

Meeting held on the 24 September 2025

PRESENT Clrs Davies, Morgan, Rippin, Buckler, Phillips.

APOLOGIES Clrs Bentley. Woodford and County Councillor D. Jones.

ATTENDANCE OF DAVID JAMES MCC HOUSING OFFICER

Councillors asked the housing officer why the ratio of one=bedroomed units l/2-bedroomed units etc. had recently been substantially changed. He replied that this had now been changed back to the original allocation and there was nothing 'sinister' behind the changing ratio. Re the allocation process with regard to local people and people from further afield, he replied that this would follow the long-established process of considering local people first and then radiating outwards gradually to consider people from other areas. Councillor voiced their concerns that he was speaking in a way that suggested that planning permission was a *fait accompli* despite the many objections from CCC and local residents especially with regard to inferior sewage and foul water infrastructure . He was informed that CCC would be asking for permission for representatives of the council and local residents to speak at the planning committee meeting, probably now to be held in November. He was also informed of the likelihood of an appeal by CCC if planning permission were given. He said that he would try to organise a public meeting in Pandy Hall with the developers etc. in attendance although timing was now critical.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Further information was given by the 2 residents who had proposed a 'Go Safe' scheme in the area at the last CCC meeting . They were awaiting more information from Gwent Police re certain administrative aspects involved. Apparently, all participants in the scheme would have to be trained by Gwent Police and pass a test linked to that training. Any group would have to have a co-ordinator and at least one member. A starter kit would have to be purchased which would include a calibrated device. The general public would have to have prior warning that the scheme was going to be instituted and be informed that the ethos behind it would be to educate rather than prosecute and any follow-up would be a warning letter from Gwent Police rather than a fine in the first instance.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C: £400 Reserve A/C £13023.02 Both as at 22 September 2025

Payments made since the August meeting; £200 (R Collins-mowing x 4);£152.88 (Merlin Waste);£500 (Cwmyoy Hall-donation);£2000 (Tom's Fencing- new fencing and other work) and £1250 (Pandy Hall Management Committee).

CCC was now in a position to order materials for the proposed watering system for the biodiversity planter project. Arrangements would be made to order the materials online with guidance from a local resident.

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

S106 payments due to CCC. No further news.

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. Re possible compensation payments to small businesses in the Llanthony Valley, no progress had been made. A councillor agreed to write to the MCC CEO re this matter.
2. Some patching seems to have been done on the Whitehouse Pitch road surface.
3. Accessible stiles in Pandy. No progress.
4. Re the proposed development at Wern Gifford, a date for the Planning Committee Meeting had not yet been given. CCC would apply for various representatives to speak at that meeting at County Hall.
5. The undergrowth at road junctions on the A465 in the area had now been cut back.
6. Land slippage near the Half Moon. No further news.

REPORTS

1. Pandy HMC. As above under Financial Report. It was also reported that some damage to the new paintwork and a door had been caused by recent hirers of the hall. A fire alarm had also been set off. The said hirers would be asked for £100 to pay for the damage. HMC would also write to the Bishop of Hereford's School suggesting that they could make a donation to HMC for the daily use of the Hall car park.
2. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
3. School Report. The Governors' AGM would be held in October. A councillor reported that a joint visit of Llanvihangel Crucorney School and Llanfoist School to the Longtown Centre had been a successful venture.
4. Police Report for August 2025. Reports received had been: information re a deliberate fire in Cwmyoy and a theft from a vehicle in Fforest Coalpit. 9 reports had been received re the A465, ranging from RTCs to broken-down vehicles.
5. CEC/CIC. No report.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. BBNP 25/23238/FUL Montana, Old Hereford Road. No objections from CCC.

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 25/23841/FUL Fforest Coalpit Farm. Refused by BBNP
2. BBNP 25/23532/FUL Lower Stanton. Approved by BBNP

OBITUARIES: Mrs Doreen Miles Jones, Crossways.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. A councillor reported that the road between Bryn Arw and Cwmyoy Hall was cracking apart with some slippage. The situation had been reported to 'Fix my Street.'
2. A local resident had reported that the drain at the top of Trehonddu had remained blocked for a long time and now needed urgent attention. During recent bad weather, the rainwater had flooded past right down to the Monmouthshire Housing garages at the bottom of Trehonddu.

The meeting closed at 20.45. Date of next meeting: 15 October 2025