

Meeting held on the 18 July 2017

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

APOLOGIES Clr James

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT C/A : £400 Reserve A/C £6232.75

The Annual Return had now been submitted to the external auditors.

A cheque for £81.36 was signed on the night to Merlin Waste.

As there had been no interest shown re other community projects, it was decided to proceed with the proposed additions to the children's play area. An estimate for the installation of the three items mentioned at the last meeting would be obtained as soon as possible.

As part of the project, it was also decided that the offer of £200 from the CEG would be put towards the cost of the carving of two tree stumps into seats with a carving of the remaining tree stump into an animal, preferably a native animal . The smallest three tree stumps would be joined with a length of wood across the tops and made into a toddlers' bench with the CEG completing the work without charge. An estimate for the carvings would hopefully be obtained before the next meeting. Councillors were grateful to members of the CEG for their input re this matter.

Clr Rippin offered to find out the cost of additional community dog bins at her place of work.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. It was reported that the road leading out from Llanvihangel Crucorney onto the A465 had been repaired.
2. Cty Clr Jones agreed to petition some fellow county councillors to seek a site meeting at Llwyn-On with the BBNP.
3. There was some discussion re the planning application submitted for Perrott's Farm which had been refused. An appeal was being prepared. Some surprise was shown that the application had been refused given that the BBNP was supposed to be working alongside the Welsh Government re Rural Enterprise Dwellings with a view to encourage and support young farming families working within the local community.
4. Re the renewal of leases, the sub-committee had met before the current meeting and had decided on a plan of action including the wording of any new document.
5. Roads in the Oldcastle area. Clr Keates would write again.

6. Clr Evans reported that the notice board at the front of the Hall had now been re-varnished , the lock removed and bolts fitted.
7. The letter to the owners of Strawberry Wood Barn re the Council's concerns with regard to recent noisy activities was read out to councillors. Councillors agreed with the sentiments expressed in the letter.
8. Clr Woodier's investigations into the potential intake into the local primary school would be postponed until September.
9. It was reported that the Sun Pitch path had been partly cut.
10. All suggestions emanating from the New Councillors' Induction Course had been acted upon.
11. There was no news re the requested site meeting at Llwyn-On.
12. Fence around the play area. No progress.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. The Llanthony Show would be held on the 5 August. MCC had agreed to cut back the roadside greenery to aid the flow of traffic. The film *Moonlight* had been shown to 17 attendees on the 28 June. *Manchester by the Sea* would be shown on the 26 July. The History Group was not using the hall at the moment as conducted tours had replaced inside events.
2. Pandy Hall. Repainting of the interior of the Hall would soon take place.
3. Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School. It had come to the attention of the Clerk that his attendance record at full Governors' Meetings had been called into question as had the commitment of Crucorney Community Council to supporting the local school. The Clerk pointed out that he had attended a number of sub-committee meetings over the past year and felt that they were of equal importance to full meetings. He felt that the critical comments at the last full governors' meeting had been unhelpful to say the least. He was about to write to the Education Achievement Service (EAS) re his concerns and would await its reply with interest. Councillors were in agreement with his concerns and felt that they should be revisited at the Governors' AGM in September.
4. CEG. A full report had been received which pointed to the group's many activities which included the woodland group, charcoal and firewood reports, craft courses, litter picking, PV panels, the community website, the play area at the Hall and upcoming events.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP 17/14831/FUL Rhyd Lanau Barn, Forest Coalpit. Comments were passed on the retrospective nature of this application and the rumour that in general, applicants were being advised that retrospective applications somehow stood a better chance of success than the use of the normal planning route. After a vote (6-3), the CCC's comments would be *No Objection* to this application. The Clerk was asked by councillors, however, to write to

the BBNP and ask for its comments on the present position re retrospective planning applications.

PLANNING DECISIONS/UPDATES

1. BBNP 17/14909/FUL Sychtree . Approved by BBNP.

OBITUARIES Mrs Marina Collings, ex Forest Coalpit.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Clerks and Councils Direct. Taken by the Chairman.
2. Ken Skates, AM had been in contact with Cty Clr Jones re the issue with regard to access to the fields near the Pandy Inn. It was reported that Mr Jonathan Phillips, the owner of the fields. had been contacted re the proposed new access to the fields off the main A465 including the erection of several gates on the A465 side of the fields. On this matter, councillors thanked Clr Woodier for his 'survey' of the area with supporting photos. Apparently the matter had first been brought to the attention of SEWTRA and eventually the relevant department of the Welsh Government by a resident in the area.
3. OVW to confirm the date of its AGM. Noted.
4. Favourable comments with illustrations from the children at the Primary School on the play area. The Council would send a letter in reply in September.

AOB

1. Parking at the top of the Skirrid Pitch. This matter was referred again to Cty Clr Jones. Double yellow lines both sides of the junction had been suggested again.
2. It was suggested that the now defunct phone box at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney could be used as an information booth with local notices being placed there. Councillors felt this to be a good idea. The Clerk would make enquiries with the relevant contact at MCC.
3. Planters at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney were also suggested as a possible project for Crucorney Environmental Group. The suggestion would be relayed to Mr David Jackman.
4. Clr Keates informed the meeting that an event had been planned by the Landmark Trust at Llwyn Celyn for the 28/29 July. The event would involve making musical instruments with a professor of sound engineering also testing amplification of the same from the top of Bryn Arw. Clr Keates had informed the organisers of possible difficulties given the recent event at Strawberry Wood Barn when excessive noise had caused many problems for residents in the area. No advertisements had been placed yet. Clr Keates agreed to email Ms Kasia Howard about the Council's concerns.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m. Date of next meeting : 15 August 2017

