

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on the 21 August 2024

PRESENT Clrs Davies, Morgan, Rippin, Morgan-Evans, Phillips and Cty Clr David Jones.
One member of the public was also present.

APOLOGIES Clr Bentley

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £9243.23 Both as at 12 August 2024

Payments since the previous meeting had been: £1,250 (Donation to Pandy Hall Management Committee); £50.11 (Sign Shed Dog Signs) £9.75 (Amazon Dog Signs); Amazon £5.98 (Fire Safety Signs); £1,168.20 (Anthony A Davies – Installation by the builder of a disabled ramp for the Village Hall); £318 (Blackwood Fire Ltd – Fire Risk Report); £149.76 (Merlin Environmental Services) and £486 (Halden Property Maintenance).

Further payments which would be required in the near future would be: 3 replacement defibrillator pads (c. £362.40); new bench at the entrance to the Play Area (£269); Village Hall Boiler Service £120.

Further estimates were awaited for the completion of cladding around the oil tank at the Hall and the removal of redundant pipe work at the Hall – initial ‘rough’ costing of the latter removal of pipe work = £150.

There was a short debate about the future purchase of a lap-top for CCC as at the moment there was a reliance on individual councillors’ supplying their own personal equipment for hybrid meetings to take place. The Chair would investigate the possibility of such a purchase including second-hand equipment.

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

The disabled ramp at the side door to the car park had now been installed and had received a good number of favourable comments from members of the public. The Clerk had spoken to Anthony Davies (Builders) re postponing/cancelling any contract for a second ramp onto the bowling green area as new proposals had been put forward for the development of the area in question. It was agreed that the same builder would be asked to submit a quote for any new proposals. Many favourable comments had also been received re the new bench at the entrance to the play area.

A positive Fire Risk Assessment Report had been received although further attention needed to be given some documentation.

No further meetings had been held by the sub-committee dealing with the development of the former bowling green.

The Chair reported on the advice she had been given by a professional green keeper re the condition of the lawn nearest to the play area. The advice received had indicated that it would take a longer-term commitment to maintaining any remedial action which would include re-seeding and sprinkling on a regular basis. Councillors then agreed that the present mowing schedule would suffice for the time being.

The **MINUTES** of the July meeting were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. The proposed waiting restriction opposite the entrance to the primary school had now been publicised in the Press. There was no further news re the removal of the end parking bay.
2. Active garden were still in negotiation with the manufacturers of the roundabout I the play area re the replacement of the same.

REPORTS

1. Pandy Hall. HMC was arranging for the interior decoration of the Hall and the purchase of new curtains.
2. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
3. Police Report. No report for July.
4. CEC/CIC. No report.
5. Primary School. No report.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP 24/23045 Twr Mihangel: Stable Conversion to Holiday Let. No objections from CCC

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 24/22953/FUL Beacon Way, Cwmyoy. Approved by BBNP.

OBITUARIES

Mrs Mary Powell, the Garn and Mrs Carolyn Davies, Pandy.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clr Rippin reported that her communication re the noise disturbance issue in Cwmyoy needed to be further discussed by councillors and a reply eventually sent by the Clerk on behalf of CCC. A final version of CCC's response would be presented at the September

meeting for councillors' approval. There were no other comments on any other correspondence sent to councillors.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Re rubbish at campsites and holiday cottages in the Cwmyoy/Llanthony y Valley areas, there was no further information from MCC.
2. The Chair had investigated the removal of the redundant pipe work over the main doors and had obtained a very 'rough' estimate of c. £150.No decision re this job was taken on the night.
3. CCC had written to SWTRA re the new access which had appeared onto the A465 and had received an acknowledgement from the same that the information was receiving their attention.
4. The road surface at the top of the Skirrid Pitch was in a very poor state.
5. It was reported that the drain on the Whitehouse Pitch had been repaired.
6. A Biodiversity Officer from BBNP had met with the Chair and Clerk recently at the Village Hall. After viewing the land owned by CCC around the Hall, she had suggested various biodiversity projects for which there was a possibility of a grant from BBNP. The latter projects included the installation of bird boxes, insect towers, the planting of some trees and wild flowers including the use of planters. An application form would be completed and returned to BBNP as soon as possible. The biodiversity officer also suggested that a sensory garden near the front hedge might not be successful because of the excessive traffic noise from the A465 at that location.

The public meeting closed at 21.05

Date of next meeting: 18 September 2024

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

A confidential matter under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended was discussed.