

## **Minutes of the meeting held on the 16 May 2017**

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

**APOLOGIES** None

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

1. It was announced that there would be a Village People fundraising event for Ty Hafan at Vivian Davies' house on the 30 May from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
2. It was reported that recent cutting of the grass verges in the area by contractors had also cut down flowering cowslips. Although the contractors had done an excellent job re grass cutting, a number of people wanted Cty Clr Jones to refer the matter back to MCC to see if wild flowers could be saved in future exercises of this nature.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Current Account: £400 Reserve Account: £6882.68

Cheques to Merlin Waste (£101.70) and Zurich Insurance (£231.84) were signed on the night.

Councillors perused the Council's 2016-2017 accounts which had recently been audited by the Council's Internal Auditor together with the latter's favourable report written on the 15 May 2017. Certification by the RFO and Approval by the Council would be signed at the Council's meeting on the 20 June 2017 with the Minute duly referenced.

The Chairman and Clerk were investigating the possibility of adding more equipment to the children's play area and would report back to councillors at the next meeting. As mentioned in the last meeting, the healthy state of the Community Council's finances was a result of prudent monitoring of resources throughout the year (2016-2017) in conjunction with careful spending for the benefit of the community.

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

1. Parking near the Skirrid Pitch. No progress.
2. Re the post-2019 situation re the income for the solar panels etc., it was reported that the CEG was still investigating its constitution as to the transference of its funds to a similar environmentally focused organisation should the CEG cease to exist. Councillors made the point, however, that the Maintenance Fund (to be set up between the CEG and the Pandy Hall Management Committee) should be ring-fenced and any monies in that fund should remain there and not be transferred to any other organisation.
3. Renewal of leases. A sub-committee would be convened by Clr R Morgan.
4. The shoe recycling unit still remained in the car park. There was no indication as to whom it belonged. An enquiry would be made at the One Stop Shop in Abergavenny.
5. Re the phone box project in Bettws, councillors were informed that lottery money had been received for the work.
6. Roads in the Oldcastle area. Ongoing.
7. Repairs to the notice board at Bettws had now been completed. A bill was handed in on the night.
8. Re the notice board opposite the Skirrid Inn and the re-siting of the new notice board still stored in the Hall, Clrs Evans and Woodier agreed to transfer the former to the Old Post Office area and erect the latter in Llanvihangel Crucorney Village. They also agreed to change the locks on the Hall notice board to catches.

## **REPORTS**

1. Cwmyoy Hall. An interesting talk on the Archaeology of the Eastern Black Mountains had been delivered by Frank Olding in April. *The United Nation* had been shown to an audience of 37 people on the 26 April. The W.I. had held its AGM on the 3 May followed by a quiz. Two funeral wakes had recently been held at the hall : On the 28 April the wake as for Mr David Price and on the 11 May there had been a wake for Mr Wilfred Phillips. *Lion* would be shown on

the 24 May, *Moonlight* on the 28 June, *Manchester by the Sea* on the 26 July and *Jackie* on the 23 August.

2. Primary School. Numbers of pupils were increasing and there were now 9 members of staff including midday supervisors. The Welsh Government had recently introduced a small and rural school grant which MCC had applied for on behalf of its schools. Repairs to the pathway near the school gates had been estimated at £1600 which the School would have to pay out of its budget. It was hoped that early tracking of potential pupils linked to more marketing of the school would lead to increased numbers.

3. CEG. It was reported that a cheque for £876.70 had been given to the Hall Management Committee recently from the solar panels income. The new-look Crucorney website was growing with the addition of a section for Places of worship in the area. Charcoal was on sale at the Skirrid Mountain Garage and a first-aid course had been held at Pandy Hall. The CEG committee had been re-elected.

4. Pandy Hall. No report. The next meeting would be in June.

5. NMLC. The purposes and interests of the North Monmouthshire Liaison Committee had been widely discussed recently. It was hoped that satisfactory outcome to these discussions would be agreed at the next meeting in June.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Clr Woodier offered to give a factual account of all planning applications at each future meeting. Councillors welcomed his offer.

1. BBNP 17/1481/GUL The Old Smithy Fully supported by CCC.
2. BBNP17/14785/FUL Dan y Bwlch. Fully supported by CCC. Clr Rippin declared an interest and left the room.
3. BBNP 17/14844/FUL Blaengavenny Farm. Fully supported by CCC.

## **PLANNING DECISIONS**

## **PLANNING UPDATES**

**OBITUARIES** Mr Wilfred Phillips and Mr Edward McGuinness.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Bill for £240 from Blackwood Fire Ltd. for a Fire Risk Assessment on the Hall. Cllr Evans took the Report to examine in detail.
2. MCC re Emergency Contacts Directory. No change.
3. One Voice Wales. Receipt for membership fees paid at £170. Details of a nominated councillor to attend Area meetings was required. Details were left in abeyance until the June meeting.

## **AOB**

1. It was reported that young children had been interfering with the defibrillator and its cabinet. It was suggested that a sign be put up and that the local head teacher be asked to speak to children at a school assembly about the importance of the items and the issues and dangers involved. Cllr Woodier agreed to post concerns on Facebook.
2. Cllr Bentley informed the meeting that optic broadband was now available in the area at an extra cost to subscribers.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m

Date of next meeting: 20 June 2017