

Hybrid Meeting held on the 16 August 2023.

PRESENT Clrs Davies, Phillips, R Morgan, R Morgan-Evans, Bentley, Buckler and Cty Clr D Jones. One member of the public was also present.

APOLOGIES Clr Rippin

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C: £400 Reserve A/C £13,388.44 both as at 14 August 2023

Cheques presented and payments made since the last meeting were £900 (Halden Property Maintenance); £24.19 (Robert Price Builders); £20.45 (Amazon-Carbon Monoxide Alarm for the Hall) and £120 (Holt Guttering Clearance at the Hall). A cheque for £48 (H.Rippin) was still to be presented.

Guttering clearance had now taken place at the Hall and the roof repairs over the bar area had been completed. As noted above both jobs had been paid for.

Two written estimates and one verbal estimate were presented to the meeting re the grounds maintenance contract suggested at the July meeting re cutting, mowing and strimming designated areas around the Hall. Clr Bentley felt that the proposed contract should also be advertised on CCC's Facebook Page and the Llanvihangel News Facebook Page. It was decided that the job be advertised on Facebook as above for 1 further week to see what response would emerge.

Further decisions were that a new door be purchased for the former bowls club store room and estimates be obtained for 2 new fire exit doors with thumb turns for the main part of the Hall.

Zurich Insurance had clarified certain details of both the CCC and HMC Insurance Policies and had outlined a new variation of their community council policy, the details of which would be explored and reported back to councillors.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Cty Clr Jones agreed to approach Mr Kinsella (MCC) once again re the difficulties to traffic flow caused by the new parking bays at the front of the school.
2. The countersigned MOU had now been returned to the HMC and CCC.
3. Cty Clr Jones agreed to report the issues with the road at Lower Stanton once again to MCC.
4. Some progress seemed to have been made re the parking issue on the MCC-adopted verge adjacent to 82, Wern Gifford. The situation would continue to be monitored, however.
5. The low fence at the Skirrid Pitch Development had now been repaired. The pathway lights were still not working, however.
6. Work seemed to be progressing at Capel y Ffin.
7. There were no developments re the roadway from the A465 to Llanvihangel Court and its usage by the school bus.
8. A licence inspection had been carried out at the Hall by MCC with 2 members of the HMC and the Chair and Clerk in attendance.
9. Clr Rippin had agreed to chair the sub-group progressing the findings of the recent local survey.
10. Some of the metallic dog signs obtained from Abergavenny Town Council had been fixed at appropriate locations by the Chair and Clerk.
11. New user- and dog-friendly gates had now been installed behind the Rising Sun by the BBNP Warden, Mr Clive Williams who had had to clear the path and the surrounding area as well. He had also agreed to provide 2 gates at Llanvihangel Court in due course. Councillors were also reminded that he had cut the right of way path next to the field at the Skirrid Pitch development even though that was the responsibility of Melin Homes. Councillors asked the Chair to thank Mr Williams for his sterling work in this respect.
12. A reply had been received from the Welsh Government re CCC's request for guidance with regard to the installation of flashing speed signs on the A465. Briefly, it stated that before the latter could be installed, all other methods with regard to reducing speed would have to be tried. It was further stated that a speed survey on the A465 would be undertaken this year to inform the process. Cty Clr Jones agreed to reply to this

latest communication from the Senedd to ascertain which steps had been taken and what further steps (apart from the speed survey just mentioned) would be taken to tackle the issue.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
2. Pandy HMC. The caretaker was handing in her notice. The job would be advertised shortly. CCC agreed to fund the TV licence for the Hall to help with the screening of the Rugby Union World Cup in September. Other items as above under Financial Report.
3. Primary School. No report.
4. CIC/CEC. The countersigned MOU had been returned to HMC/CCC.
5. Police report. The report for July as follows: a two-vehicle RTC on the A 465- no injuries; theft of eggs and an honesty box; the theft of copper and lead from a building site; the theft of 12 coping stones in the Fforest Coalpit area; the theft of flagstones from a chapel in the Fforest Coalpit area; livestock on the A465 and theft from an outbuilding in the Cwmyoy area.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. MCC. DM/2023/00930 Min Honddu, Pandy. No objections.
2. MCC. DM/2023/01066. Whitehouse Farm. No objections.
3. BBNP 23/22146 Middle Gaer . (Variation.) No objections.

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 23/21943/FUL Llwyn Franc Farm. Permission granted by BBNP.

OBITUARIES Marilyn Pratt

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The unacceptable pothole situation throughout the area was highlighted once again by councillors.

2. Cty Clr Jones reported that he had received complaints from residents living near Trout Cottage who were unhappy with the police response to the 30 mph speed limit in that area and its abuse by other users of the road who were blatantly ignoring the speed limit.
3. Councillors agreed to an upgrade to the bar in the Hall for which 3 estimates would have to be obtained. One was already available with another in the offing. A third would have to be obtained in the near future.
4. The MCC Initiative re Nature Spaces would be explored to ascertain the extent of the project.
5. The concrete kitchen and committee room window sills had cracked and needed attention. Repair estimates would be obtained.

The meeting closed at 21.15. Date of next meeting.