

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on the 19 June 2024

**PRESENT** Ctrs Davies, Morgan, Morgan-Evans, Phillips, Rippin, Bentley and Cty Clr David Jones. One member of the public was present at the meeting in Pandy Hall with 2 members of the public present online.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Clr Buckler

### **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public asked for an update with regard to current details of the application to build low-cost housing on land south-west of Wern Gifford first applied for in 2019 (DM/2019/02051). The planning application relates to building affordable houses in the field adjacent to the school field at Wern Gifford. The member of the public had had several conversations recently with people involved in the proposals who had recently come on site to carry out various surveys including trees and drains, the latter relating to houses on Wern Gifford nearest to the proposed development. The resident's information was that the proposed number of units had been reduced from 20 to 15, part of the stream in that vicinity would be piped to allow access to the development and that some sort of underground 'holding reservoir'/soakaway would help to alleviate possible flooding issues.

The resident had also been informed that sewage from the development would be piped back to and then through the existing Wern Gifford sewage pipes. The resident had also been told that the developers would be holding a public meeting in the village hall in the near future.

CCC reported that they had been alerted to the above recent developments by the local resident and they had been in communication by phone with the case officer at MCC who had informed them that it would be unlikely for the application to be called in (although CCC had requested this back in February 2020) as the 2 main issue at that time (phosphates and flooding) had now seemingly been resolved. No further information, written or verbal, had been received by CCC from MCC since then.

Community Councillors asked County Councillor Jones if he would kindly ascertain the state of play at MCC re this matter and the Clerk would write to the MCC Planning Department to find out the details of the current proposals.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current Account: £400 Reserve Account: £13,349.84. Both as at 10 June 2024-07-10

Further payments which had been made since the 10 June were: £150 to the Abergavenny Foodbank; £150 to Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School and £100 to Mr R Collins. Current balance as at 19 June was, therefore, £400 in the Current Account and £12,949. 84 in the Reserve Account.

Audit Wales had still not explained the reason for their high charge for the external audit for 2021-2022.

Mrs Chimene Haines, FCCA had now sent to CCC her positive internal audit report for 2023-2024.

A countersigned contract had still not been received from Merlin Environmental Services. Re the 2-weekly pick-ups of dog waste, the Chair reported that Bin no. 8 had not been emptied because rubbish other than dog waste had been placed in it. The Chair and the Clerk had cleared the rubbish from the bin, placed some extra signage on bins and informed Merlin Environmental Services that this had been done. A notice had also gone out on CCC's Facebook Page and on the Llanvihangel Crucorney News Page informing residents that only dog waste should be put in the dog bins. After some discussion, it was decided that extra new signage was needed to make residents aware that this type of rubbish would not be collected from the dog bins and that an extra charge, paid for by the local community, would be incurred if an extra visit from Merlin Environmental Services were necessary. The Chair agreed to look into customised signage before the next meeting.

Four estimates for the 2 side-exit disabled ramps had now been received. One was for £2,500, one for £2300, one for £5981 and one for £1947. The latter estimate which was from Anthony A. Davies Ltd. was accepted by councillors and the work would be completed in August.

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

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. Information had been passed on to the HMC re advertising Hall events more widely, especially to those people who are not on Facebook.
2. A reply had been received from Community Support Officers indicating that they did monitor speeding in the locality and that they would attend a future CCC meeting when time allowed.
3. A member of the public had approached the Chair re the parking bays outside the primary school on Wern Gifford. Cty Clr Jones informed the meeting that MCC had not replied to a recent request for information and he would continue to pursue the matter.
4. The undergrowth around Sun Pitch path and the area around the Skirrid Pitch Development had now been cut back.
5. Active Garden had been alerted once again to the problem with the roundabout in the children's play area. A representative of the company who had supplied the roundabout had made a site visit and discussed the matter with the Chair and the Clerk. Active Garden had agreed to repair the roundabout once more before engaging with the manufacturers to provide a replacement,
6. A quote would be obtained to provide more secure fencing between the children's play area and the former bowling green and around the gateway to the latter.
7. It was reported that the potholes in the Longtown Road and the Whitehouse Pitch had been 'patched' by MCC.

## **REPORTS**

1. Pandy Hall HMC. Clr Rippin was continuing to liaise with HMC re the development of the former bowling green.
2. Cwmyoy Hall. No report.
3. CIC/CEC. It had been agreed that more publicity would be given in the locality re monies available from the charitable fund.
4. Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School. No report.
5. Police Report. The report for May contained references to: the theft of power tools taken from a shed in the Grosmont area; sheep on the B4347; an attempted theft of a vehicle in the Pandy area; a one-vehicle RTC involving a motor bike along the Grosmont Road in Llangua; a vehicle blocking a drive in the Pandy area; a break-in at a garage in the

Llandewi Skirrid area and a 2-vehicle RTC in the Fforest Coalpit area with no injuries sustained. There was also reference to a spate of rural burglaries across Monmouthshire.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. *BBNP 24/22908/CON 'Deed of Variation to a Planning Application re Land adjoining Twr Mihangel, Llanvihangel Crucorney'.*

As consultees, CCC had now received the normal official letter from BBNP re this application but other than the title of the application, there were still no further details for Community Councillors to comment upon. Community Councillors re-iterated their concerns re the lack of details and possible implications for the provision of affordable housing units and the payment of Section 106 monies for the benefit of the local community. After some discussion which confirmed community councillors concerns, 2 members of the public who had joined the meeting online as observers, after identifying themselves, were asked by the chairperson if they wished to make any comments or clarifications re the application but there were no responses to this invitation as the 2 observers did not acknowledge, accept or decline the said invitation. CCC and County Councillor Jones would continue to seek the details of the application at the same time as repeating CCC's concerns that they could not comment upon an application which did not detail what was being sought in that application.

2. *BBNP 24/22953/CON Beacon Way, Cwmyoy.* No objections from Councillors.

## **PLANNING DECISIONS**

1. *BBNP Upper Pentwyn Farm, Tre-Fedw Road, Cwmyoy.* Approved by BBNP.

## **OBITUARIES**

Mr Bill Phillips, Cwm Coched

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. CCC wished to thank local litter pickers for their continued good work as reported recently in the local Press.
2. There was still no definite schedule for the delivery and erection of new MCC dog signs in line with the new legislation recently approved.

The meeting closed at 20.55 Date of next meeting: 17 July 2024

*S G Cooper (Clerk)*

**ADDENDUM TO THE DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE CCC HYBRID MEETING HELD ON THE 17  
JUNE 2024**

Following the reference in the Minutes to the positive internal audit report from CCC's Internal Auditor, Mrs Chimene Haines, FCCA, the following needs to be added : "The Annual Return was signed by the Chairperson and the Clerk/RFO at the present meeting."

S G Cooper (Clerk to CCC)

Rosalyn Morgan (Chairperson of CCC)