

Minutes of the meeting held on the 21 May 2019

PRESENT Clrs Rippin, Morgan-Evans, R Morgan, T Morgan, Bentley, Catley, Evans and Cty Clr Jones. Clr R Morgan chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES Clrs Davies, Keates, Woodier and Phillips.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was reported that some drains on Wern Gifford near the residence of Mrs J Rees were foul-smelling and that they had been marked in yellow by workmen that very week. It was decided that further information should be sought from Clr Woodier.

Parking outside the primary school was again providing a problem. This would be reported to the school.

The road surface at the start of the village at Crossways where it joined the A465 was again reported as needing attention. Clrs Keates would be informed. The state of the road surface at Cwm Coed y Cerrig would also be reported to Clr Keates.

In response to another request, it was agreed that Clr Morgan-Evans and Rippin would research the costs involved in erecting a bus shelter/some bus shelters in the area especially for schoolchildren who travelled into King Henry VIII School every day.

Mr Jon Murphy , Executive Head Teacher of the local primary school took the opportunity to thank councillors for the help given to the school over the last year. He reported that Llanvihangel Crucorney and Llanfoist Schools had now formed the first federated school in Monmouthshire and it had been an honour for him to have overseen the federation process. One of the next procedures would be to dissolve both the separate governing bodies and create a new governing body for the newly federated school.

The removal of the post box near the Old Station at Llanvihangel Crucorney was also brought to the Council's attention and councillors signed a petition to support its reinstatement.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C : £400 Reserve A/C: £9680.97 (Both as at 3 May 2019)

A cheque for £189.80 (Bazooka Goals for the Primary School) had been signed at the last meeting on the 16 April and since then cheques for £60.00 (Merlin Waste); £2,000 (donation to the Cwmyoy Hall Car Park Project); £231.84 (Zurich Insurance); £153.31 (springboard for the Primary School) and £60.00 (Merlin Waste) had also been signed.

Once again, favourable comments were passed on the healthy balances going forward into the new financial year.

The Internal Audit had now been carried out by Mrs Haines and a favourable report received. The Annual Return was certified by the Clerk/RFO and approved by the Community Council with the Chairperson, Clr R Morgan signing to that effect under Minute Reference **Financial Report** for the present meeting on the 21 May 2019.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were read and approved as a true and accurate record with one minor amendment.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. The situation re the latch on the new gate to the play area had improved but was still not quite right. Payment for the work would be withheld until it was working perfectly.
2. Star Legal and new lease. No progress.
3. It was decided to omit references to Mr Petts and stump carving in the play area as there had been no progress over a very long period of time.
4. Post box at Fforest Coalpit. Further information indicated that the Royal Mail had agreed to install a new post box once all the necessary formal procedures had been completed.
5. Pandy Hall Management Committee had raised £200 from the sale of chairs at the Hall and the remaining 13 would now be put on Facebook Marketplace for sale. New furniture was to be delivered during the coming week.
6. The question of how many new houses were being proposed for Wern Gifford had still not been answered despite efforts from the Clerk to get information from MCC, the Planning Department and Mr David James, the housing enabler. Cty Clr Jones agreed to attempt to get figures from Mr Mark hand and Mrs Shirley Wiggam at MCC.
7. The road between the two chapels in Pandy. No progress.

8. Pot holes and road markings at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney. No progress.
9. Bridge repairs at the Old Station. An extension had been granted until the middle of June.
10. Stanton Road. No progress.
11. The issue of unauthorised access to the field near the Old Pandy Inn would be taken up with Mr Ken Skates at the Welsh Government by Cty Clr Jones, given that no response had been received from the Welsh Government for such a long time since first reported.

REPORTS.

1. Cwmyoy Hall. Approximately £2,600 had been raised at a recent auction for the Cwmyoy Hall Car Park project.
2. Pandy Hall Management Committee. See notes above. Further information was that Clr Bentley was still researching what was available in the Wi-Fi field and would contact Mr Fitzgerald in Llanvihangel Crucorney to seek his Wi-Fi expertise. It was also reported that an upgrade of toilet facilities at the Hall was being actively pursued.
3. Crucorney Energy Group. The Group reported the continuing popularity of the Woodland group, involvement with Landmark Trust events, success of the Walking Group and continuing good work done by litter pickers with a 25%-50% drop in litter volumes. The group had also made a donation to the Allotments Society of £240 towards the cost of picnic benches and highlighted information re the PV Panels at the Hall. A cheque for £2,300 had been received recently to be split equally between the HMC and the CEG. It was envisaged that £2,000 per annum would be put aside for 2 years for provision against replacement and maintenance costs now that the original investors had been paid off. A list of future events was also provided in the report. It was also reported that representatives of the CEG had been invited to Westminster by KWT to discuss litter issues with Keep Britain Tidy and MPs.
4. Primary School. The Development Plan was going well and the New Curriculum had been well received. In September, the Governing Bodies of both school would be dissolved and a new Governing Body would be set up overseeing the new Federation. An ELSA appointment had also been made at the school.

PLANNING

1. **MCC DM/2019/00508** Barnfield, Penbidwal Lane, Pandy NP7 8EA
CCC fully supported this application.
2. **MCC DM/2019/00519** Removal of agricultural tie at Penishaplwydd
Lands. A letter on behalf of CCC had already been sent by Clr T Morgan
to MCC fully supporting this application. Councillors concurred fully with
the reply sent.
3. **BBNP 19/17324 /CON** Black Mountain Cycle Centre: Variation of
Condition 11. Councillors heard an objection from a resident living close
to the cycle track re this application. After due consideration of the
application, the majority of councillors present voted to object to the
application and instructed the Clerk to reply accordingly to BBNP.

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. **BBNP 19/17082/FUL** Gaer Farm. Permission had been granted by BBNP.

PLANNING UPDATES/ISSUES None

OBITUARIES

Mr Mike Currie, Mrs Gertrude Pritchard, Mrs Bridget Griffiths and Ms
Heather Griffiths.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. 2 letters from pupils at the Primary School, thanking the Community
Council for installing a storage shed and buying new sports equipment
for the School.
2. Emails sent to councillors were as follows: NMLC Planning Training
Report (18/4); Dog Fouling Awareness (18/4); Noise pollution and
extension of hours (23/4); Double yellow lines (23/4); Consultee letter for
planning at Penishaplwydd Lands (29/4); Consultee letter for Barnfield
(29/4); CEG Newsletter (29/4); Gaer Farm (8/5); OVW (8/5); Cwmyoy
Auction (8/5); Black Mountain Cycle Centre application (10/5); Weekly
register (13/5).

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was reported that the old Tollgate Road near Penishaplwydd needed
attention.
2. It was reported that Mr Ken Gates (Welsh Government) and group were
going to address the signage and safety issues at Crossways with a
survey in the near future.

3. It was suggested that a notice should be placed on the old Tollgate Road indicating that it was not the way to the Caravan Club.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. Date of next meeting: 18 June 2019

S. G. Cooper (Clerk to the Council)