

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 16 March 2021

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

**APOLOGIES** None

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** None

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current A/C: £400 Reserve A/C: £20,218.95

The preceding figures take into account the £12,000 paid to the contractors at the Hall as a stage payment agreed by councillors and a VAT refund of £637.40 recently received.

2 cheques had been signed since the February meeting: £202.50 to Robert Price Builders and £67.60 to Merlin Waste.

As an update to the toilet renovation at the village hall, it was reported that the first layer of flooring had now been completed and was drying out. Plastering had taken place where needed and the ceilings had now been painted. The compensatory storage space in the former Bowls Club store room was nearly finished.

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

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

1. The former Bowls Club Bench with sign had now been placed at the entrance to the play area reinforcing the rule that dogs were not allowed in the play area.
2. Status of road at Dan y Bwlch. Ongoing.
3. Roads near the Show Ground. Work had started today on reinforcing the revetement. There would be further, unavoidable disruption to access for local residents.
4. Work was ongoing at the landslip at Capel y Ffynn. The MCC engineer in charge had reported irresponsible behaviour on the part of some person(s) unknown who was/were removing the heavy duty concrete

barriers place to stop traffic traversing that section of road as it was so dangerous with further slippage possible at any moment.

The Clerk had contacted MCC and Powys County Council to suggest that 'early warning' signs could be erected indicating how far motorists could travel along the route from both the Monmouthshire side and the Powys side before it was blocked to traffic. Both the MCC and Powys County Council representatives spoken to had agreed to follow up the suggestion with additional signs. In answer to a query from a resident, it was unclear whether people in the area could claim compensation for the disruption under any Welsh Government scheme

5. There had been no reply from the landlord of the Pandy Inn re the unsightly rubbish around the pub. Since the previous meeting, a community councillor had, in fact, cleared up a lot of the rubbish, bagged it and placed it on the doorstep of the Pandy Inn indicating that it should now be disposed of. Photographs of the unsightly state of the area before clearance had also been taken. Councillors felt that the situation needed to be reported to Enterprise Inns. Contact details would be obtained.
6. A letter was in preparation to be sent to Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water asking for further clarification of its activity in the area since the beginning of January. Cllr Woodier had used Welsh Water's own map of its manholes to investigate their condition and had found that at least 11 of them had not been lifted/inspected for a considerable period of time. Some were even difficult to find! The Clerk would circulate the draft letter for councillors' approval before sending it to Welsh Water.
7. Re Trewyn Road, MCC had sent out a flail to clear the undergrowth but heavier machinery was still needed to make a further impression. Cllr Jones agreed to pursue this matter on CCC's behalf and report back.
8. Cllr Woodier reported that the MCC Highways Operations Engineer had looked at the situation upstream of the footbridge at Allt yr Ynys and the matter was ongoing.
9. It was reported that the public toilets situation in Abergavenny was restricted by Covid-19 regulations and only the bus-station toilets were fully open.

10. Re recent attacks on sheep and dog control, it was agreed that CCC would post a message on its Facebook Page re the accepted interpretation of what constituted dog control near livestock. Information for this should be found on the Countryside Alliance Website.
11. There was no further information re the planning application with regard to land south-west of Wern Gifford.

## **REPORTS**

1. Pandy Village Hall . As above under Financial Report.
2. Police Report as follows:

There were references to lorries speeding along the A 465 through Pandy; vehicles seized under Section 59 and driver arrested for DIC on the A465; vehicle dumped in Grosmont; vehicle in ditch in Llanvetherine; people taking photographs of a house in Llangua; filming taking place at Llanvihangel Court and theft of tools from a property on Penbidwal Lane.

Further information was given about Station News, Patrols and Priorities, Latest Scam and Fraud News, Ongoing Operations, Your Voice Update, Info/Appeals/Court Updates which included advice on how to keep dogs/pets safe in the current climate of dog theft.

There were no reports from the CEG, Cwmyoy Hall and the Primary Schools.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- A.** BBNP 21/19603/FUL The Woodlands. Councillors felt that the previous gabion wall retrospective application relating to this property was misleading insofar as the application related to the stabilisation of the slope behind the dwelling. It is now apparent that much more of the slope was removed than was necessary in order to accommodate the present proposed extension. (See also 'Woodlands' under Planning Decisions below).
- B.** BBNP 21/19591/FUL Trewyscoed Barn. No objections from CCC.
- C.** BBNP 21/19589/FUL Brynarw Garages. No objections from CCC.
- D.** BBNP 21/19577/FUL Oldcastle Church. Supported by CCC.

**PLANNING DECISIONS** A. BBNP 20/19371 Strawberry Cottage Wood TPO. Permission given by BBNP. B. BBNP 20/19127/FUL The Woodlands. Permission given by BBNP. (See also 'Woodlands' under Planning Applications above.)

**PLANNING UPDATES** None

### **OBITUARIES**

Rose Lambert wife of the late John Lambert, a former resident of Pandy.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was some debate as to whether CCC should pass on all information from various bodies especially those to do with Covid-19 rules etc. In the end, the majority of councillors felt that it was right to do so as the CC was an interface between local people and authorities like the Welsh Government. Cllr Woodier stated that he was unhappy with the latest information from Keep Wales Safe. In his opinion, the message given by this body was damaging to children's development. In future cases of passing on messages, Cllr Morgan-Evans agreed to be a second 'administrator' who would be responsible for posting relevant messages on the Community Council's Face Book page.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Cllr David Jones agreed to find out details of Lauren Cooke's fundraising for defibrillators with the possibility of placing one in the former telephone kiosk at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney.
2. Following advice from One Voice Wales, the AGM would now be held in May and would cover the preceding 2 years as there had been some confusion as to whether the 2020 AGM should have been held before the end of the calendar year or the financial year.

The meeting closed at 20.45.

Date of next meeting: 20 April 2021

*S G Cooper (Clerk)*

