

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on the 15 November 2023

PRESENT Clrs Bentley, Buckler, Davies, R Morgan, R Morgan-Evans, Phillips, Rippin and County Councillor D Jones.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current A/C £400 Reserve A/C £13,533.76 Both as at the 7 November 2023

The latter figures included one uncashed cheque for £100 (Mrs Haines – Internal Auditor and £50 (Cheque to be signed for Mr R Collins)

Wales Audit had still not responded to CCC's request for an explanation of the £680 fee charged for the 2021-2022 Audit.

Colour schemes and suitable dates for the work to be done were now being considered for the bar renovations in Pandy Hall.

The Clerk had contacted One Voice Wales and had asked why audits for small community councils in Wales were not as straightforward as those for small parish councils in England. A reply was awaited.

The **MINUTES** of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. MCC had not sent any further information about possible changes to the parking bays outside the local primary school.
2. Road surface at Lower Stanton. No further news.
3. The Welsh Government had been asked to provide details of a recent traffic survey (cable across road near the former Park Hotel) and at what phase we were re stages towards alleviating the speeding problems on the A465 through Llanvihangel Crucorney and Pandy before the introduction of some form of flashing speed signs and/or cameras.
4. There was no further information re the missing 20 mph sign at the entrance to Wern Gifford.

5. Councillors agreed that the venue for the Xmas meal would be the Skirrid Inn this year. The 20 December was agreed upon as the most suitable date and councillors were asked to send in their numbers and choice of meal as soon as possible. The clerk reminded councillors and public that the Xmas meal was at the councillors' own expense and not out of public funds.

REPORTS

1. Pandy Hall. As above under Financial Report. A further c. £1k would be received from OVO re the solar panels in the near future.
2. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
3. CEG/CIC. No report.
4. Police Report. The report contained news of males poaching, a theft of fuel from a lorry, a stolen vehicle in the Llanvetherine area and a two-vehicle collision with no injuries sustained.
5. Primary School. It was reported that 44 pupils and 4 members of staff from Llanfoist and Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary Schools had spend a few days at the Longtown Outdoor Interest Centre. It had been a very positive experience..

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. MCC DM/2022/01050 Llwynderw Cottages. The Clerk and Chairperson declared an interest. Councillors led by the Vice-Chair , Clr Morgan-Evans, discussed the application seeking some items of information but no opinion from the clerk and the chairperson. Councillors decided to reply to MCC with a 'No objections' comment. The vice-chair sent in CCC's response to MCC Planning
2. BBNP 23/22447/TPO The Old Vicarage. No objections.
3. BBNP 23/22450/FUL 2, Cwrt Mihangel. No objections.

N.B. it was agreed by a majority decision of councillors that for future reference CCC would make 1 of 3 comments on planning applications. They were " No objections", " Supported" and " CCC objects to this proposal". It was also agreed that observations where appropriate could also be made.

PLANNING DECISIONS

1. BBNP 23/22146/CON Middle Gaer. Approved by BBNP. Noted.
2. BBNP 23/21881/FUL Lower Henllan. Refusal by BBNP. Noted.

OBITUARIES Mr Cyril Rogers formerly of this area.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Councillors were reminded of the forthcoming discussion re the MIU at Nevill Hall. A public meeting would take place there on the 27 November, 5.30-7.30 p.m.
2. Correspondence had been received from a resident re a car which had been parked for over 6 weeks blocking the pavement in the village. Not only was it blocking the footpath but also was a danger to pedestrians including young children and disabled people who have to get out onto the road into the traffic to get past. It was decided to contact the police in the first instance.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Chairperson thanked Clr Morgan-Evans for his reading and laying of the wreath on behalf of the council at the Remembrance Day Service.
2. It was reported that the road surface on the Powys County Council side of the recently repaired road at Capel y Ffin was in a terrible state of repair. The Clerk was asked to contact Powys County Council and relay CCC's concerns.
3. It was also reported that there was an excessive amount of water running down the recently repaired road at Capel y Ffin and this could become a serious hazard in freezing conditions during the forthcoming winter. County Clr Jones agreed to take up the matter with Andrew Welch at MCC. Contact would also be made with Mr James Woodier at MCC.
4. Councillors decided not to hold a meeting in December. Urgent issues/correspondence etc would be emailed to all councillors.

The meeting closed at 20.50 Date of next meeting: 17 January 2024