

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs David Sharman (*Chairman*), Elaine Lusted (*Vice Chairman*), John Morris, Ian Maberley, Caroline Fairclough, Roger Llewelyn and Colin Alford, who was welcomed onto the Council. *Also in attendance:* Cty Cllr John Morris and Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Christy and Jones. Apologies were submitted on behalf of Cty Cllr Morris who will be arriving late.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Nil.
3. **Planning Matters**

#### 3.1 Applications:

**14/10474/FUL** Conversion of existing garaging to artist's studio space, including extension, internal and external alterations. Craig Y Bwla, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SU. It was proposed by Cllr Morris the application be supported. This was seconded by Cllr Maberley and agreed by majority vote.

#### 3.2 Decisions/Other:

It was noted application 13/10306/FUL Demolition of existing timber/blockwork conservatory and erection of new oak framed single storey sun room – 5 Bridge Row, Glangrwyney has been **PERMITTED**.

*The order of the agenda was amended to allow for Cty Cllr Morris's late arrival.*

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1038 – 1041]. It was proposed by Cllr Maberley, seconded by Cllr Morris and agreed the minutes of the February meeting be accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

#### 6. Matters Arising from the Above Minutes:

**Llangenny Bench** [Page 1039 Item 10]: It was noted if an insurance claim is submitted for the destroyed bench the excess will be £100. It was proposed the Clerk establish the cost of a replacement bench (wooden/plastic/metal) and report back at the following meeting.

**Risk Assessment** [Page 1039 Item 13.2]: information concerning the ICO was circulated from which it was considered the Council rather than individual Members should be registered. It was agreed to register the Council.

7. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** The draft Development Brief is out for consultation with an exhibition being held in the Gymnasium by Boyer Planning on the 26th and 27th March. *This item was discussed in further detail in Item 4 [Page 1043].*

8. **Glangrwyney Village Hall:** It was proposed by Cllr Morris that the documents necessary for the Council to become a Custodian Trustee be signed. This was seconded by Cllr Llewelyn and unanimously agreed.

19.49 *Cty Cllr John Morris arrived.*

9. **Llangenny Playing Field:** The letter received from Messrs Charles Crooks in response to the request for a meeting [Page 1039 Item 9] was noted. It was debated how to proceed noting the Council would like to secure the future of the playground if at all possible however was loathe to incur fruitless expenditure. The value of the land was considered dependent upon its use and it was questioned whether it was subject to a restrictive covenant. It was resolved to make enquiries. Whilst PCC is understood to currently insure and maintain the equipment it was questioned whether they have a cut off date in mind. It was resolved to write to PCC to determine this.

*The order of the Agenda was amended to allow Cty Cllr Morris to submit his report*

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris reported:

**Budget:** The budget has now been set. This entails 20 million pounds of cuts; Council tax will increase by 4.5%; 400 full time jobs will be lost. PCC are looking at the cost of running high schools particularly post 16 education – likely to see closure of some 6<sup>th</sup> forms. A review is currently being undertaken, the findings of

which will be reported at the end of April. There are also concerns for the future of the Day Care Centre in Crickhowell. **Glangrwyney Traffic Lights:** Edwina Hart AM reports the traffic lights will be removed by the end of March. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** The Development Brief is currently out for consultation. PCC has been advised it needs to respond in order that if it proceeds they get out of it what they want. Important to differentiate - this is a development brief, not a planning application. If brief get adopted it will be attached to the LDP.

Considerable discussion ensued as to how the Council should respond noting the Council has to achieve the best possible outcome for the residents of Glangrwyney. It was noted planning gain for The Vale needs to be determined. Cllr Mabberley proposed each Councillor forward a suggestion to the Clerk (the Chairman having two) in order to compile a final list of 10 proposals. This was seconded by Cllr Morris and unanimously agreed. It was also proposed the Council communicates with Boyer Planning, regardless of the outcome, in order to determine whether they are prepared to commit to a figure for the Vale of Grwyney or a number of projects. This could then become part of the application. This was proposed by Cllr Mabberley, seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed.

Cllr Sharman offered to compile a response. This was supported by Cllr Lusted and seconded by Cllr Mabberley.

