

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on the 18 April 2023

**PRESENT** Clrs R Morgan, Davies, Rippin, Buckler and Cty Clr D Jones

**APOLOGIES** Clrs Bentley, R Morgan Evans and Phillips

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** None

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £14,035.12 Both as at 18 April 2023

Since the March Meeting, the following cheques/payments had been issued/made as follows: £4470 (Active garden - Roundabout for Play Area); £1298 (Active Garden – New Swings Frame for Play Area); £500 (MCC for Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School equipment for new curriculum); £8.07 Amazon - Plastic signs for verge at entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney); £10 (Key2Shoes – duplicate keys for village hall); £42.58 Robert Price (Fence barrier and chain).

Audit Wales had sent copies of the usual proforma annual return for the external 2022-2023 Audit but was not in a position to send a schedule of deadline dates for the said audit as yet as it was clearing a backlog. CCC had asked for a breakdown of the charge for the 2021-2022 Audit as it seemed surprisingly high but as yet had not received a reply. It was agreed that the Clerk should consult with One Voice Wales before proceeding further.

Clr Rippin informed councillors that the survey for possible projects for improvements for the community would be ready soon. The survey would be available online and in paper form.

MCC had confirmed that the 2022-2023 Precept would be paid in 3 instalments on the 28 April, 31 August and 29 December.

Several more firm estimates had been obtained re earlier proposals for community projects, as follows: new door for the old bowling green store room - £850; radar speed signs - £2,500-£3,500; starter packs for outdoor adult exercise equipment - £4,000 - £6,500 plus retaining fence for the area £350.

These would be considered along with any previous suggestions/new suggestions which emerged from the community survey

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

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

1. Cllr Rippin reported that the CEG meeting she had attended on CCC's behalf had been generally positive although it was felt that the CEG and CCC could have closer links. She informed councillors that money was available for environmental projects and suggestions would be welcome. There was further clarification that the CEG is ostensibly the Woodland Group and the CEC (CIC) is now one group. Several members of both groups were planning to meet to consider future plans.
2. Cllr Jones reported that there would be a site meeting with MCC's Andrew Welsh at various locations including Pen y Parc Road and Hill Street on Friday, 21 April and hopefully, some progress would be made. Cllr Jones hoped to be able to report more fully at the May meeting. Cllr Buckler agreed to send an email to Cllr Jones re roads which needed attention in the Broadley Lane area.
3. Groes Lwyd Road. No progress.
4. Parking bays at the entrance to Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School. No further news.
5. Road works at the county boundary at Llanthony. No further news.
6. CCC had sent a copy of an MOU signed by representatives of the Hall Management Committee to the CEC and awaited a countersigned copy from the CEC.
7. CCC's biodiversity/environmental statement had now been placed on the council's website and wild flower seeds had been planted in the grass area near the entrance to the Hall car park. Thanks were due to local residents, Mr Stephen Higgins and Mrs Cara Bailey.
8. Edge of the road at Lower Stanton. No progress.
9. The Clerk and Chair had had a telephone conversation with the owner of the Black Mountain Water Company re repeated problems with regard to her company's lorries successfully negotiating the Skirrid Pitch. The owner did not agree that the problem was because of the lorries or the drivers and that it was the condition of the road that was the main concern. The owner was advised to contact MCC Highways and CCC

agreed to do likewise. Cty Clr Jones was also asked, if it were possible, to include the Skirrid Pitch in its scheduled site meeting this coming Friday.

## **REPORTS**

1. Pandy Village Hall. The HMC was organising a Coronation Day at the Hall with a Disco in the evening.
2. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
3. Primary School. It was confirmed that the Inspection Report had been positive.
4. Police Report. It was reported that: a male had been walking alongside the A465 and officers had attended but did not locate the male; a single vehicle road traffic accident had occurred at Fforest Coalpit with very serious consequences; 150 litres of diesel had been stolen from a lorry parked up for the night in a lay by on the A465; criminal damage had been done to a gate to a field in which a caravan was parked in Fforest Coalpit.
5. CEG. As above under Matters Arising.

## **PLANNING DECISIONS**

1. BBNP 20/18931/FUL and BBNP 20/18928 FUL had both had planning permission granted by the BBNP. Noted. Clr Buckler noted that these 2 applications had gone through 2 judicial reviews.

## **OBITUARIES**

Jason Hughes and Harry Catley.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillors had no further comments on correspondence which had been sent to them by email.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Councillors felt that the general state of all roads in the area needed urgent attention. Clr Buckler pointed to the problems at Capel y Ffynn, stone bridges in his area and the growing use by heavy goods vehicles of unsuitable roads in general. Some sort of working compromise was needed, however, insofar as local businesses/companies were often owned by or employed local people and an improvement in road

surfaces was sorely needed. Financial constraints at MCC did not help the situation.

The meeting closed at 20.35

Date of next meetings (AGM and normal working meeting) : 16 May 2023