

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 14th April 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, Dean Christy and Colin Alford. *Also in attendance:* Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Marc Jones.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Nil.

3. **Planning Matters**

3.1 **Applications:** Nil.

3.2 **Decisions/Other:**

- (i) It was noted application 14/10393/FUL Kitchen extension and area of decking at River Cottage, Llanbedr has been **PERMITTED**.
- (ii) It was reported an enforcement notice has been served [Page 901 Item 12].

4. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1042 – 1045] It was proposed by Cllr Maberley, seconded by Cllr Morris and agreed the minutes of the March meeting be accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes:**

Photographic Competition [Page 1043 Item 10]: Llanbedr School has agreed to conduct a competition over the Easter Holidays.

6. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** The response to the Development Brief Consultation drafted by Cllr Sharman was praised by Cllr Christy who stated he was extremely impressed with the report and the amount of work Cllr Sharman had put into it. This was universally agreed.

Cllr Fairclough asked if the paragraph on Page 15 relating to affordable housing could be taken out. Considerable discussion ensued as to whether this should be done with reasons for including/excluding the paragraph debated. Cllr Maberley proposed the sentence be amended to read “*Whilst there is a legal requirement for 30% affordable housing on this development the Community Council may question the local need.*” Further discussion ensued following which Cllr Sharman proposed an amended version be circulated for consideration prior to submission. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly agreed.

Cllr Fairclough proposed the Council compliment Cllr Sharman on the response. This was seconded by Cllr Maberley and unanimously agreed.

7. **Llangenny Playing Field:** PCC has been asked to confirm whether a cut-off date for maintaining/insuring the playground has been set [Page 1042 Item 9] however a response has not been received to date. The Clerk reported Cllr Jones has spoken to the Church and understands it wishes to keep the playground open but has serious concerns regarding liability which could result in the play equipment being removed. It was agreed more definite information needs to be sought and suggested a meeting be held with the Vicar and Church Wardens in order to discuss the position with a view to working together to protect the future of the playground.

Cllr Alford reported he had been told by a past Community Councillor that the land was originally willed to the village. Councillors were unaware of this and agreed this information should be investigated.

ACTION: *Cllr Sharman proposed a meeting be called with the Vicar and Church Wardens. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly agreed. It was also agreed to make enquiries regarding the land.*

8. **Benches/Noticeboards:** The cost of replacement benches varies accordingly to materials used (£300 upwards). It was proposed by Cllr Maberley, seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly agreed the Council submit a claim to replace the bench which was demolished by Hall Farm, Llangenny.

The noticeboards are noted to be in dire need of attention, doors being difficult to open, etc. It was suggested a grant application be submitted to Awards 4 All for new notice boards.

ACTION: *an application be submitted as outlined above.*

9. **Any Other Business:** Cllr Fairclough questioned what has happened with the appeal for information relating to the War Memorial. The Clerk reported she has provided Mr Geoff Williams of the Crickhowell District Archive Centre with information relating to the Fforest Chapel memorial plaque.

10. Finance:

10.1 *The following items were reported for payment:* Clerk's salary £200 /Expenses £25, HMRC £50, ICO Data Protection Registration £35

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

10.2 The Clerk reported arrangements have been made for the Internal Auditor to inspect the accounts on 6th May 2014.

11. Highways: the following matters were reported:

Llanbedr: Potholes in road travelling from Llanbedr to Fforest Coal Pit. Cwm Pitch - hole to one side of the bridge – concerns raised that car could go through this gap and into river.

Llangenny: Road between Llangenny and Llanbedr junction: nasty potholes on hill. Parapet at Millbrook bridge - tree has come down taking down part of the wall (listed structure) tree still in river. Another tree across river between salmon leap and Golden Grove. Vicarage pitch – potholes.

Partrishow: Road below The Neuadd Farm, Partrishow farmer crosses road with livestock (which has proved dangerous) – can a sign be erected to warn drivers of crossing animals?

Glangrwyney: Uneven pavement by bus stop – caused by root growth – this has been reported previously
Hugh pothole by Glangrwyney bridge.

12. Reports on Meetings Attended:

- (i) **BBNPA Community Council Charter Meeting:** Cllrs Morris and Sharman attended and reported this will be held on an annual basis. Views were forwarded as to what should/shouldn't happen.
- (ii) **Day Centre Closure Meeting:** Cllrs Lusted and Sharman attended. Crickhowell Volunteers have volunteered to run the day centre. There are concerns regarding provision of meals on wheels which is going to stop in June/July.
- (iii) **BBNPA Planning Training:** Cllrs Sharman, Lusted, Christy and the Clerk attended. It was noted BBNPA were due to forward the presentation slides for distribution however these have not been received to date. The Clerk will contact the BBNPA and circulate when available.
- (iv) **OVW:** Cllr Morris attended. Not good news, charges up for auditing for small councils, down for the bigger councils; car parking charges increasing; OVW is setting up a new web site. Some councils have missed the deadline for claiming the WG's grant for developing web sites.

