

Minutes of the meeting held on the 19 June 2018

PRESENT Clrs Keates, Davies, T Morgan, Evans, R Morgan, Woodier, Bentley, Rippin and Richard Morgan-Evans. Clr R Morgan chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES None

The **AGENDA** was suspended to allow the co-option of Mr Richard Morgan-Evans to the Council. Clr R Morgan proposed the co-option and Clr Woodier seconded the proposal which was approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Several local residents wanted to clear up the waste piece of ground at the end of the bungalows on Wern Gifford . At the moment it was in a disgraceful state and local residents wanted to turn it into a pleasant spot where people could walk and sit and children could play. It had been suggested that seats could be bought and placed there. Councillors informed residents at the meeting that as far as they knew, the piece of land still belonged to BWB and/or its inheritors and that they should proceed with some caution re placing permanent fixtures (possibly expensive) on the piece of land. Apart from that, however, councillors felt that tidying up that area was a most laudable aim. Councillors emphasised that they would like to be kept informed of progress made on this project. They would also ask County Councillor David Jones about any part MCC might be able to play in the removal of rubbish from this area.

There was some further debate re footpaths, stiles, road signs, speed limits and dangerous parking, especially on Wern Gifford and at the top of the Skirrid Pitch. Councillors informed residents that they would keep trying to persuade the authorities to take action on these issues.

FINANCIAL REPORT Current A/C : £400 Reserve A/C: £8191.50 (Both amounts as per bank statements dated 5 June 2018)

It was reported that 66the 106 money from the Twr Mihangel Development , totalling £3749, was due to be paid into the Council's account on the 18 or 19 June by MCC. This would be reflected in the Financial Report for the July meeting.

A cheque for £45 had been written to Merlin Waste since the last meeting.

The Council had been asked to provide further information to the external auditors BDO despite having had its internal audit completed by its experienced and well-qualified internal auditor. Some councillors felt that this was normal practice and had to be tolerated as part of the auditing 'experience'. The Clerk felt otherwise but bowed to the superior knowledge of councillors still in the workplace.

It was hoped that phase 3 of the play area provision would take place in early July now that the 106 money had been made available by MCC. The Clerk proposed to pay Active Garden the amount due for the equipment to be installed with a second payment for the installation once the latter had been carried out. The equipment costs came to £2779.20 and installation would be a further £840. Fifty fall mats would also have to be ordered from MatsGrids at a cost of £975. The Council would claim a VAT refund on all payments.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. New leases re HMC and the Bowls Club. The Clerk and Chairman had picked up all documentation from Gabb and Co., Solicitors after making no progress at all with them re the writing of new leases. Councillors agreed to place the writing of the new lease for HMC in the hands of Star Legal and the Clerk and Chairman would see to it that the appropriate documentation was taken to a solicitor there. A new lease would not be sought for the Bowls Club as the Club did not know whether it was going to continue.
2. Re parking at the top of the Skirrid Pitch, further reports had been received with regard to traffic difficulties because of dangerous parking. It was decided to increase pressure on the authorities to improve the situation and it was felt that apart from CCC continuing to press its case, local residents should also complain to both the Police and the Highways Authority. Photographic evidence could also be used. Information of any kind could be sent to highways@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Re the above, an email had been received from MCC Highways with regards to double yellow lines at the top of the Skirrid Pitch. Apparently the personal injury collision record for that section of road (no personal collision records recorded during the last 3 years) did not warrant the introduction of double yellow lines. MCC would be forwarding CCC's concerns on to the Police, however.
3. Re planters, the Welsh Government had responded by indicating that planters would provide a significant collision risk and suggested low-profile flower beds instead. Clr Rippin agreed to consult the Gardening Club re this matter.
4. Clr Evans agreed to research the most appropriate type of gate for the top end of the play area.
5. The Chair had contacted Mike Petts re stump carving and had received his assurance that it would be done before the summer holidays. He had encouraged the Chair to 'remind' him as often as she thought fit, however!
6. The Bowls Club had indicated that they would not object to the moving of the fence between the remaining bowling rink and the play area to a position closer to the path serving the bowls area. The Clerk and Chair would progress this matter.
7. Re the new dog bin in Llanvihangel Crucorney, Clr T Morgan had been in contact with Merlin Waste and the matter was in hand.
8. Clr Woodier would investigate the lane opposite the Lancaster Arms when suitable weather occurred!
9. The Hall roof repairs were nearly finished.

