

Meeting held on the 18 December 2018

**PRESENT** Clrs Keates, Davies, R Morgan, Evans, Rippin, T Morgan, Woodier, Bentley and Cty Clr Jones. Three members of the public were also present. Clr R Morgan chaired the meeting.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Clr Morgan-Evans.

Clr James had sent in his resignation from the Council. Clr R Morgan had sent him a letter thanking him for his service to the Community over the years.

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

1. Planning application DM/2018/0195 re the change of use from amenity land to residential garden use next to 11 Wern Gifford was discussed by councillors. The 3 members of the public present were invited to comment during the discussion. The owner of the land explained that he had recently acquired the area near no. 11, Wern Gifford and was applying to convert a 4-metre-wide strip as an extension to his garden at that property. The owner said that he had no further plans for the area at the moment.

2. Planning application DM/2018/01889 re a single storey rear extension at 15a Wern Gifford was also discussed. Councillors expressed no objections to this application.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current Account = £400 Reserve Account = £9341.76 (both as at 5 December 2018)

The Clerk reported that there would be an estimated balance over both accounts of approximately £6000 at the end of the financial year after further financial commitments had been fulfilled. Councillors felt that this was a very healthy balance going into the new financial year.

The proposed budget for 2019-2020 was discussed by councillors. All items were agreed as per the proposed budget sheet including £2000 as financial assistance towards the construction of a car park at Cwmyoy Hall. The Council would be requesting a precept of £14,510 for 2019-2020. Clr R Morgan proposed that the proposed budget be accepted. Clr Davies seconded the proposal with the vote in favour being unanimous.

Since the last meeting, further cheques had been signed for £26.09 (reimbursement to Clr R Morgan for the purchase of Neighbourhood Watch signs and printing paper), £254.10 (Wales Audit), £38 (Poppy Appeal), £100 (Chairman's Allowance), £60 (Merlin Waste), £1250 (Pandy Hall Management Committee) and £120 (Community Council's Website Manager's fee).

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record with 2 small amendments proposed by Clr Keates acted upon.

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

1. Re the proposed concrete base for a storage shed at the local primary school, three quotes had now been received by Mrs Wixey. The three quotes had been superseded, however, by

an offer from Mr Martin Whistance to do the work for free, charging only for the cost of materials to be used. The estimate re Mr Whistance's kind offer was approximately £850 for materials. Councillors asked the Chairman to express their thanks to Mr Whistance for his extremely kind offer. It was hoped that the work would be completed as soon as possible in January, weather permitting.

2. Re the preparation of the lease renewal for the Village Hall, Star Legal had requested verification of identity from the Clerk, the Chair and one other councillor . The Clerk and the Chair had already completed forms and Clr Davies agreed to complete the third set. Star Legal had agreed to cap fees for the preparation of the lease at £600 with a view to reducing them as much as possible towards £500 when the work was complete.
3. French boules area. No progress.
4. Stump carving by Mr Petts. No progress.
5. Parking at the top of the Skirrid Pitch. Signs would be installed when further details were received re the date proposed for the double yellow lines.
6. Road reflectors at Crossways. No progress.
7. Post box at Fforest Coalpit. No progress.
8. Wooden chairs at Pandy Hall. These would be offered for sale/auction in January 2019.
9. Clr Bentley was awaiting feedback re the proposed purchase of new tables for the Hall.
10. Road repairs between the Stanton and the Old Station. No progress. Clr Keates would investigate.
11. Defibrillator Training had taken place on the 10 December. The attendance of 10 people (including 2 councillors and the Clerk) had been disappointing. The informative training was well delivered by the representative of Welsh Hearts who had travelled from Llantwit Major.
12. The junction at the Rising Sun. Clr Keates had received news that a 'pruning' exercise would be carried out in the New Year.
13. Councillors thanked the Chairman for arranging the Xmas meal which had been a great success.
14. Clr Keates agreed to re-investigate the possibility of repairs to the fence at the top of the Sun Pitch.
15. The Clerk had been referred by OVW to Mr Michael Powell at MCC re the installation of Wi-Fi at Pandy Hall. Information was awaited. In the meantime, Clr Keates would ask Mr Douglas Wright re the facility at Cwmyoy Hall . Information would also be sought from BT.
16. Re the pre-application enquiry for Great Llwygy Farm (MCC DM/2018/01740), the Clerk reported that it had been sent to BBNP by mistake.