Concerns were voiced that this could be Phase 1 of the development. The Council needs to ensure any additional phases do not occur. It was questioned whether an additional meeting should be held in order to agree a response to the consultation. Rather than this it was suggested the Council change the date of its normal meeting to the 14<sup>th</sup> April. This was duly agreed,

**Highways:** Cllr Llewellyn reported there is no signage on the Glangrwyney/Gilwern bridge to state usage is restricted to 3.5 tonne. JGM will look into this. Cllr Lusted reported the position of the traffic lights in Glangrwyney has changed and is quite dangerous when approaching from Llangenny side. **Lay-bys:** the Trunk Road Agency/PCC are considering implementing parking restrictions on lay-bys by Cwrt Y Gollen, Elvicta and the tennis courts however the Council has not been informed of this consultation. It was suggested the Clerk write to traffic@powys.gov.uk to query why the Council has not been notified.

*Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting 9.40pm*

**10. Web Site:** As previously discussed [Page 1028 Item 9] it was suggested Llanbedr School be approached with a view to running a photographic competition in order to obtain photos/publicity for the web site. It was discussed whether this could be combined with the request received for funding to enhance the outdoor play environment [Page 1045 Item 17.7] and suggested prize money [£50] could be used by the school for this specific purpose.

Cllr Fairclough proposed the Council proceed as outlined above. This was seconded by Cllr Mabberley and duly agreed.

Further to a report of inappropriate adverts on the web site it was questioned whether the Council should pay the web host (Wordpress) the appropriate fee [approx £30 pa] to remove adverts from the site. It was noted the adverts are currently being shown intermittently and therefore suggested the situation continue to be monitored to see how intrusive this proves to be before taking any action.

**11. Any Other Business:** *for information only*

An invoice received for cutting the hedge on the Llanbedr allotment/housing site has been forwarded to Wales & West Housing for settlement direct. Wales & West are currently preparing tender documentation for contractors which should enable them to confirm which items on the allotments' "wish list" they are able to accommodate.

Badger Vaccination Scheme: the current situation was questioned noting the Welsh Government has provided funding in relation to this which has to be supported by match funding. It was suggested this topic be placed on a future agenda for further discussion – in the meantime Cllr Morris will make enquiries.

It was queried whether a bench has been removed from the old cricket field in Glangrwyney. Cllr Llewellyn will enquiry at the next village hall meeting.

**12. Finance:**

*12.1 The following items were reported for payment:*

Clerk's salary £192/Expenses £25, HM Revenue & Customs £48,

It was proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Fairclough and agreed to pay the above.

12.2 *Risk Assessment:* It was proposed by Cllr Sharman, seconded by Cllr Mabberley and duly agreed that the risk assessment be accepted.

12.3 *Other Financial Matters:* The request for funding towards the cost of enhancing the outdoor space at Llanbedr School as previously circulated was discussed under Item 10 [Page 1043].

13. **Highways:** The following matters were reported:

**Llanbedr:** potholes on the road between Sunnybank and the Milaid, as well as just past The Dyffryn.

**Llangenny:** Vicarage Pitch – water is coming up in the road in two/three areas.

14. **Reports on Meetings Attended:**

The Cwrt Y Gollen Development Brief Meeting was attended by Cllrs Morris and Sharman.

Five Councils Meeting was attended by Cllrs Sharman, Morris and the Clerk. It was reported the Vale of Grwyney CC has been asked to invite representatives from Natural Resources Wales, PCC and the Police to the next meeting (to be hosted by VoGCC on the 17<sup>th</sup> July) with a view to discussing flood prevention measures.