10. Clr Rippin had not received a detailed reply re the timber lorries at Gwryne Fawr and the Llanthony Valley.
11. Road reflectors at Crossways. The meeting was informed that nothing had been resolved by SWTRA because of MCC's issues over Data Protection!! SWTRA did agree, however, to look into the matter and that of a broken access cover in the area.
12. Clr Rippin had been in touch with Carly Bayliss and a joint effort to monitor the Llanvihangel News website had been agreed by Helen, Carly and Andrea Jackman. Clr Richard Morgan Evans also agreed to help.
13. Blackwood Fire Risk Assessment. Clr Woodier agreed to 'walk the Hall' and report to Clr Evans and/or the Clerk.
14. Missing post box in Fforest Coalpit. Deliberations had not been concluded by Royal Mail..
15. State of the phone box near the Old Station. Clr T Morgan had been informed by BT that it would be removed by the end of the year.
16. Footpath at Crud y Dail. The Park Warden was going to have a look at the path. In the meantime, some clearance had been done.
17. CCC continued to work towards compliance with the new Data Protection regulations. Clr Rippin had placed CCC's Data Protection Policy on the Council's website. Initial searches had shown that CCC was not holding any records which included any sensitive and personal information. Initial investigations had also indicated that CCC did not have to take out a subscription with the IPO. The latter situation would be researched further.
18. Clr Keates took names of members present who would be interested in a trip to the extensive A465 roadworks in the Gilwern/Brynmawr area. The trip would be on Tuesday, 3 July leaving Pandy at 12.45. Clrs T Morgan, R Morgan and Davies along with the Clerk indicated an interest in joining the group.
19. Clr R Evans was congratulated on his initial renovation at the newly acquired BT phone kiosk at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney.
20. Clr Rippin agreed to publicise the Council's activities at the Pandy Show and at the Llanthony Show.
21. Clr Keates would inform MCC about the broken fence along the Sun Pitch.
22. Re concerns about dangerous parking and speed on Wern Gifford, MCC was considering the introduction of automatic traffic counters (speed loops) at various locations on Wern Gifford during this financial year.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. The last film shown had been *Paddington 2* which attracted 15 people. The next film would be *Finding Your Feet* on the 27 June.(May have to be postponed.)

2. CEG. The Woodland Group had continued with tipi repairs, production of charcoal, a chair making course and lessons in constructing a shaving horse.

Litter picking had continued apace and a well-attended AGM had taken place on the 21 May. CEG was compliant with GDPR rules.

Upcoming events included Woodland Meeting days (24/6 and 11/7), Monthly Meetings (19/6), Family Gathering in Court Wood (24/6) and Chair Making course on the 7/8 July.

3. Primary School. At the meeting on the 22 May, Governors were told that the School had had a surplus budget in 2017-2018. An officer from MCC had also spoken about collaborative school federation as the way forward in Monmouthshire.
4. Pandy Hall Management Committee. The AGM had not taken place.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP18/16111/FUL Daren Ganol, Cwmyoy. No objections.

PLANNING DECISIONS

Approval by BBNP for Station House.

PLANNING UPDATES

Black Mountains and the Gaer Common. Right of Common -Application 2018-Gaer Farm, Cwmyoy. Noted.

OBITUARIES None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. MCC had sent in hard copy its intentions re the Review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements. The latter included list of the reduction in numbers of community councillors over the County. One further consultation period would be available after the Council's intentions had been scrutinised by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales
2. There were no comments (apart from those mentioned in passing in the Minutes above) on the following items of correspondence sent to them by the Clerk by Email : Decision from BBNP re Station House, the agenda for Strong Communities, several emails re the Twr Mihangel 106 agreement, E government in community facilities (the Clerk had asked for a bid to be put in on CCC's behalf), Daren Ganol (letter), GDPR from the Town Council, communication re the notice board and phone kiosk near the Old Post Office (to be investigated), Welsh Government re planters, OVW News Bulletin, Royal Mail re Fforest Coalpit post box (deliberations not concluded), Strawberry Wood Barn, Tre-Fedw Road (letter only - no details), Welsh Government Data Protection Policy, OVW - Diversity in Local Government, OVW - Model Standing Orders, Traffic calming at Wern Gifford (see above), parking near the Skirrid Pitch (see above), and a WRP Remuneration pro-forma.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Re Mrs Rees' list, Clr Keates would liaise with Clr Woodier with regard to drains, various footpaths (including near the sewage plant) and the Tram.
2. Clr Davies reported that the Pandy Ploughing Society had raise about £1200 at the last Duck Race. He congratulated the Clerk for having the winning duck.
3. It was reported that the blue sign at the top of Penbidwal Lane needed attention. (Clr Keates' list.)
4. The Fforest Coalpit sign just above the post office needed attention. Clr [Rippin](#) Keates [amended 14.7.2018] to investigate.
5. It was reported that a group of residents were forming a group to monitor speeding past the church at [Cwmtyoy](#) Llanfihangel Crucorney [amended 14.7.2018].
6. The local community police officer would be invited to attend a future meeting.
7. The wall at Twr Mihangel was still bulging. Building Control at MCC to be informed. (Clr Keates' list.)
8. Clr Evans was praised for his sensible and well-informed interventions on the Llanvihangel Crucorney Facebook Page re dog waste in the village but especially in areas like the playground. It was felt that some dog-owners needed to take extra care and pick up the mess left by their dogs. It was decided to purchase more anti-fouling signs for the Crucorney area.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m. Date of next meeting: 17 July 2018.