

Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 April 2018

**PRESENT** Clrs Phillips, Keates, Davies, T. Morgan, R. Morgan, Woodier, Bentley and Rippin. Clr R Morgan chaired the meeting.

**APOLOGIES** Clr Evans

The **AGENDA** was suspended for a presentation by Mr D Morgan on future low-cost housing in the area. He started by giving a résumé of the present situation with development opposite the Skirrid Mountain Inn and at Pen y Dre. He also mentioned the land allocated near Wern Gifford in the Monmouthshire Development Plan. To help in determining the low-cost housing need in the area he wished to hold an event in the village hall. He emphasised that the criterion of having a connection to the local area would apply on any units bid for or allocated. He asked for community councillors to be present at the event which he would organise for June. All administration would be done by Mr Morgan and he would communicate as soon as possible with the Clerk re a suitable date in June. Any low-cost housing allocations would be processed through the Monmouthshire Home Search online housing application method. Councillors thanked Mr Morgan for his presentation and awaited further communication from him re details of the event.

#### **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Several members of the public were present who were pleased with the information given out by Mr Morgan as they were keenly interested in the provision of affordable homes in the area.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Current A/C: £400 Reserve A/C: £3951.19 (As at 5 April 2018.)

A cheque for £178 had been signed as payment for 2 new picnic benches for the play area since the last meeting.

Councillors were given the opportunity to peruse the 2017-2018 pre- internal audit accounts which would be presented to the Council's internal auditor, Mrs C Haines FCCA, within the next ten days.

As reported in the March meeting, the Council was starting the new financial year with a very healthy balance thanks to vigilant and prudent financial management throughout the year with a month-by-month assessment of the Council's finances. Councillors were looking forward to Phase 3 of the play area development and were keen to see the first 106 Agreement money paid to the Council by MCC. The situation looked promising although councillors still wanted to know why the money had to go via both BBNP and MCC rather than directly from BBNP to CCC. Clr Evans had indicated he would attend the next OVW meeting in Usk which had the 106 Payments as an agenda item to see if he could glean further information about the same.

Councillors agreed that Phase 3 of the play area development should consist of a nest swing and two single springers. A final quotation would be obtained from Active Garden in Leominster as the order would be slightly different from the quotations mentioned at the March meeting after further measurements re the 'fall area' for each item had led to a slight re-assessment of the area involved and how many pieces of equipment could be accommodated. Two picnic benches would also form part of the third phase. The revised quotation would be discussed at the May meeting.

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

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

1. New leases re HMC and the Bowls Club. No progress. A Bowls Club representative was at the meeting and indicated that the Bowls Club was still struggling for new members despite an appeal being placed on the Llanvihangel Crucorney News Facebook page. A donation of £10 was given to CCC from the Bowls Club.
2. Further suggestions for recreational facilities had been received, namely the suggestion that benches could be placed at strategic points around the area. Various sites such as near the bus stop at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney and on the Skirrid Pitch Development were suggested. Adult outdoor exercise equipment had also been suggested.
3. Parking at the top of the Skirrid Pitch. No progress.
4. Re planters . The Clerk had put a question to SWTRA re this matter on their website as instructed previously and had received an acknowledgement. Clr Rippin provided the meeting with photos of possible sites which were discussed by councillors. She agreed to send the file of photos to the Clerk so that he could pass them on to SWTRA to progress the matter.
5. Re placing a new gate at the top end of the play area and moving the fence further into the bowling green area next to the Hall, Clr Woodier proposed that the Council ask Robin Evans to do the work. The proposal was seconded by Clr Davies and approved unanimously. The possibility of a new gate into the school field would also be investigated.
6. Area around the phone box near the Old Station. No progress.
7. Stump carving by Mr Mike Petts. Mr Petts had made a start on the carving.
8. The new dog bin had been ordered and would be delivered to Merlin Waste. The latter would liaise with Clr T Morgan over the position of the same.
9. Re the 'dangerous parking signs' for the Primary School, the Clerk would liaise with the Head Teacher.

10. Damage at the end of the lane opposite the Lancaster Arms. No progress.
11. Clr Evans was still in the process of repairing the Hall roof.
12. Re damage caused by timber lorries, Clr Rippin agreed to find out from NRW the timescale involved in the wood extraction at Gwryne Fawr and in the Llanthony Valley.
13. Clr Keates had investigated some of the drains on Mrs Rees' list and would report to MCC. Clr Rippin mentioned the Fix My Street scheme where householders can contact MCC direct and there is a legal obligation for the County Council to respond within a fixed period of time.
14. The road reflectors at Crossways still needed attention.
15. Re the Data Protection issues, the Clerk had received assurances from OVW that a simplified version for smaller community councils would be prepared by them in the near future and before the 25 May.
16. Clr Morgan reported that the big ditch along the A465 had now been cleared.
17. The CEG had been made aware of the advice that the solar panels on the Hall roof should be cleaned twice a year.
18. Unsuitable material on the village Facebook page. No news.

## **REPORTS**

1. Cwmyoy Hall. Films for the Summer would be : 23 May, *Paddington 2*; 27 June, *Finding Your Feet*; 25 July, *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* and the 22 August, *Phantom Thread*.
2. Primary School. No report.
3. HMC. No report.
4. CEG Report. The litter picking 'Spring Clean' had collected over 30 bags and the team had featured on the front page of the Chronicle. The Woodland Group had held several successful craft courses. An annual report on the PV panels had been circulated by the Treasurer. The AGM would be held on the 21 May at The Crown.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. BBNP 1815908/FUL Station House. No objections from CCC.

## **PLANNING DECISIONS**

1. Gwent Lodge. Permission granted by BBNP.

## **PLANNING ISSUES**

1. Crossways Cottage. An update was received re the Neglect of a listed building and failure to repair and protect the building. Land at Crossways Cottage. Councillors were grateful for the update but felt that BBNP needed to be made aware that local residents were very concerned about developments at this location.

**OBITUARIES** Elizabeth Bassett Jones. It was reported that donations at the funeral (24 April) were to go to the Pandy Hall Management Committee.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. There were no comments (apart from any mentioned in the Minutes above) on the following correspondence sent to them by the Clerk by email. Items had included A Parliament for Wales, MLDP, New planning and application system, Wales Audit Office, Strengthening local government consultation, Highways issues (Cty Clr D Jones), GDPR awareness (OVW), Gwent Lodge (Planning permission), OVW response to Community and Town Councils Review, Weekly registers where appropriate,, North Monmouthshire Liaison Committee Meeting Date and Agenda, 106 Agreement, Correspondence between Clr Woodier and SWTRA re a crossing on the A465 (with Clr Woodier trying to encourage people to email SWTRA on an individual basis).
2. Correspondence from Blackwood Fire Ltd. re Fire Risk Assessment for 2018. Clr Woodier was assessing last year's report (2017).
3. Correspondence from A J Lewis, re the removal of a post box from Fforest Coalpit. Councillors agreed to take up the case and copy Mr Lewis into all correspondence with the Royal Mail.
4. OVC Minutes and Agenda. Noted.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. A letter of congratulations would be sent to Mike and Sarah Wicksey re their recent success at the Commonwealth Games.
2. Clr Morgan agreed to write to British Telecom re the appalling state of the telephone kiosk near the Old Station.
3. Clr Phillips reported that potholes had re-appeared near Glandwr. (Clr Keates' list.)
4. It was agreed that Clr Keates would remind the National Park Warden of the location of a footpath/public right of way running down to the Skirrid Pitch development. alongside the property known as Crud y Dail in Llanvihangel Crucorney.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.      Date of next meeting and the AGM : 15 May