15. The following items of correspondence were noted and discussed as appropriate:

1. **WG/OVW:** Local Government (Wales) Byelaws Act 2012 – Implementation Act to simplify procedures for making/enforcing local government byelaws in Wales. The Welsh Government is consulting on new guidance and subordinate legislation under the Act (closing date is 15/05/14). <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/140213-local-government-byelaws-consultation/?lang=en>
2. **Powys CC Schools Service:** Addendum to the Powys Additional Learning Needs (ALN) review. Consultation runs from 03/02/14 to 17/03/14 [www.powys.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.powys.gov.uk/haveyoursay)
3. **OVW:** The Adjudication Panel for Wales Annual Report 2012-2013 – [www.adjudicationpanelwales.org.uk](http://www.adjudicationpanelwales.org.uk)
4. **OVW:** Appeal for participants for training courses in danger of being cancelled due to lack of interest.
5. **OVW:** Appt of members – Financial & Professional Services Sector Panel /Chair of Emergency Ambulance Services Committee (Circulated).
6. **Llangynidr CC:** request for agenda items for next Five Councils Liaison Meeting– 13<sup>th</sup> March
7. **Charles Crooks:** response re Llangenny Playground
8. **Llangattock CC:** notes of last Five Councils Meeting (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014)
9. **Paul Watson:** questionnaire re sustainable development
10. **WG:** Marine Planning - Public events in March 2014 - [www.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/consmanagement/marinefisheries/planning/?lang=en](http://www.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/consmanagement/marinefisheries/planning/?lang=en)
11. **BBNPA:** BBNPA Town & Community Council Liaison meeting 29<sup>th</sup> March with BBNPA CEO John Cook and presentations from BBNPA and to update the Town & Community Council Charter Action Plan.
12. **OVW:** Copy of response made to WG Planning Consultation (*circulated*)
13. **Brecknock & Radnor Community Health Council:** advert for recruitment of voluntary sector members of the Community Health Council (closing date – 21<sup>st</sup> March) (*circulated*)
14. **WG/OVW:** Welsh Government consultation on proposed regulations and supporting guidance to be made under the Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Measure 2010. <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/draft-regulations-and-statutory-guidance-for-playing-fields/?lang=en>
15. **OVW/WG:** Statement of Public Participation - for the Welsh National Marine Plan - <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/consmanagement/marinefisheries/planning/?skip=1&lang=en> The Marine and Fisheries Strategic Action Plan is available at: [www.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/foodandfisheries/fisheries/walesfisheriesstrategy/documents/strategic-action-plan/](http://www.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/foodandfisheries/fisheries/walesfisheriesstrategy/documents/strategic-action-plan/)
16. **BBNPA:** confirmation of booking for Planning Training - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014, Clarence Hall - 5pm and 6.30pm
17. **PAVO:** March 2014 edition of the PAVO E-Briefing.
18. **PCC:** 'Funding Opportunities,' compiled by the European & External Funding Unit
19. **PCC:** Register of Electors - Request Form for completion. (completed).
20. **OVW:** Repeal of s.150 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 – effectively meaning the “two signature rule” on cheques is no longer a statutory requirement however not to be abandoned until safe and efficient arrangements to maintain robust controls on payments are in place.
21. **WG:** Homes for Wales Up-date
22. **OVW:** Public Appointments Opportunity (*circulated*)
23. **Cty Cllr Kathryn Silk:** PCC proposes to disinvest itself of its Day Centres and help set up an alternative management model. Meeting in CRiC on 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm with Joy Garfitt to discuss (Externalisation of Older Peoples Day Centres to alternative Service Providers)
24. **BBNPA:** Application 14/10474/FUL - Craig Y Bwla, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SU
25. **Victim Support:** request for funding

- 26. **AON:** request to consider insuring through Aon
- 27. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** circular
- 28. **BBNPA:** Application 13/10306/FUL – 5 Bridge Row, Glangrwyney has been permitted
- 29. **Edwina Hart AM:** weather delayed works in Glangrwyney - traffic lights should be removed by end of March
- 30. **WG:** A465 Dualling Section 2 Gilwern to Brynmawr – Objectors Alternative Proposals 1 and 2 – Public Local Inquiry will be held- 10am Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March at The Gilwern Old School Community Centre.

**17. To receive Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence**

- 1. **Ryan Norman BBNPA** Brecon Beacons National Park Local Development Plan (Adopted December 2013) The Cwrt-Y-Gollen Draft Development Brief - The agent (Boyer Planning) for the landowner (Crickhowell Estates) has prepared a draft development brief with input from key stakeholders. This development brief is now available for public consultation for a period of 6 weeks, running from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Further to this consultation exercise, all representations will be reported to Members of the Authority. Should Members agree on a final draft, it will be adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance. To view the report, please visit: <http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/the-authority/planning/strategy-and-policy/cwrt-y-gollen-development-brief> (Circulated)
- 2. **Brecknock & Radnor Community Health Council:** Meeting 17/03/14 at 2.30pm at Elim Church and minutes of previous meeting
- 3. **Kirsty Williams AM:** copy of Edwina Hart's letter re Glangrwyney traffic nights
- 4. **PCSO Stephan Legg:** report on crime in area – apologies unable to attend March meeting. (circulated)
- 5. **Powys Rural Housing** Newsletter
- 6. **OVW:** details on training courses on Devolution of Services
- 7. **J Jones:** enquiry re grant to enhance outdoor learning environment at Llanbedr C in W School (circulated)

**18. Clerk's Report/ Report/ Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:** Nil

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.