

Minutes of the 'hybrid' meeting held at Pandy Village Hall on the 21 June 2023

PRESENT Clrs Davies, R Morgan-Evans, R Morgan, Bentley, Rippin, Phillips and County Councillor D Jones. One member of the public was also present

APOLOGIES Clr Buckler

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £14,751.57

Cheques presented /Payments made since the last meeting: £2,500 (Pandy Hall Management Committee); £145.60 (Merlin Environmental Services); £22.98 (Ryman Stationery); £22.75 (Wilko Stationery); £231.84 (Zurich Insurance); £15 (B & M Solar Light for Kitchen Door Light at the Hall); £145.60 (Merlin Environmental Services).

Audit Wales had finally set a date for the 2022-2023 Audit and notices had been displayed to that effect on CCC's Website, at the Skirrid Mountain Garage and on Pandy Hall Notice Board (13 June 2023). The IRPW NIL Return had also been placed on CCC's website indicating that Crucorney Community Councillors had once again declined to accept the financial payments to which they were entitled every year.

The Internal Audit had been completed by Mrs Haines, FCCA and the Annual Return was signed by the Chairperson and the Clerk/RFO at the present meeting.

Maintenance work to be done at the Village hall was as follows: guttering clearance (£120); guttering repair and damp penetration in the bar (£500); strimming of undergrowth around the Hall and car park /cutting of play area hedge (£80). The solar panels on the Hall also had to be cleaned and contact had been made with Belinda Davies (Treasurer of the CEC) to pay the invoice out of the joint maintenance fund (CIC & HMC) solar panel maintenance fund. Cost =£150 + VAT.

In addition to last month's list and with the analysis of the recent residents' survey still to come, a further quotation for an improvement project was as follows: Halden Property Maintenance had quoted for a seating area between the Hall and now defunct bowling green + removal of part of the concrete platform at one end of the bowling green to provide ease of access for grass cutting with a sit-on mower and other activities. The quote was for £4,500.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting (May 2023) were confirmed as a true and accurate record

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Some road patching work had been carried out by MCC at Pen y Parc and Hill Street but drainage issues remained largely unresolved.
2. A reply from Mr Kinsella at MCC was still awaited re parking at the new parking bays at the entrance to the local primary school.
3. The CEC had still not returned the countersigned MOU to Pandy HMC.
4. The Skirrid Pitch traffic issues seem to have been largely resolved.
5. Part of the road at Lower Stanton was gradually slipping into the field. This issue had been reported before and County Councillor Jones agreed to pursue the matter further.
6. MCC had still not resolved the issue of parking on the MCC-adopted verge adjacent to No. 82, Wern Gifford and the use of the parking pull-in in front of the bungalows just around the corner from the verge. A resident's concerns about this unauthorised parking had been acknowledged by MCC but no action had seemingly been taken. CCC had also followed up this issue and had received verbal assurances from MCC that the matter was being looked into. County Councillor Jones was asked to investigate further and report back.
7. Re verge cutting/cutting back of undergrowth in the area, it was pleasing to see that SWTRA/MCC had reacted promptly to CCC's request for the verges at road junctions on the A465 to be cut. The pathway parallel to the A465 down to the Rising Sun had also been cut back and Clr Morgan and the Clerk had walked the Skirrid Close Development with an engineer from Melin Housing who had agreed the exact area for which the housing association was responsible re grass/hedge cutting etc. It

was to be hoped that these matters would continue in a positive way re timely maintenance of the same throughout the summer.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report
2. Pandy Hall. Clr R Morgan reported on the recent HMC AGM as follows: OVO had contacted HMC and a payment programme had been set up for the electricity bill. OVO had also engaged in a conversation about payment to HMC & CEC of solar panel monies which were now long overdue. The meeting was attended by some members of the Coffee Morning Club who were thinking of returning to the Hall on Wednesdays. All members would be asked their opinion when they next gathered. Various suggestions were discussed about more community use of the Hall, raising funds for the Hall e.g., children's disco, car-boot sale, sale of plants, social events, craft clubs etc. The committee was also engaged in a publicity campaign re hall usage. A 'Friends of the Hall' initiative was also proposed.
3. Primary School Report. No report.
4. Police Report. No report for May or June.
5. CIC/CEC Report. No report.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP 23/22085/FUL Trewyn Farm. No objections from CCC.
2. BBNP Penbidwal Farm: Retrospective planning application for a glamping pod adjacent to Penbidwal Farm. There were no comments from councillors until the application had been researched more closely.

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 23/21709/FUL Strawberry Wood Barn. Approved by BBNP.

PLANNING UPDATES

1. MCC DM/201300598 Little Goytre. This location had been confirmed by MCC with more details. Councillors had no objections to the application.

OBITUARIES

Derek Berglund (Pandy), Wilf Davies (Cwmyoy), Mary James and Mike Rogers.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. With the May deadline for the repairs to the road at Capel y Ffin missed, it had been reported that the work would now be done by MCC in the near future. Councillors hoped that there would be better liaison with residents as this new phase developed.
2. It had been reported that 4 drunken youths, swearing and being a general nightmare had entered the children's play park near to the village hall in the early hours of the morning on the 17 June. A local resident had reported the matter to the police later on that morning and another resident had given a description of the 4 youths to CCC. CCC had also reported the incident to the police. When the play park was inspected, it was found that 2 picnic benches had been piled one on top of the other, the rubbish bin had been kicked over and empty beer cans had been strewn around the play area. Fortunately, the picnic benches were not damaged.
3. The question had arisen as to whether the roadway from the A465 to Llanvihangel Court was the responsibility of MCC Highways as there was an issue with the school bus using/not using that route. County Councillor David Jones agreed to investigate the matter with MCC and report back.
4. A report had been received from a resident in Llanvihangel Crucorney that once again there was low water pressure at the southern end of the village. Cllr Morgan had been in touch with Dwr Cymru and had been informed that there was a water leak in the village which was being attended to.

The meeting closed at 21.15

Date of the next 'hybrid meeting' at Pandy Hall: 19 July 2023