17. A letter of support re the Pen y Cae Project had been sent to Mr Ian Maberley and had been gratefully received.
18. Vactor work in the Cwmyoy Church area was ongoing. Future work would be negotiated.
19. Clr Keates had reported damage to the road below Cwmyoy Hall.
20. Re the CSO for the area and attendance at a future meeting. No progress.
21. Cty Clr Jones had been in contact with the Welsh Government once again re the stretch of road at Crossways and had received some further clarification from Mr Ken Skates re the Welsh Government's three-year Speed Limit Review.

## REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. The Bookshop had attracted 18 viewers. An evening of light entertainment had taken place in December. Pantomime rehearsals were going well. Performances would be on the 21-23 February with a possible extra performance on the 20 February. Tickets at £8 (under twelves:£6) would be on sale from 4 January.
2. Pandy Village Hall. The Xmas Fayre had raised £320+ . The Pantomime had been well attended and had made a small profit.
3. Primary School. Consultation papers had been issued re the Federation process. In a recent presentation, the school had been praised for its performance.
4. Crucorney Environmental Group. One of the group's litter bins had been badly damaged and the group would welcome any information as to the perpetrator. A Xmas celebration and BBQ had been held, this year's replanting had started, the group had had a stand at the Court Xmas Fair and there would be a meeting specifically for volunteer litter pickers on the 9 January at Pandy Hall.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS** As per minutes under Members of the Public item above.

**PLANNING DECISION NOTICES** None

**PLANNING UPDATES/ISSUES** None

## TREES NEAR THE LANCASTER ARMS

Questions had been raised about the suitability and ownership of the Redwood trees planted near the Lancaster Arms. A local resident had pointed out that the said trees were unsuitable for the patch they were on as they were close to both the main road, a culvert and sewerage pipes and a likely cause of damage to all three. Cty Clr Jones had enquired as to whose responsibility the trees were and would further pursue the matter by the next meeting.

**OBITUARIES** None

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Star Legal. As minuted above.

2. Cwmyoy Hall Trustees. Financial statements 2017-2018. Considered under proposed budget for 2019-2010 above under Financial report.
3. Emails sent to councillors: Weekly register (26/11); OVW;MCC short term parking; 15a Wern Gifford Planning Application; Government and innovative tech companies re rural isolation; Local government and strong data culture; 11, Wern Gifford planning application; Clr Keates re car park at Cwmyoy (2);BBNP Weekly register; Redwood Trees near the Lancaster Arms;Government grant funding to boost active travel projects; Connecting communities in Wales; Community chest funding; OVW re Wi-Fi funding advice from MCC; Redwood trees at the Lancaster Arms.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Clr Davies reported that work would be starting on the refurbishment of the railway bridge near the Old Station. The work would take 2 months during which time the road would be closed. Further details were awaited.
2. It was reported that there were plans to plant trees on Bryn Arw. Mr Keith Powell would probably want to address councillors at the January meeting to give more details.
3. It was reported that MCC's Development Plan proposals to build affordable homes near the Tram at Wern Gifford were to go ahead in 2019 although the promised presentation to local residents promised by Mr David James (Housing Enabler) for June/July had not taken place.
4. Clr Evans reported that there was a dead tree on the 'Patch' at Tre Honddu.
5. Councillors decided to advertise the vacancy on the Council left by Clr James' resignation. Clr Rippin agreed to place the advert on the Council's website and the Llanvihangel Crucorney News. The Clerk would ask Mrs Judith Anderton to circulate the advert on her email list.
6. Clr Rippin asked for information re the possible installation of bus-shelters in the area. The Clerk would make enquiries through MCC.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Date of next meeting: 15 January 2019