

Minutes of the hybrid meeting on the 19 July 2023

PRESENT Clrs Davies, R Morgan, R Morgan-Evans,Phillips,Bentley,Rippin.

APOLOGIES County Clr. David Jones

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

2 members of Pandy Hall Management Committee commented favourably on latest community events at the hall although the turnout had been disappointing. They were wondering about the results of the recent community survey and which had been the most important proposals for improving facilities in the area. They felt that providing direct access from the hall onto the former bowling green through new patio doors cut into the wall adjacent to the bowling green would be an asset for community events especially children's parties. In the resulting discussion, it was also proposed that the existing fire exit could be used for the same purpose and research with various people including the Fire Risk Assessor for Blackwood Fire Ltd had shown that the latter would be a cheaper solution for the same outcome, even if it meant purchasing a new door (either with a push bar or even thumb turns as on the main door exit and the exits from the Committee Room and the Kitchen) if people felt that the existing door was a little difficult to close after being opened.

A full analysis of the survey had just been completed by Clr Rippin which had pointed to flashing speed lights on the main A465 were the top priority for people who had responded to the survey. Initial costings for this had been £3.5k for each light plus installation costs. Moreover, permission would have to be sought from SWTRA (who would pass the request onto the Welsh Government). The Clerk had already written to SWTRA on the 18 July asking for advice re procedures and a reply had been received today which informed CCC that the request had been passed on to the Welsh Government.

After some discussion of the above issues and other proposals, it was decided to hold a further meeting specifically to discuss the outcomes of the survey on the 9 August at 7.30 p.m. at the Hall when it was felt that a more in-depth discussion could take place (informed by further costings) on how to proceed with suggested options.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C £400

Reserve A/C £14,388.79

Cheques presented and payment made since the last meeting: £4.80 (Post Office Counters) and £80 (Chris Grenow for strimming/cutting hedge/weeding around the Hall, car park and play area).

Cheques signed since the last meeting: £145.60 (Merlin Waste);£100 (R.Collins for 2 mowings of the former bowling green and removal of grass cuttings) and £48 (reimbursement to Helen Rippin for the cost of online survey).

Halden Property Maintenance had provided access for the future use of a sit-on mower to cut the grass in the former bowling green by taking away 3 rows of concrete slabs from the raised platform at the end of the bowling green. They were also in the process of repairing the leak in the roof over the bar. Guttering clearance was to take place on the 25 July.

The solar panels on the Hall roof had been cleaned and the bill would be paid for out of the maintenance fund held by the CEC

Clr Bentley suggested that tenders for ground maintenance should be sought for cutting, mowing and strimming designated areas around the Hall throughout the cutting season.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. A reply was still awaited from Mr Kinsella at MCC re the parking at the new parking bays at the entrance to the local primary school.
2. The CEC had still not returned the countersigned MOU to the Hall Management Committee.
3. Part of the road near Lower Stanton. No progress.
4. Further correspondence had taken place between the concerned local resident and MCC re the issue of parking on the MCC-adopted verge adjacent to no. 82 Wern Gifford. CCC had also made contact by phone with the relevant officer at MCC and further efforts had been also made

by Cty Clr David Jones to address the situation without a solution up until now. MCC would be contacted again by CCC, however.

5. Re Melin Homes' responsibility for cutting back the green areas on the Skirrid Pitch development, it had come to light that the right of way path next to the field had in fact been cut by the BBNP Warden and not by Melin Homes as had been previously thought. Moreover, it took a few more emails to Melin Homes to get them to cut back the pathway behind Trehonddu even though these issues had seemingly been resolved as reported in the June minutes and with Melin Homes' agreement that they were responsible for the maintenance of both the above areas. It had also been pointed out to them that the pathway lights behind Trehonddu were not working.
6. Another new date had now been set for the start of repairs to the road at Capel y Ffin. The latest correspondence from MCC stated that work would begin on the 31 July and would continue for 14 weeks. Cty Clr Jones had pointed out to the MCC engineers that any road closure because of the work would possibly clash with traffic going to the Llanthony Show (5 August) and asked for clear directions from the MCC team for people travelling to the show.
7. Re the roadway from the A465 down to Llanvihangel Court, there was no further news.
8. The low water-pressure problem in Llanvihangel Crucorney had now been resolved.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
2. Pandy Hall. A licence inspection would be carried out in the near future by MCC.
3. Primary School Report. No report.
4. Police Report. The June report was as follows: an attempted break-in the Pandy area; report of a dog locked in a car; report of a missing person in the Llanthony area; report of youths causing a nuisance in the play area at Wern Gifford; report of the theft of a tool box in the Grosmont area; report of a two-vehicle traffic collision on Grosmont Road and a report of the theft of a horse box full of hay from a field in the area.

5. CIC/CEC . No report.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP 23/22120/FUL Orchard House, Crossways. Supported by CCC

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 21/20292/FUL Barn Conversion Chapel Farm Fforest Coalpit.
Granted by BBNP.
2. BBNP 22/20692 /FUL Extension and upgrades at the Mountain Bike Trail Centre, Great Llwygy Farm. Granted by BBNP.

OBITUARIES Malcolm Like and Peter Lewis

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Councillors thanked Cllr Rippin for her detailed analysis of the results of the recent community survey.
2. Councillors thanked Mr James Bentley for installing the light outside the kitchen door at the Hall.
3. 8 free metallic dog signs had been picked up from the Town Hall by the chairperson and the clerk and would be fixed on suitable posts around the area as soon as possible.
4. It was confirmed that new dog-friendly gates would be installed behind the Rising Sun and in the grounds of Llanvihangel Court, courtesy of Brecon Beacons National Park. MCC would have to be approached re other areas.

The meeting closed at 21.05

Date of next meeting : 16 August 2023

S G Cooper (Clerk)

