

Minutes of the 'hybrid' meeting held on the 19 July 2024

PRESENT Clrs R Morgan, Davies, R Morgan-Evans, Rippin, Phillips, Buckler and Cty Clr David Jones. Three members of the Hall Management Committee were also present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current Account: £400 Reserve Account: £12,814.95 Both as at 2 July 2024

Further payments which would need to be paid in July were: £149.76 (Merlin Environmental Services); £1250 (HMC 1st payment for 2024-25); £265.00 plus VAT (Blackwood Fire Risk Assessment); £973.50 plus VAT (Anthony Davies Ltd.)

Audit Wales has still not explained their high charge for the external audit in 2021-2022.

The Annual Return for 2024-2025 and further documentation including the Internal Audit Report by Mrs Haines, FCCA had been sent to Audit Wales. 60+ documents had been sent in 2 emails. Audit Wales had acknowledged receipt of Email 2 but not Email 1. It took 2 phone calls to Audit Wales to finally receive an acknowledgement by email for Email 1.

A countersigned contract had finally been received from Merlin Environmental Services (Dog Waste Collection).

A replacement bench had been ordered for the area outside the entrance to the play area as the previous one had started to disintegrate. The cost for the new bench was £269. A children's picnic bench for the play area was also being considered.

A Fire Risk Assessment for the Village Hall would be carried out by Blackwood Fire on the 18 July.

A suggested form of wording for extra self-adhesive signs for the 8 dog bins had been prepared for the meeting. The wording for the signs was read out to councillors and sign layouts were passed around. Councillors agreed the

wording and confirmed the purchase of 16 signs @ £2.76 (inc. VAT) plus delivery @ £5.95. Eight would go out immediately and 8 held in reserve as replacements should the need arise.

Councillors agreed that the disabled ramp into the car park should be installed on Thursday (18 June). After an on-site inspection of all present at the meeting, it was decided that further discussion should take place as to whether a ramp is necessary regarding the renovation of the patio area between the Hall and the Bowling Green, given the suggestion by members of the HMC that volunteers from the community could lower the cost of renovating the patio area by lifting the existing slabs and having them cleaned and re-laid by a contractor. The builder installing the ramp into the car park had also suggested that raising the level of the patio slightly might obviate the need for a ramp. A sub-committee of 3 management committee members and 2 councillors was formed which would prepare a priority list for the suggested projects for the development of the bowling green.

All 11 projects suggested on the list prepared originally by a councillor and 3 HMC members were discussed briefly at the meeting.

Re Item 1, a majority of councillors voted that the bowling green become an area for the community to be available at all times.

Re Item 3, it was reported that concerns about the oil pipe and oil tank had been partially rectified because the pipe had already been cladded and it had been suggested that further protective cladding could be put in place around the oil tank.

Re Item 8, the Chair agreed to get professional advice regarding the condition of the lawn nearest to the play area.

Re Item 10, the Head Teacher of the local primary school had thanked CCC for the offer but had indicated that the school had enough planting areas etc. to maintain at the moment.

The sub-committee would hold further meetings to discuss progress with a list of priorities and costings being reported back to a full council meeting as soon as would be convenient.

The **MINUTES** of the June meeting were approved and signed as a true and accurate record with one addendum which was attached to the minutes.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Letters of thanks had been received from the Abergavenny Foodbank and Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School for the donations received from CCC.
2. Re the parking area outside the local primary school, MCC had indicated that the removal of the end parking bay would now take place in this financial year and hopefully over the summer. The proposed waiting restriction opposite the school had been included in and had been scheduled in the next overarching Amendment A015 Traffic Order and the commencement of the legal public consultation period would start before the end of July 2024.
3. Active Garden had repaired the roundabout once more, unsuccessfully, and had now been in contact with the manufacturers of the roundabout in the play area seeking a replacement and were awaiting a response.
4. Re Planning Application 24/22908/CON (Land adjoining Twr Mihangel) with regard to a Deed of Variation, the Chief Planning Officer of Brecon Beacons National Park had indicated to CCC that the lack of detail included in the application would be further investigated and would be reported back to CCC so that they could make their comments as consultees when more aware of all the facts.
5. Re Planning Application DM /2019/02051 (Land south-west of Wern Gifford) a reply had been received from the MCC Planning Officer, Kate Bingham, which indicated that any change to the original scheme would go through a full reconsultation given that the application had remained dormant for so long and that an outstanding 'call in' request was being considered by Welsh Ministers.

REPORTS

1. Pandy HMC. As above. A payment of £381.80 income from the solar panels had been advised.
2. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
3. CEC/CIC. No report.

4. Police Report for June 2024. Seven reports of RTCs and broken down vehicles had been received re the A465. There was a continued concern about rural burglaries across the area.
5. Primary School. Cty Clr David Jones reported that the school development plan had been finalised and discussed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. MCC DM /2024/00797 35, Wern Gifford. No objections from CCC.
2. BBNP 24/23045/FUL & LBC Twr Mihangel conversion of stable to holiday let. No objections from CCC.

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 24/22804/FUL Penyworlod, Capel y Ffin. Approved by BBNP. Noted.
2. BBNP 23/22085/FUL Trewyn Farm. Approved by BBNP. Noted.

OBITUARIES

Mrs Jean James, Trefedw Farm.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. A broken 'footbox' next to the A465 had been investigated and reported to various authorities with SWTRA claiming responsibility for its repair.
2. It was reported that rubbish had been removed by MCC from campsites and holiday cottages in the Cwmyoy/Llanthony Area. An MCC Officer had undertaken to identify all sites and write to the respective owners of such properties to remind them of their responsibilities.
3. Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School PTA had asked permission to use the Hall car park once per month to run a tuck shop to raise funds for the school. Councillors were happy to agree to the request.

4. It had been reported that a new wooden gate with access onto the A465 had appeared at the end of the paddock area at the former Park Hotel in Pandy. Councillors agreed to write to SWTRA to voice their concerns.
5. A request was made by HMC representatives that the obsolete pipe work over the main internal doors be removed. The work and costings would be investigated.