

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19 February 2025

PRESENT Clrs Davies, R Morgan, Phillips, Buckler, Bentley and County Councillor David Jones.

APOLOGIES Clrs Rippin and R Morgan-Evans

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £14,938.99 Both as at 17 February 2025

Payments since the January Meeting had been: £207 (Audit Wales); £149.75 Merlin; £149.76 Merlin; £155.40 Raglan Garden Centre (Biodiversity Project); £120 Helen Rippin (Website).

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

Further purchases had been made for the biodiversity project (as seen above) and deadlines for the end of February would be met.

Three quotations had now been received for the development of the former bowling green area. These were discussed in detail by councillors and with some confirmation of some small details, the lowest quotation seemed acceptable. All quotations were from reputable contractors and details of previous work completed had been either experienced by CCC or confirmed by another organisation. Clr Bentley agreed to discuss details with the sub-committee for this project and a final decision would be taken at the next meeting.

Clr Bentley also reported that a request had been made for a lockable gate to be installed between the play area and the former bowling green. This would be considered when the overall bowling green project made progress.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY MEETING

1. No further details had been received from MCC re the parking changes to be implemented opposite the local primary school.
2. Signs re the MCC-led 'Give Dog-Fouling the Red Card' initiative were still awaited.
3. Matters were being progressed by the family re the installation of a replacement memorial bench for Mr John Beardsmore.
4. Further information had now been received from MCC by local residents re the felling of dangerous trees along the Cwmyoy Road.
5. Permission had been received from MCC to install a notice board adjacent to the former telephone kiosk at the northern end of Llanvihangel Crucorney Village.
6. It had been reported that the last plot of land on the Twr Mihangel development would be sold for private development. It seemed that rules relating to 106 payments would be adhered to, however.
7. It had been reported that there had been increased activity on the part of Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water in and around Wern Gifford, recently. It was suggested that FOI request could be made as to the nature of works being carried out.

REPORTS

1. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
2. Pandy Hall Management Committee.
3. As above under Financial Report. A request had been made for the removal of the old wall fire units and associated cable work before the re-decoration project got underway. HMC also proposed to replace the hall curtains and blinds. Although the re-decoration and acquisition of new curtains etc were supported by councillors, there was some hesitation and concern about the removal of the wall fires as these provided a back-up if the main heating system were to fail.
4. Primary School. Cty Clr Jones had attended the Open Day for Governors recently and was impressed by the high standard of work and the general atmosphere of the school.
5. CEC/CIC No report.
6. Police Report. The February report highlighted: a reported attempt to set fire to a car in Grosmont which was ultimately deemed a mechanical

fault; a stolen car parked in a lay-by on the A465; a trailer (estimated value £900) stolen from an agricultural workshop in Pandy

PLANNING

1. BBNP 24/23493/FUL Cap Glas Farm, Bettws No objections from CCC.
2. BBNP 24/23485/FUL and LBC The Brew House, Pontyspig. No objections from CCC.

OBITUARIES

Mr J Walton, Mr T Gaskell and Mr Neil Barnett

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. CCC had been contacted by a councillor from Longtown Parish Council who wanted CCC's support in objecting to the proposed GemFest 2025 Music Festival which would be held on land owned by Court Farm, Oldcastle on both sides of the river Monnow. A licence was being sought by the organisers from Herefordshire County Council on the Herefordshire side of the river where the music would be played, alcohol served etc. whilst camping, parking, toilet facilities would be installed on the Monmouthshire side of the river accessed mainly from the Pandy to Longtown Road. It should be noted that a number of temporary bridges would also have to be installed over the river. Up to 5000 people would be accommodated with music playing until 2.00 a.m. in the morning for 3 days.

Councillors agreed that CCC should support Longtown Parish Council in objecting to the proposals and that contact should also be made with the Brecon Beacons National Park and Natural Resources Wales to alert them to such proposals. It was also agreed that contact be made with Monmouthshire County Council which had been involved in an earlier similar application.

2. A request had been made by a member of the public for the Chairperson to speak to the owner of a car left over a long period of time next to one of the garages on Trehonddu. The owner of the car had promised to remove it as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 21.25. Date of next meeting: 16 April 2025