

Crucorney Community Council, Virtual Meeting held on the 21 July 2020

PRESENT Clrs R Morgan, Catley, Evans, Davies, Rippin, T Morgan, Keates, Morgan-Evans, Woodier and Cty Clr Jones.

APOLOGIES Clrs Phillips and Bentley

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current Account = £400 Reserve Account = £21019.20

N.B. Since the statement up to the 3 July, a further £9310.89 had been paid into the Council's Current Account on the 16 July through the CCLA from the Deposit Account of the Crucorney Relief in need Charity which was now closed.

Since the June meeting, cheques had been issued for £62.40 (Merlin Waste), £34.80 (Blitz Media - Notice re re-opening the play area) and £1540 (Halden Property Maintenance-upgrades re Fire Alarms and Electrical Work indicated in the latest Risk Assessment by Blackwood Fire Ltd.)

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were signed as a true and accurate record with the re-wording of the discussion re access/non-access to the Brecon Beacons National Park areas during lockdown suggested by Clr Woodier was accepted by councillors.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Judith Anderton was now sending out Minutes and Agendas as per normal as her Internet problems had now been solved.
2. Clr Bentley's notice re help from community councillors had now been posted on Facebook.
3. Clr Bentley was finalising a convenient date for a virtual meeting with Pandy Hall Management Committee re progressing the renovation of the toilets at the Hall. Clr R Morgan and the Clerk would also attend that meeting along with Clr Bentley.
4. As noted above, the electrician had now completed his work and a cheque had been issued.
5. Negotiations with CCLA re the Relief in Need Charity had now been finalised and a cheque issued as noted above.

6. Andy Hughes had indicated that he did not want payment for cutting the grass at the play area and bowling green. It was suggested that a token of appreciation should be given to him at the end of the cutting season.
7. Re the grant money for bus stops/bus shelters mentioned in the June meeting, the Clerk had contacted Richard Cook at MCC who had informed him that the grant money amounted to £240,000 and would be spent on providing extra bus bays for Covid cleaning at Abergavenny Bus Station and the 'Caldicot Corridor' Any money left would be advertised at an appropriate time and community/town councils would be able to bid for it.
8. Re difficulties at the Recycling centre at Llanfoist, Cty Clr Jones had not heard of any further difficulties re the booking system in place.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
2. Pandy Hall. As reported above re electrical equipment, toilets and liaison meeting.
3. CEG. No report.
4. The Police Report had been circulated to councillors. The meeting was reminded that there was now a new community officer for the area who had replaced Sara Mason.
5. Primary School. A virtual meeting had been held the main topic of which had been arrangements for re-opening in September. Things seemed to be moving forward in a positive way.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. MCC DM 20/00775 22A, Wern Gifford. No objections from CCC.
2. BBNP 20/18761/FUL Cwm Cottage. No objections from CCC.
3. BBNP 20/18827/FUL Trewyscoedd House. No objections from CCC.
4. BBNP 20/18810/FUL Penyworlod, Capel y Ffin. Installation of a 15m telecommunications mast. Councillors had no objections to the application but would report back after closer scrutiny of the detailed proposals within the 21 days allowed for consideration of the application.

PLANNING DECISIONS

PLANNING UPDATES

1. Councillors wondered whether the application for a reduced number of dwellings at Cwrt Mihangel had been approved. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Council had not received any reply to the Community Council's letter of concern. Councillors felt that this matter should be pursued.
2. Re the application BBNP 20 /18652/FUL (opposite Neuadd-lwyd) , it was reported that residents in that area were concerned about this retrospective application being a precursor for an eventual dwelling to be placed on land which ostensibly was to become a tree nursery. Councillors felt that enquiries should be made.

OBITUARIES None

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no queries re correspondence sent to councillors by email

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. After checking with the Welsh Government, Monmouthshire County Council, some other Community Councils and available Crucorney community councillors, a decision was made to open the play area following the latest pronouncements from the Welsh Government which, as always, were not as straightforward as the headlines make out. A notice put together by MCC with regard to the re-opening was purchased by the Community Council and picked up the day after the date set by the Welsh Government for the re-opening of play areas and Clr Evans then fixed it to the entrance gate to the play area that day. It was reported that one parent had previously indicated that he would cut the lock off the entrance gate if the play area was not open the next time he went there even though it was explained as to why the community council could not open it any sooner. At the same time, 2 young adults had climbed over the locked gate (with 2 small children) and refused to leave despite being politely requested to do so. They then climbed back over the gate and had to lift the children over. As a matter of interest, too, Clr Bentley had previously posted on Facebook the reasons why the Community Council was having to delay the opening of the play area.

It was also reported that since the play area had re-opened, adults were ignoring the notice which clearly states that no dogs are allowed in the play area.

2. An enquiry had been made as to whether the Hall would be opening up again in the near future. Councillors felt that the Community Council should follow directives given by the Welsh Government and the County Council as it had done re the play area and at the moment, under the present guidelines, the Hall could not be re-opened. With regard to the possible use of the bowling green for activities like Zumba and Yoga etc., councillors felt that the Community Council should seek out the Hall Management Committee's views at the forthcoming virtual liaison meeting as any decisions re this matter would involve the availability of the caretaker etc. Cllr Woodier offered to supply a Risk Assessment Template for any future activities which might possibly be allowed.
3. It was reported that the back path over to the Skirrid Pitch Development from Trehonddu was still overgrown with brambles. Contact would be made with Melin Housing.
4. There was some doubt as to who was responsible for the path at the back of the Rising Sun. Enquiries would be made.
5. MCC had promised that the exit road onto the A465 on the south side of Llanvihangel Crucorney would be repaired as a matter of priority.
6. Overgrown hedges in the Cwm Coed y Cerrig area would be dealt with by the landowner as soon as possible.
7. It had been reported that there was a plan to install livery stables at Pont Rhys Powell Farm. Residents in the area were wondering whether official planning permission needed to be sought for this venture.
8. A final version of the new lease prepared by Star Legal was now in the offing.
9. Cllr Rippin suggested the possibility of exploring the option of an annual subscription for Zoom meetings. She agreed to get back to councillors as soon as possible with information.

The meeting closed at 20.40 Date of next virtual meeting : 18 August 2020

S G Cooper (Clerk to the Council)