable Settlement Appraisal and it was decided that the Clerk should amend details where appropriate and send the revised form back to the County Council.

The meeting closed at 21.16

Date of next virtual meeting: 16 March 2021