

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on the 15 January 2025

**PRESENT** Clrs Davies, Morgan, Phillips, Rippin, Buckler and County Councillor David Jones. One member of the public was also present.

**APOLOGIES** Clrs R Morgan-Evans and Bentley

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** There were no comments.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £15585.63 Both as at 31 December 2025

Since the last meeting in November (there was no meeting in December), the following payments had been made: £149.76 Merlin; £599.97 Hereford Garden Centre (benches for renovated bowling green area); £149.76 Merlin; £192 Halden Property Services; £120 R Morgan – laptop for CCC; £719.94 Shedstore-planters for biodiversity project; £338.72 C J Wildlife – nest boxes + wildflower seeds for biodiversity project and £1250 Pandy Hall Management Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> payment for 2024/25.

The budget proposals and discussion of the 2025-2026 Precept at the special finance meeting held on the 10 January 2025 were confirmed at the present meeting as a true and accurate record.

The Completion of Audit Notice for 2023-2024 had been received and public notices to that effect had been posted locally and on the CCC website. The Clerk was congratulated for the unqualified (positive) report received from Audit Wales.

Audit Wales had still not explained its very high fee charges for the last triennial external audit held in 2021-2022.

No further meetings had been held by the sub-committee re the development of the former bowling green next to the village. To contextualise previously discussed options, however, one firm quotation had been received and one other site visit had been made by another contractor on the 14 January with the promise that a second quotation would be received soon.

Purchases had been made for the biodiversity project (as seen above) in the hope that everything would be ready by the end of February to progress the work involved.

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

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER MINUTES**

1. No further details had been received from MCC re the completion of the parking bay change and parking restriction opposite the local primary school.
2. The extra access onto the A465 near the former Park Hotel had now been remedied by the erection of a substantial wooden fence.
3. Signs re the MCC-led 'Give Dog-Fouling the Red Card' initiative were still awaited.
4. The Old Pandy Inn was now up for sale.
5. There had been no further contact from the family of Mr John Beardsmore re the family's memorial bench.

6. The memorial tree to Mrs Lesley Rigby (donated by a local resident) had now been planted.
7. MCC had responded to concerns about the amount of dead leaves on the pathways through Llanvihangel Village by including their sweeping in their schedule.
8. The Chairperson was thanked for the successful organisation of the Xmas Meal in December.

## REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
2. Pandy Hall Management Committee. It was reported that the HMC finances were in a sound position with bookings having increased recently and that the re-decoration of the interior of the Hall would be taking place soon. Fire-safety lights on the outside of the Hall had needed some attention with the light over the kitchen door still needing to be repaired. The Gents' urinal auto-flush had also been repaired. There was also a discussion about holding a VE anniversary event at the Hall. An attempt would be made to assess local residents' interest in such an event. The re-location of the notice board opposite the Skirrid Inn was also discussed. CCC had a site in mind but permission would have to be obtained from MCC.
3. CEC/CIC. No report.
4. Primary School. No report. The next meeting of School Governors would be on the 29 January.
5. Police Report. The November and December Reports had highlighted: an attempt to steal a quad bike from a local farm; rogue traders calling at the door; a 2-vehicle RTC; a burglary in Llangatock Lingoed; 2 thefts of fuel from a lorry parked up overnight on the A465; the theft of a trailer in the Llanvihangel Crucorney area and the report of a garage break-in where power tools were stolen.

**PLANNING** Re the proposed Wern Gifford development, it was reported that further comments had been sent into the Planning Authority since CCC's last meeting in November.

**OBITUARIES** There were no obituaries.

## CORRESPONDENCE

There were no comments from councillors re correspondence sent to them.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was reported that suggested diversions to offset the road closure of the Cwmyoy Road to facilitate the felling of dangerous trees along the route just before and after Cwmyoy Hall were impractical in that one suggestion would mean an approximate 30-miles detour and the other would be impassable if there were heavy rain as this route is easily flooded. County Councillor David Jones and the Clerk agreed to inform MCC (and through them their tree-cutting contractor) of their concerns. It was also reported that residents at the top end of the valley had not been informed individually whereas there had been a leaflet drop for all residents at the lower end of the valley. The latter situation would also be reported to MCC.

The meeting closed at 20.15

Date of next meeting: 19 February 2025

