

Minutes of the meeting held on the 16 July 2025

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

APOLOGIES Clr Rippin

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public spoke about residents' concerns about speeding through Llanvihangel Crucorney Village. They suggested training local volunteer residents under the Monmouthshire Community Speed Watch Scheme and also suggested the possibility of approaching the 'Go Safe' organisation as well to see if a speed van could be stationed in an appropriate spot occasionally on the road through the village. The local resident agreed to approach people to see how many would volunteer to support the Community Speed Watch Scheme..

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £11,692.10 Both as at the 10 July 2025

Payments made since the last meeting had been : £11.08 (Amazon – Plastic Sleeves);£152.88 (Merlin – Dog Waste Removal); £10.79 (Post Office – Parcel of Documents sent to Audit Wales).

An acknowledgement of the safe receipt of CCC's financial documentation had been received from Audit Wales.

A quote for a new fence to be erected between the play area and former bowling green area had been received. Councillors agreed the quote of £1500.

Councillors also agreed to look into the possibility of tidying up the outer hall storeroom and providing a 40 metre hosepipe for ease of watering the recently installed planters as part of the biodiversity scheme.

A Financial Statement re Cwmyoy Hall had been received from Jessica Griffiths.

Audit Wales had still not explained the very high fees charged to CCC for the 2021-2022 Triennial Audit.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting in June were signed as a true and accurate record with one minor amendment.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Land adjacent to Twr Mihangel. It now seemed that all the amendments requested in the recent application for a deed of variation had been settled. Final details of the S106 payments were still awaited, however. County Councillor David Jones agreed to sound out the relevant officer at MCC.
2. There had been no progress re a compensation request to Openreach for disruption to businesses in the Llanthony Valley. Cllr Buckler agreed to liaise with local residents and County Councillor David Jones agreed to ask for news of progress from the relevant officer at MCC.
3. An MCC Cabinet member had been approached to intervene re the dire condition of the surface on Whitehouse Pitch road.
4. After requesting more information from CCC, MCC had finally cut the overgrown areas at Trehonddu.
5. MCC had been asked about funding for more accessible stiles for people with mobility problems. CCC had received an acknowledgement of its request from MCC.
6. The path between the River's Edge pub and the village had finally been cleared properly and effectively by MCC.
7. All notices for the vacant seat on the community council had now been posted with a deadline of the 31 July for applications.
8. Councillors confirmed that they were not supportive of a clothing recycling bin being placed in the village hall car park.
9. A Monmouthshire Housing Association Officer had resolved the matter re the misuse of the verge and pathway behind Trehonddu with the local resident concerned.
10. 'Commercial' use of the dog bin near the entrance to Wern Gifford had been reported with a local resident dumping large amounts of dog waste from their dog walking business there. A councillor agreed to point out to the person concerned that large quantities of dog waste should go out in the fortnightly black bags.

REPORTS

1. Pandy Hall. A Masked Ball would be held in the Autumn. It was also reported that there would be a trial run for Yoga Classes. Councillors also felt that the Bluecoat School in Hereford should be asked for a donation to the Pandy Hall Management Committee for its daily use of the Hall car park when transporting children from this area.
For other items, see Financial Report above.
2. Cwmyoy Hall. News including a change of officers was awaited re the Hall's AGM held the previous evening.
3. School Report. The budget outcome this year had been positive with the warning that deficit budgets were to come.
4. Police Report for June 2025. Reports had been received of a 2-vehicle and a 3-vehicle RTC with no injuries sustained. Overall, there had been 8 reports including RTCs and broken-down vehicles on the A465. It was decided to ask the local community officer to attend a future meeting.
5. CEC/CIC. No report.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. MCC DM/2025/00816 15, Wern Gifford. No objections from CCC.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The atrocious condition of some roads in the area was again highlighted by various councillors. It was reported that because of the dangerous condition of the road surface at the exit off the A465 onto the B road through the village that a local resident had had a serious crash which had written off his car. Thankfully, no personal injuries had been sustained. The local resident had reported the incident to MCC and a letter of support had also been sent by CCC to Monmouthshire County Council.
2. It was reported that the local Allotments Society had received a 'Green Spaces' Award. Councillors agreed that a message of congratulations should be posted on Facebook.

The meeting closed at 21.10. Date of next meeting : 20 August 2025