**Crucorney Community Council Chairperson’s Report for 2024-2025**

The Chairperson wished to thank all Community Councillors, the Clerk, County Councillor David Jones and the Pandy Hall Management Committee for their ongoing commitment and support over the last year.

The Council has continued with face-to-face meetings in the Village Hall with the facility for members of the public to join the meeting on Zoom as well as being present in person at the Village Hall.

The Clerk had submitted the Council’s External Audit to Audit Wales for 2023-24 on time with all deadlines met. The Council had received a positive ‘unqualified’ report.

CCC’s request for the 2025-2026 Precept had been submitted to comply with MCC’s deadlines and had been accepted with dates confirmed for payments.

Crucorney Community Council’s activities and achievements this year have included:

1. A new disabled ramp for the side door to the village hall onto the car park installed by the Anthony A. Davies Ltd., Abergavenny.
2. The completion of a biodiversity project aided by a grant from BBNP which had seen the acquisition of planters, bird nesting boxes, bug hotels and wild flower seeds etc.
3. Three new benches had been acquired for the play area and former bowling green.
4. Removal of redundant heating pipes in the village hall.
5. Installation of protective covering for the oil supply pipe from the outside tank to the boiler in the hall.
6. Installation of fireproof protective panels around the oil tank at the hall with a small inspection/access door.
7. After months of trying to negotiate quotations for upgrading the former bowling green area, 3 quotes were finally received for the work. CCC decided to accept the quote presented by Land and Stone, Crickhowell, a firm which had been recommended by Llangatock Community Council. The earliest start date provided by the contractors would be at the end of April/beginning of May 2025.
8. Rationalised ground maintenance contracts had been carried out for their first year.
9. CCC had continued monitoring dog fouling in the area and membership of the MCC anti-dog fouling scheme as advertised in the Press had resulted in a finalisation of legal requirements on the part of MCC. CCC had subsequently received appropriate signage from MCC re CCC’s dog exclusion areas around the Hall.
10. A continuation of CCC’s efforts to improve road safety in the area had resulted in the alteration to the designated parking area outside the local primary school. Double yellow signs were still awaited, however. Excessive speed on the A465 was still an issue although both SWTRA and the Welsh Government are still reluctant to install positive speed control measures.

During the coming year (2025/2026), Councillors still hope to persuade SWTRA/Welsh Government to install some further speed restrictions on the A465 through Pandy. Other projected improvements would be continued improvement to the patio area between the Hall and the old bowling green, increased security fencing between the old bowling area and the play area, children’s picnic benches for the play area and investigation of the drainage system around the Hall. In its budget for 2025/26, CCC had also agreed a donation to Cwmyoy Hall Committee.

The Chairperson stated that she had enjoyed her position and that it was always a pleasure to work with all Councillors, the Clerk and the HMC who dedicate their time to deal with issues and improve facilities for the community.

***Rosalyn Morgan***

( Chairperson of Crucorney Community Council)