

Minutes of the meeting held on the 16 October 2018.

PRESENT Clrs Bentley, Evans, Davies, T. Morgan, R. Morgan, Morgan-Evans, Phillips, Keates, Rippin, James and Cty Clr Jones.

APOLOGIES Clr Woodier

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs Sarah Wixey who did voluntary sports teaching and library work at the local school addressed councillors re the need for a variety of sports items for the tennis court/sports area on the primary school premises which would also benefit the pupils of the school. The Community Council had already instigated some research into upgrading some aspects of equipment there but welcomed the information supplied by Mrs Wixey. She outlined a fairly comprehensive list of equipment which would improve the standard of what could be offered to the community as well as the school as follows: a storage unit for sports equipment; a free-standing tennis net frame; free-standing telescopic netball posts; basketball hoops and backboards; pop-up wheeled goals for football and hockey; a games wall; badminton posts and net; quoits; hoops; skipping ropes; a crash mats and a springboard. Further improvements could be funded re mowing the sports field, re-marking the court for netball, tennis and five-a-side football and mole catching. Mrs Wixey also supplied the names of potential providers of such equipment.

Cty Clr Jones agreed to check the County's mowing schedule and information was also supplied re the possibility of engaging the services of a mole catcher.

Councillors thanked Mrs Wixey for her presentation and promised to research the matter further. It was decided to invite Mrs Wixey to the November meeting to monitor progress.

FINANCIAL REPORT Current Account : £400 Reserve Account: £10783.97

To update further the above figures, the Clerk reported that the cheque for £1250 issued at the September meeting for Pandy Hall Management Committee had not yet been cashed. A cheque for £26.50 had been issued to pay for the courtesy parking signs for the village. The latter cheque had also not been cashed as yet.

A report had been sent to the IRP re any allowances paid to councillors during 2017-2018 and had also been posted in the window at the Skirrid Garage.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There had been no progress re the new lease being prepared by Star Legal.
2. French boules area. Clr Evans reported that he had asked Alan Jones to quote for the removal of the gravel from this area.
3. There had been no further progress re the stump carving in the play area. It was confirmed that at least one of the carvings would represent an animal.

4. Further consultation was suggested re the double yellow lines at the top of the Skirrid Pitch proposed by MCC. It was felt by some that the proposed lines did not extend far enough towards Pandy. MCC would be contacted again. Cty Clr Jones offered to help in the debate.
5. The signs related to unhelpful parking on the pavement in Llanvihangel Crucorney had now been bought. Clr Evans agreed to fit them at an appropriate time.
6. The road reflectors at Crossways were still insufficient for motorists' needs .
7. Missing post box at Fforest Coalpit. No news.
8. Pricing research re the chairs at Pandy Hall was ongoing.
9. Councillors decided that the provision of planters at the entrance to the village would be left in abeyance at the moment. It would be revisited at a later date.
10. Road edges between the Stanton and the Old Station. Apparently, plantings were to be used but there was not much evidence of the same at the moment.
11. Clr Bentley had loaned one of her tables to Pandy Hall whilst researching 'deals' re the purchase of new tables for the Hall.
12. The Environmental Group and CCC would liaise over the provision of a dog-walking leaflet for residents which listed local walks.
13. The arrangement re free lessons on the use of the defibrillator at the Hall. There had been no news from Welsh Hearts.
14. Information re where to find precise details of licensing agreements were still awaited.
15. Questions were raised re the use of so-called Chinese lanterns at events. Cty Clr Jones agreed to find out what MCC's position was re this matter.
16. A telephone number for BWB had been obtained but several attempts to speak to anyone had failed. The idea of tidying up the patch of land near the bungalows and possibly placing some (removable) benches there was again suggested.
17. Complaints had been received about the poor visibility when pulling out of the junction at the Rising Sun. Clr Keates would add this to his list for submission to SWTRA/MCC.
18. It was reported that the fence at the Trout Farm had now been repaired.
19. It was decided that this year's Xmas meal would be held at the Cripple Creek. Clr R Morgan would arrange the booking and asked councillors to return their choices as soon as possible. Members of the public should note that councillors pay for their own meals at this annual event. Clr Morgan would explore the possibility of having the meal on the 7, 14 or 21 of December.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. The last film *Guernsey....Pie Society* attracted 22 viewers. The next film *Lady Bird* would be on the 23 October. The Garden Club had met recently but the speaker failed to show. The History Group had met on the 9 October and the new book *Llanthony Valley: A Borderland* written by Oliver Fairclough was launched. Works had now been completed at Llwyn Celyn and on 30 September and on the 4 October had been open for the History Group and members of the public respectively. The Macmillan Coffee Morning was held on the 28 October and raised £770 for Macmillan Cancer Care. The coffee morning was held also in memory of Mary Ward. On the 21 October there would be a private viewing of *'Makers at the Hall'* followed by 2 further sales on the 22 and 23 October. The proceeds would go towards the new car park. On the 17 November, there would be a card and gift sale at St Michael's Church, arranged by Susan Wright, with the proceeds going to St David's Church in Llanthony. The Sheep dog trial on the 7 October had been won by Mike Lewis with 'Fly'.
2. Pandy Village Hall. No report other than 'furniture matters' mentioned above.
3. Primary School. Cty Clr Jones reported that the new Head Teacher, Mr J Murphy, was now in place and had set up his development plan. He had been full of praise for the school during the meeting which had just finished.
4. Crucorney Environmental Group. No report received.

PLANNING

1. BBNP 18/16579/FUL Pontyspig Farm. No objections.

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 18/16436/FUL Twr Mihangel. Approved by BBNP. Noted. (Councillors would like to clarify the details of the 106 money again.)
2. BBNP18/16517/FUL Middle Gaer. Approved by BBNP. Noted.

PLANNING UPDATES/ISSUES

1. Right of Common, Gaer Farm, Cwmyoy. Noted.

OBITUARIES None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence from Mr Mark Morgan informing local residents and CCC about the 51st Original Mountain Marathon which would have its main Event Centre at Maes y Beran, 26-28 October. A lot of information had been sent out about how the event would be organised and the timings involved so that local residents would be prepared for any eventuality. Councillors remarked that the detail was very helpful and wished that organisers of all events informed the local populace in as thorough a manner as on this particular occasion.
2. Emails sent to councillors : Twr Mihangel (permission for garage on Plot 9); Weekly registers where appropriate; Assets and services toolkit ; OVW Bulletin (27/9); Pontyspig Farm; News

of traffic regulations Act re the top of the Skirrid Pitch; OVW (28/9) ; IRPW Draft Annual Report Consultation; IR Panel; Rights of Way Improvement Plan **; Subordinate Legislation, Consolidation.....of Town and Country Planning; Agenda for children and young people select committee; Review of digital innovation for the economy and future of work in Wales; In honour of those who served in WW1.

** above : To be sent to Judith Anderton for distribution in the Community.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cllr Bentley reported that the hedge was growing into the road along the Sun Pitch.
2. It was reported that the fence at the top of the Sun Pitch still needed repair.
3. Cllr James asked why it was so expensive to hire Pandy Hall. Other councillors asked whether his figures were based on a comparison of hall charges in the area and facilities offered in different halls as they felt that Pandy Hall charges were very reasonable considering the facilities that were on offer, including a bar and the very pleasant interior and surroundings of the Hall, including ample parking.
4. Cllr Rippin was in the process of servicing CCC's website.
5. Cllr Keates informed the meeting that costs relating to the new car park at Cwmyoy Hall were being finalised this week.
6. Councillors were reminded of the Remembrance Day Service at St Michael's Church on the 11 November.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Date of next meeting: 20 November