

CRUCORNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021-2022

Crucorney Community Council is a non-political, elected tier of local government whose objective is to improve the locality and facilities for the local rural community.

CCC represents a very large rural community council area in Monmouthshire but has just over 1,000 residents on the Electoral Register. It represents the interests of the Llanvihangel Crucorney, Pandy, Cwmyoy, Forest and Ffwdog and Bwlch Trewyn and Oldcastle Parish Wards. A large part of the area is within the Brecon Beacons National Park. The rest constitutes rural communities within the confines of Monmouthshire County Council.

All Community Councillors and the County Councillor for the Crucorney Ward are to be thanked for their commitment and support over the last year.

The Community Council's Zoom meetings had been very successful and several councillors are to be thanked for continuing to organise CCC's website and posting on social media important messages to the community. Other councillors and the Clerk are also thanked for their continued help with regard to ongoing renovation and maintenance of the village hall and its surroundings. It is also noted that the Clerk continues to represent the Community Council as the minor authority governor on Llanfoist Fawr Primary School and Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School The Federation.

The Council's Audit for 2020-2021 had been submitted on time and all of the deadlines met but an opinion from the external auditor Audit Wales had not been received until 10th March 2022. CCC receives the majority of its funding from the Precept which was a little more in 2021-2022 than the previous year. A substantial amount was once again spent on the refurbishment of the village hall and surrounding area. The council's accounts are always internally audited by a fully qualified auditor and are also subject to external audit by Audit Wales.

As a council, CCC's activities and achievements over the last year were:

1. The Pandy Village Hall toilets upgrade had now been completed with many compliments received from the public about the standard and quality of the same.

2. New fridges and a mini-freezer, new floor covering for the kitchen and cleaning equipment had all been purchased for Pandy Village Hall during the year.
3. A start had been made on an upgrade of the heating system at the Hall by way of a new bunded oil tank.
4. The Community Council had been successful in its application for a free defibrillator from the Welsh Government. It had also purchased 3 extra defibrillators from the kind donation from funds raised at the funeral of a local young man. Crucorney now had 5 defibrillators in total located as follows: Pandy Village Hall, Cwmyoy Hall, Llanthony Priory Car Park, Zoar Chapel and the former BT phone kiosk at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney. Members of the community and the community council had been appointed as 'guardians' of these defibrillators and all 5 defibrillators were registered on 'The Circuit'.
5. Trees in the village hall car park had been pollarded with many thanks received from local residents.
6. Councillors had agreed to make a donation of £1150 towards the funding of new requirements for outside learning at Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School as part of the new curriculum.
7. The Council had also started negotiating in conjunction with Monmouthshire County Council re the new contract for dog waste collections in the local area.
8. The County Councillor for the Crucorney Ward together with 2 community councillors had met up with Peter Fox MS in Pandy to discuss the ongoing problem re the speed of traffic on the A465 especially near the entrance to Wern Gifford. Replies from SWTRA re observations on the problem were still awaited.
9. A donation of £150 had been made towards the Summer Play Scheme operated in Abergavenny by Monmouthshire County Council which supports families and children living in areas of Monmouthshire including Crucorney during the school holidays.

The 2021-2022 report wishes to recognise the service of the community councillors who are no longer going to be part of the community council because of Government changes to boundaries and personnel. This is very frustrating insofar as 11 local people who had volunteered their services over

the years and who had a lot of local knowledge were going to be reduced to 7 (from the previous 11 councillors), bearing in mind, moreover, that none of the Crucorney Community Councillors claimed any of the payments to which they were entitled.

CCC will continue to strive for the betterment of its community in the coming years.

Please remember that CCC Councillors can be contacted individually – contact numbers are provided on the CCC’s website; or alternatively, if you prefer to email the community council, the clerk’s email address can also be found on the website.