

Meeting of Crucorney Community Council on the 15 October 2019

PRESENT Clrs Davies, T Morgan, R Morgan, Phillips, Bentley, Woodier, Morgan-Evans, Evans and Cty Clr D Jones. Clr R Morgan chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES Clrs Keates and Rippin. Sara Mason, the CSO, also sent her apologies

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The CSO, Sara Mason had sent in her crime report as follows:

Relevant telephone calls were: 25/9 Suspicious vehicles in Pen y Clawdd; 2/10 Suspicious vehicles in Grosmont; 4/10 Suspicious males knocking doors in Grosmont; 10/10 Fake £50 notes used in Pandy; Pandy- 2 separate calls about card fraud and automated telephone calls threatening arrest if fine is not paid.(Both the latter were scam calls.)

Neighbourhood news and ward updates for previous meeting: 1) Regarding the illuminated speed matrix signs – SWTRA and GOSAFE are in the process of analysing speed data to see if the road qualifies for a matrix sign. If it does, then SWTRA will make the application to the Welsh Government for its consideration. 2) Parking advisory notices had been sent out to parents and guardians of the Primary School and Ladybirds. 3) CSO Mason has been patrolling the play area and school field with no issues noted. 4) CSO Mason has been working with Llanvihangel Crucorney School (with others) learning all about rural crime. Booklets designed by the children are available from the School or Sara on request.

The Clerk would thank Sara for her report on behalf of councillors.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As previously reported in the minutes for September, it was presumed that there was £400 in the Current Account as per normal although the NatWest had once again (for the second month running) failed to send the C/A statement on time. The Reserve account stood at £12,040.86. The latter statement had arrived on time. It was also noted that the two statements came from separate addresses. Cheques to the value of £1750 had still not been presented (Pandy HMC and Cwmyoy HMC) and a further cheque for £60 (Merlin Waste) was signed on the night.

Councillors decided to seek a quote from Mr Alan Jones re the removal of gravel from the play area and replacing it with paving slabs. An earlier quote had already been obtained from Anthony Davies.

Councillors were pleased to note that CCC's healthy financial situation continued and the Council was within budget with 2 minor projects still to be finished, i.e., the replacement of the basketball panels and nets and the paving of the gravelled part of the play area. See reference above.

The Clerk reported that the Independent Remuneration Annual return had been sent off with one claim only recorded for the long established Chairperson's expenses of £100.

BDO had sent back to CCC the Annual Financial Return for 2018-19. Community Councillors were pleased that BDO had confirmed that they had issued an unqualified report for the third year running.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Work was still being done on rewording parts of the draft lease before sending it back to Star Legal. The firm had been informed of the latter position.
2. It was reported that a consultation pack would be received the following week from LRM Planning Ltd. re the planning proposals for the extra housing on Wern Gifford.
3. The Stagecoach Head Office had not yet been contacted re timetabling issues.
4. SWTRA had responded to contact made by the Clerk re what would be involved in planning and erecting a bus shelter alongside the A465 in Pandy. Information received from 2 SWTRA officers highlighted that a site meeting would have to be held with a representative of the Welsh Government, an MCC representative, a representative of SWTRA and a member/members of CCC present. Further to that, a safety audit and geo-technical audit by approved consultants would have to take place followed by proper plans drawn up a qualified person. Councillors felt that the latter plus the cost of the bus shelter itself (an estimate of

£1400 had been obtained, as reported in September's meeting) would be an overly costly project and decided that the better route to follow would be to see whether a bus-stop project could be built into the plans for extra housing on Wern Gifford in the same way as what was happening with the small housing development opposite the Skirrid Garage where a substantial bus shelter was being built as part of that development.

Re the two households nearest the site of the proposed bus-stop, residents of one had no objection whereas residents of the other household were vehemently opposed to the suggestion and promised to fight the proposals tooth and nail.

It was also reported that it had been confirmed by MCC that S106 money could not in any way be used for the cost of providing a bus-stop.

