

Minutes of the meeting held on the 20 August 2025

PRESENT Clrs R Morgan, Davies, Bentley, Rippin, Buckler and County Councillor David Jones. Two members of the public were also present.

APOLOGIES Cllr Phillips

CONFIRMATION OF THE CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR

Councillors unanimously confirmed the co-option of Mr Arwyn Woodford to the Community Council to represent the Pandy Ward. The vacancy had been left by the resignation in May of former Community Councillor Richard Morgan-Evans who had moved out of the area. The MCC Elections Officer would be informed ASAP.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Two local residents put forward their ideas re the possibility of introducing a community speed watch as part of a 'Go Safe' scheme. They had done some background investigations and informed councillors that there were 3 established community speed watch groups in Monmouthshire which were operating successfully. Several local residents had already indicated that they would be willing to participate in such a scheme. A leaflet drop within the area would be made to encourage recruitment. Councillors thanked the two local residents for their efforts and stated that they would offer full support in this venture.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current Account: £400 Reserve Account: £11,516.26. Both as at the 18 August 2025

Payments made since the last meeting had been : £152.88 (Merlin –dog waste removal); £7.68 (Ryman - stationery); £6.99 (Screwfix – padlock for gate between play area and former bowling green); £18.99 Screwfix – key safe for padlock between play area and former bowling green).

Councillors were pleased with the new fence between the play area and the former bowling green. The installer had also done a variety of smaller jobs to do with recent small projects and would present his final bill to include the latter before the end of August.

Further investigatory work was continuing re the possibility of installing a controlled watering system (as opposed to a 40 metre hosepipe) for all the planters installed as part of CCC's recent biodiversity initiative. Councillors thanked the local resident present for his time and effort in this matter. The tidying of the outside storeroom had already started.

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 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. County Councillor David Jones had contacted the MCC Officer linked to S106 payments re Twr Mihangel and the officer had promised to clarify matters ASAP.
2. There had been no progress re possible compensation payments from Openreach re disruption to businesses in the Llanthony Valley. County Councillor David Jones agreed to seek clarification again.
3. A further appeal would be made to MCC re the appalling state of the road surface on the Whitehouse Pitch.
4. Accessible stiles in Pandy. No further news.
5. Re the 'commercial' use of the dog bin opposite the entrance to Wern Gifford, a councillor agreed to speak to the resident concerned.
6. Re the proposed development at Wern Gifford, it had been reported that the allocation ratio of 1-bedroom/ 2 bedroom units etc. had been substantially changed. It was also reported that Highways had lodged an objection and further information had been added re the drainage of surface water. All this information was, of course, available to members of the public on the MCC website under 'Planning'. County Councillor Jones also agreed to 'sound 'out the relevant MCC Officer re how the scheme for the allocation of proposed units to local people would operate.

REPORTS

1. Pandy Hall. As above under Financial Report.
2. Cwmyoy Hall. A report had been received mentioning ongoing activities, projects including the replacement of the railing outside the Hall, a general 'clean-up' of the Hall, the first rehearsal in September of this year's panto and news of the Quiz nights to be arranged in September and December etc. on The names of the recently elected officers had also been conveyed to CCC.
3. School report. No report.
4. Police Report for July 2025. It was reported that a suspicious vehicle had been noticed on the B4347 near a farm, a bag of dead crows had been left on a resident's property and that a possible abandoned vehicle had been noted in Grosmont. There had been 9 reports on the A465 ranging from RTCs to broken-down vehicles.
5. CEC/CIC. No reports.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP 24/23045/FUL Twr Mihangel stable. Permission granted by BBNP.

OBITUARIES

Mr Emlyn Phillips, Mrs Gill Smale, Mr Mike Lane, Mr Peter Griffin and Mr Peter Cable formerly of Cwmyoy.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. County Councillor Jones agreed to contact SWTRA asking for the undergrowth at road junctions on the A465 to be cut back further as motorists' view of the road was rapidly being obstructed yet again.
2. It was reported that there had been a land slippage near the Half Moon Pub where the high bank on the left had slipped into the road thus narrowing accessibility for motorists etc, County Councillor Jones agreed to report the matter to MCC Highways.
3. It was reported that excessive numbers of motorbikes were speeding up and down the Llanthony Valley.

The meeting closed at 20.55. Date of next meeting : **24 September 2025**