

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on the 17 January 2024

PRESENT Clrs Davies, R Morgan, Bentley, Buckler, Phillips and Rippin.

APOLOGIES Clr R Morgan-Evans and Cty Clr David Jones.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C : £400 Reserve A/C : £17258.04 Both as at 8/1/24

Councillors were reminded that the bill for the bar renovations (approx. £6,638) was soon to be paid. In addition, councillors approved a recent estimate (from Vigilant) of £330 for extra fire-safety lighting for the hall.

Wales Audit had still not replied to CCC's enquiries about the fluctuating cost of the external audit over the years but especially the £680 fee charged for the 2021-22 External Audit.

A confirmation had been received from MCC that it had received CCC's Precept Request for 2023-2024.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record apart from two minor corrections.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. No further information had been received from MCC re the parking bays outside the local primary school.
2. Re the road near Lower Stanton Farm, MCC had now carried out repairs.
3. The Welsh Government had not responded to CCC's request re the results of the traffic survey carried out near the former Park Hotel. It was suggested that CCC contact Peter Fox at the Senedd.
4. There was no further news re the missing 20 mph sign at the entrance to Wern Gifford.
5. Councillors thanked the Chairperson for arranging the Xmas meal which had been enjoyed by all.
6. Clr Rippin reported that she had emailed Val Price re 'projects' for the Hall.

7. After some discussion between CCC, the Police and County Hall, the car blocking the pavement in the village opposite the Skirrid Garage had now been removed.
8. The Clerk had reported the poor state of the road surface on the Powys County Council side of the recently repaired road at Capel y Ffin to the Highways Department at the aforementioned council. Since then, CCC had received several reports from Powys County Council re ongoing repairs.
9. Mr James Woodier at MCC had acknowledged the excessive flow of water down the recently repaired road at Capel y Ffin.
10. It was agreed to reply to the concerned resident re the state of the pathway near Pen y Dre, thanking him for his email and informing him that CCC would continue to impress upon MCC the importance of its maintenance responsibilities in this respect. CCC, however, did not have the equipment or funding to take on such maintenance.

REPORTS

1. Pandy HMC. The bar renovations were almost complete. Councillors viewed and approved of what had been done. HMC was considering buying new curtains for the Hall and decorating inside. It was reported that the Tractor Club would be holding their meetings in the Hall for the foreseeable future. Finances were looking positive with c. £7000 in the accounts but with some large bills still on the horizon. The Hall would be opening for the 6 Nations. A summer dance in June and a Halloween Dance in October were going to be arranged. The next Committee Meeting would be on the 11 March at 6.30 p.m.
2. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
3. CEG/CIC. Belinda Davies had sent updates re money received from OVO re the roof panels on the Hall.
4. Primary School. No report.
5. Police Report for December 2023. The report contained news of a single vehicle RTC along the Grosmont Road with no injuries sustained and 5 cows on the road. Overall, there had been 11 incidents relating to the A465.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP 23/22474/FUL Lower Stanton Farm: 'Construction of an agricultural slurry tank'. CCC had no objections to this application.

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 23/22146/CON Middle Gaer. Approved by BBNP. Noted.
2. BBNP 22/21149/FUL The Rock, Neuadd, Cwmyoy. Approved by BBNP. Noted.
3. BBNP 23/22450/FUL Cwrt Mihangel. Approved by BBNP. Noted.

OBITUARIES None

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no further queries from councillors re correspondence sent to them by email.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Clr Rippin reported that a tree had fallen across the valley road above the Queen's with a collision with a vehicle narrowly avoided. Other trees in that area were also in a dangerous state. MCC had been made aware of the urgency of the situation by Cty Clr David Jones. CCC would follow this up to express their concern.
2. Clr Buckler reported that domestic rubbish had been left on the side of the road outside some holiday-let cottages in Llanthony which had not been picked up quickly enough through the normal MCC schedule. It was decided to draft a letter to the owner(s)/users of the properties to be placed in their letter boxes alerting them to the situation and suggesting that they implement a system of their own for the timely disposal of rubbish by their clients.
3. It was reported that there were substantial potholes near Ty Dolau.
4. It seemed that work on the new tracks at the bike centre at Great Llwygy Farm were well under way.

The meeting closed at 20.50 Date of next meeting : 21 February 2024

