

## Minutes of the meeting held on the 21 May 2025

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

**APOLOGIES** None

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** None

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £1116.95 Both as at 14 May 2025

Payments made since the April meeting had been: £1152. 88 (Merlin); £3,000.00 Land and Stone –deposit to builders, as agreed by councillors and £509 (Zurich Insurance).

The first 2025-2026 Precept payment from MCC of £5,600 had also been received.

Audit Wales had still not explained its very high fees charged to CCC for its last Triennial Audit held in 2021-2022.

The renovation work in the former bowling green area had now almost been completed. Councillors were pleased with the work carried out so far. The re-decoration of the interior of the Hall had also just started. Both projects would be finished in time for the wedding reception to be held at the Hall on the 7 June.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were approved and signed as a true and accurate record with one small amendment.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. A single yellow line had now been installed opposite the parking bay in front of the local primary school.
2. Land adjacent to Twr Mihangel. No further developments.
3. The VE celebrations held on the 10 May at the Hall had gone very well. The Pandy HMC was thanked for its efforts in its organisation.
4. The Openreach works in the Llanthony Valley had proved highly disruptive to residents in the area. A meeting between residents and Openreach representatives had taken place and agreements had been reached re future work such as access points to be provided throughout the day, much better signage to be provided by the contractors, prompt responses to communications received from local residents, the road to be kept open during the Hay Festival (27-30 May), access for the school bus at relevant times etc. No decision was taken re compensation for businesses in the area which had been disrupted by the road closures. MCC promised to investigate options to obtain financial compensation for loss of income re local businesses.[Full minutes of this meeting can be obtained on request.]

## REPORTS

1. Pandy Village Hall. As above under Finance and Matters Arising.
2. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
3. Police Report for April. Reports had been received of a break-in at a garage in Grosmont; a theft of a gypsy caravan from a barn in Grosmont; the theft of 12 eggs from an honesty box in Llanvihangel Crucorney and the theft of some copper and lead – no location given.  
There had also been 4 reports of RTCs and broken-down vehicle on the A465.
4. School Report. It was reported that the local primary school's finances were in a healthy position at the moment. Governors had also been introduced to a new approach in the delivery of the curriculum resulting from discussions held by a group of primary schools in Monmouthshire.
5. CEC/CIC. No report.

## PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 24/23357/CON The Caravan at Court Farm. Granted by BBNP. Noted.
2. BBNP 25/23623/FUL. Granted by BBNP. Noted.

**OBITUARIES**        None

## CORRESPONDENCE

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

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was noted that the lighting of the beacon on Hatterrall Ridge on the 8 May had been a great success.
2. (a) It was reported that the road through Llanvihangel Crucorney was in a poor state of repair.  
(b) It was reported that the Grosmont Road in and around Whitehouse Farm was in an absolutely appalling state. Cty Clr David Jones had already enquired about this matter at MCC and had been told that no repairs could be effected until August 2026.  
Both issues would be followed up again and local residents would be encouraged to report their concerns individually as well.
3. The pathway at Trehonddu was overgrown. Melin Housing would be informed.
4. The pathway up from the "River's Edge" was overgrown. MCC would be informed.
5. A vehicle had been abandoned at the bottom of Penbidwal Lane. Enquiries would be made.
6. A request had been made by a member of the public re access-friendly styles for dog walkers with mobility problems. Contact would be made with the resident.

7. Cllr Richard Morgan-Evans informed councillors that he was resigning from the Community Council because of personal commitments. Richard was thanked by all present for his dedicated hard work and advice whilst a councillor. Councillors wished him well for his future plans.

Contact would be made with MCC to advertise a vacancy on the Community Council.

The meeting closed at 20.30 Date of next meeting: 18 June 2025