

Meeting of Crucorney Community Council held on the 17 September 2019.

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

APOLOGIES Clr J Woodier.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Sarah Mason, the area's Community Support Police Officer gave her monthly report to the meeting. The crime report read as follows: 01/09 - suspicious persons with dogs, possible lamping in Crucorney; 03/09 - damage to bridge in Llangua; 03/09 - persons with torches looking around in Crucorney; 14/09 - possible rave (signs were removed by CSO Mason and vehicles were sent away by response officers); 15/09 - rear window of vehicle smashed in Crucorney.

Sarah also updated councillors on issues from the August meeting. There was no further information re *antisocial behaviour* in the children's play area or the school playing field. She had also made contact with parents re *parking in front of the school gates* when dropping off children for school. Advisory notices were to be circulated to parents. Sarah informed councillors that she had made enquiries to SWTRA about *illuminated speed matrix signs* for the A465. She was also hoping to obtain statistics re speeding in the area. It was observed that the speed van was never in the locality at the times when repeated speeding and unsafe overtaking was witnessed in the area. A number of local residents had also expressed their concerns to councillors re speeding on the A465. Sarah reported that mention had been made to her of *a traffic island* on the A465 near the Wern Gifford entrance. She had also been contacted by residents re the suggested *provision of a further parking area* near Glandwr Cottages opposite the previously named Park Hotel. SWTRA, however, had ruled against this as the verges there were part of the 'Green Corridors' Initiative launched in July 2018.

Councillors thanked Sarah for her detailed report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current Account: Presumed to be £400 as per normal although the usual monthly statement (normally received around the 4th/5th of each month) had not yet been received from the NatWest.

Reserve Account: £12,073.81 (as at 5 September 2019) with the second precept payment now having been received.

Unpresented cheques totalled £1750. A cheque for £60 (Merlin Waste) was signed on the night.

BDO had informed the Council that it had reversed its previous decision to issue a qualified report for this year's audit and would now issue an unqualified report given the adoption by the Community Council of the NALC Standing Orders 2018 (Wales) and the NALC Model Financial Regulations 2016 (Wales) as minuted in the August meeting.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Star Legal and the new lease. A reply would be sent to the solicitors suggesting amendments where appropriate.
2. Re the number of new houses for Wern Gifford. No further confirmation of the proposed total.
3. Clr Keates' road reports. No further news from MCC although Clr Bentley had heard that there were no plans to declassify Treveddu Crossroads to Cwmyoy.
4. The Clerk had approached the Cwmbran depot of Stagecoach re its out-of-date timetables at bus stops in the area. He was told that a lack of manpower made it very difficult to bring the latter up to date and that part of the responsibility for updating lay with MCC. Further investigation at MCC revealed that they had no money 'in the pot' for any updating of this nature but the relevant officer would have a word with Stagecoach. It seemed clear that both parties in this sorry state of affairs were looking towards information re bus timetables being supplied online in future. It was decided to contact the National Head Office of the Stagecoach Company to seek clarification.
5. Cty Clr Jones reported that the bus top near Robert Price's Yard in Abergavenny was soon to be moved to a location near the back of Tesco's
6. Clr Rippin reported that she had found a company which would supply a bus shelter for as little as £1400. It was a bolt-to-floor anti-vandal model. Installation and planning costs would also have to be considered. It was decided to sound out SWTRA and the two households nearest to the projected site. Enquiries would also be made as to whether 106 monies could be put towards this expenditure.

7. Re Wi-Fi for the Hall, Clr Bentley had been let down by the first provider. Further research with PlusNet, however, had secured a deal for a no-cost installation and £19.10 per month for 2 years. This would be confirmed with the Hall Management Committee who would be responsible for paying the monthly costs.
8. Unauthorised access to the field near the Pandy Inn. The Clerk had been in contact with the case officer at BBNP and had been informed that she was working towards serving an enforcement order.
9. MCC had informed CCC that the installation of double yellow lines in Llanvihangel Crucorney would now take place in the middle of November. Cty Clr Jones agreed to seek details as to why there was this further delay.
10. A report re upgrading the heating and lighting in the Village Hall had now been received and distributed to councillors. Clr Bentley agreed to re-distribute the report to HMC members for their opinions. It was also decided to investigate issues relating to a (remotely controlled) thermostat, more cost-effective lighting and supplementary heating.
11. Re the application for funding for the renovation of toilet facilities, Clr Bentley was informed of the details required re electoral numbers.
12. Monmouthshire Housing had agreed to send out a tree surgeon to investigate the safety issues re the tree on the green area at Trehonddu.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
2. Pandy Hall Management Committee. As well as the information minuted above, Clr Rippin also offered to pick up an extra new table for the Hall from the suppliers in Merthyr.
3. Crucorney Environmental Group. The Woodland Group continues to thrive as does the Walking Group. Litter pickers reported an increase in roadside litter, possibly owing to the fact that more litter-prevention signs had been forcibly removed. Dates had now been set for the 4 Climate Change Workshops. Llwyn Celyn would hold Open days on the 14/15 September. Craft Courses and the CEG annual summer barbecue had taken place. A report had been received re energy efficiency improvements at Pandy Hall. A list of forthcoming events had also been published.
4. Primary School. No report.

PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

1. 19/17605/FUL Dan y Bwlch. Approved by BBNP. Noted by CCC

PLANNING UPDATES

1. BBNP. APP/P9502/A/19/3235486 Troed y Rhiw Gou. CCC would reiterate its support for this application.

OBITUARIES

Mrs Jean Phillips

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Emails sent to councillors were as follows: Farm Diversification Event (23/8); Roadside verge mowing (27/8); Briefing note re dog fouling (27/8); Agenda for cabinet (27/8); Planning survey (27/9); Bus stop query (28/8); Age-friendly Wales (29/8); Crucorney affordable housing survey from David James (29/8); Dan y Bwlch (29/8); CCC Financial Regulations (29/8); Troed y Rhiw Gou (30/8); Farm Diversification Event – 2nd time (2/9); Emergency road closure, B347 (2/9); Pitch for your project (5/9); Pen y Cae (5/9); Weekly register (9/9); Temporary road closure R2 (9/9); Making an equal Wales (10/9); Environment Wales Act 2016 (10/9); Regulations re public websites (10/9) **; News from Carnegie UK Trust (10/9).

** Clr Rippin agreed to bring CCC's website up to date re these regulations.

2. Clerks and Councils Direct. Issued to the Chairperson for perusal.
3. Advertising Literature from Wicksteed and Proludic.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Council agreed to purchase one picnic bench from Llanvihangel Fruit Farm for use in the play area at a cost of £35. Claudia Lenza, the proprietor, had also kindly donated another picnic bench to the Community Council. Clr Davies agreed to transport both benches to the play area on his tractor.
2. Clr Evans agreed to research the availability of reasonably-priced concrete slabs to replace the 'gravel pit' near the entrance to the play area, as the latter was becoming a little unsightly.

The meeting closed at 21.00

Date of next meeting: 15 October 2019