5. The order for Wi-Fi for the Hall had been placed with PlusNet and a survey would now take place. There was some discussion as to the best position for the router box which would be suggested to those carrying out the survey.
6. There had been no further news from BBNP re progress with the enforcement order relating to the unauthorised access to the field near the Pandy Inn.
7. Further confirmation had been received that the double yellow lines would be installed at the top of the Skirrid Pitch in November.
8. There was no further news re the upgrading of heating and lighting in the Hall.
9. There was no further information available re the refurbishment of Pandy Hall toilets.
10. A tree surgeon had now removed the dangerous tree from the green area at Trehonddu.
11. The additional table for the Hall had been ordered but not yet delivered/picked up.
12. Two picnic benches for the play area had been picked up by Clr Davies and the Clerk. Councillors thanked Clr Davies for the use of his tractor. One of the picnic benches had cost £35 and the other had been donated to CCC.
13. There was no further information re the cost of concrete slabs for the gravelled part of the play area. (See also reference in the Financial Report.)

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report. Councillors felt that as CCC supports the Hall financially, it would be appropriate to receive a quarterly report from the Hall Committee.
2. Pandy Hall. Clr Bentley updated councillors on Wi-Fi installation, toilet refurbishment and furniture.
3. CEG. No report.
4. Primary School. No report but the Clerk would be attending the first Governors' meeting of the new federated school on the 16 October and would report back at the November meeting.

PLANNING

1. BBNP 19/17829/FUL Old Carpenter's Shop, Trewyn. No objections.
2. BBNP 19/17850/LBC Pont Esgob Farm. No objections.

PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

1. BBNP 19/17678/FUL Daren Ganol. Refused by BBNP.
2. BBNP 19/17639/FUL Trehonddu. Permission given by BBNP

PLANNING UPDATES AND ISSUES None

OBITUARIES None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Emails sent to councillors were as follows: OVW Bulletin 19/9; Stagecoach timetables 19/9; Planning for bus shelters 19/9; Daren Ganol planning refusal; Old Carpenter's Shop planning application 19/9; Double yellow lines 19/9; Pont Esgob Farm planning application 20/9; Revised farm diversification event 23/9; Countryside access improvement plan consultation 23/9; Weekly register 30/9; Tre Honddu planning permission 2/10; Highways England 2/10; Temporary road closure for Grosmont Road 2/10; Introduction to planning 3/10; Community assets transfer research 3/10; Weekly register 14/10; Stonewalling and hedging competitions 14/10; State of Nation report 14/10; OVW and VE Day 15/10; Understanding Welsh places 15/10.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Councillors confirmed their adoption of the Local Authorities Model Code of Conduct (Wales) introduced in 2008 and as amended on the 1 April 2016. (See also relevant minute at the AGM in May.)

2. Car rally. It was reported that a car rally had taken place in the area on the 12/13 October in the early hours of the morning. There had been complaints about the noise this had generated and also the lack of publicity to alert local residents to this event if only from a safety point of view. It was reported that some residents had come close to calling the police. There was a lively discussion about the legality of the event and safety issues with some people present feeling that they were more au fait with aspects of rallies in the area than others whereas others were more concerned with the safety aspects of the event per se. It was agreed, however, that further contact should be made with the organisers of the rally and with the relevant authorities to ascertain whether all procedures had been followed , whether effective marshalling had taken place and why the event had not been more widely publicised. In this respect, it should be emphasised that the Community Council had received no notification of this event. Cty Clr Jones was making enquiries with MCC re the organisation of such events.
3. Remembrance Day Service. Councillors were reminded that the latter service would be on the 10 November at St Michael's Church. The Clerk would contact the British Legion to find out the arrangements for picking up the poppy wreaths this year.
4. The Chair asked councillors to suggest possible venues for the Annual Xmas Meal. Clr Davies preferred the Cripple Creek. Other suggestions would also be welcome. Members of the public should note that councillors pay for their own meals at this annual event.
5. It was reported that the Bowling Club would most likely be disbanding at the latest by April 2020. Various suggestions as to the future use of the vacated bowling green included an expansion of the Hall for community use of IT.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Date of next meeting: 19 November 2019

S G Cooper (Clerk)