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

- 1. **Llangynidr CC:** notes of 5 Councils Meeting
- 2. **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority:** Annual Improvement Plan for 2014-2015 - www.mawwfire.gov.uk.
- 3. **Area Traffic Engineer (South):** proposals for lay-by at Cwrt Y Gollen were removed from proposals, as included in error. Confirmation VoGCC will be notified of any further consultation.
- 4. **PAVO:** notification of outreach sessions / Nominations invited for Volunteer of the Year.
- 5. **OVW:** Facilities Management Shared Learning Seminar 15/05/14 - 24 Cathedral Rd, Cardiff CF11 9LJ.
- 6. **PAVO:** April 2014 edition of the PAVO E-Briefing
- 7. **PCSO Stephen Legg:** Monthly Crime Report – March 2014-04-07
- 8. **OVW:** The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee of the National Assembly for Wales is consulting on its Inquiry into Making Laws in the Fourth Assembly. Further information can be found at: <http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?id=119>
- 9. **PCC:** Consultation on Powys County Council's Common Housing Allocations Policy - <http://powyshousing.co.uk/index.php?section=accommodation> runs from 1/04/14 – 27/06/14.

Via Mail

- 1. **BBNPA:** Application 14/10393/FUL – River Cottage, Llanbedr has been PERMITTED.

2. **Roger Williams MP:** request for nominations/applications for this year's Community Fund. Further information - community.fund@lloydsbanking.com / www.lloydsbank.com/communityfund.
3. **David Cameron:** Employment Allowance which could take £2,000 off employer NI Contributions. *It was noted Community Councils are not eligible.*
4. **PCC:** letter to promote their online DBS Checks service (previously CRB Checks)
5. **OVW:** minutes of Brecon & Radnor Area Committee Meeting – 17/01/14 and agenda for 11/04/14 meeting.
6. **BDO:** Audit Pack for the year ended 31st March 2014 - Audit date selected is 17th June 2014.
7. **PAVO:** to introduce InfoEngine: online directory of services (www.info-engine.org.uk)
8. **Zurich Municipal:** insurance renewal pack – (£243.80)
9. **OVW:** receipt of OVW membership form and payment
10. **WG:** Neath to Abergavenny Trunk Road (A465) Abergavenny to Hirwaun Dualling Slip Roads and Side Roads Scheme Section 2 – Gilwern to Brynmawr – Objectors alternative proposals – Public Inquiry opened 18/03/14 – Objectors Alternative Proposal 5 – Retention of the existing A465 through Clydach Gorge
11. **WG:** Neath to Abergavenny Trunk Road (A465) Abergavenny to Hirwaun Dualling Section 2 – Gilwern to Brynmawr – Objectors alternative proposals – Public Inquiry opened 18/03/14 - Objectors Alternative 4 – Removal of Gilwern junction.
12. **WG:** The Neath to Abergavenny Trunk Road (A465) Abergavenny to Hirwaun Dualling - Section 2 – Gilwern to Brynmawr – Objectors alternative proposals – Public Inquiry opened 18/03/14 - Objectors Alternative 3.
13. **BBNPA:** Application 13/10306/FUL – 5 Bridge Row, Glangrwyney has been permitted
14. **J Jones:** additional funding request – *inform this will be considered when donations are set*
15. **PCC:** Offer to undertake play inspection - £72 per site

14. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence

1. **BBNPA:** Consultation on Draft Planning Obligation Strategy - <http://www.beacons-mpa.gov.uk/the-authority/planning/strategy-and-policy/planning-obligation-strategy-consultation> - runs from 10th April – 5th June (*Circulated*)
2. **OVW:** Environment Wales News - newsletter
3. **OVW:** Request for contact details of OVW representative
4. **BBNPA:** Local Access Forum Agenda – 16/04 Brecon Beacons National Park Visitor Centre Libanus.
5. **OVW/WG:** Guidance, to Principal Councils and Community and Town Councils in Wales. Summary of responses has been published: <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/lq-measure-2011-part-7/?status=closed&lang=en>
Guidance: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/localgovernment/publications/lgmeasure11/?lang=en>
6. **OVW:** European Parliamentary Elections across Wales 22 May
7. **OVW:** Code of Conduct Training - 23/04 need extra participants to prevent cancellation (*circulated*)
8. **OVW:** Summary of the WAO Land Seminar held last week can be found via the following link: <https://storify.com/GoodPracticeWAO/land-and-asset-transfer-trosqlyyddo-tir-ac-eiddo>
9. **WG:** glitch in ICT system meant responses using online form (Item 5) may not have been received. Problem now fixed. The appropriate link is; <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/local-government-measure-consultation/?lang=en>
10. **OVW:** BBC One is looking for people who live in interesting homes across Wales for a new TV series. homeswapholidays@bbc.co.uk
11. **OVW:** Natural Resource Management Survey - reminder survey closes on 16/4/14
<<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/nrm-survey-1>

15. Clerk's Report/ Matters for the Clerk to Action

1. Badger Vaccination Scheme to be placed on the following agenda

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.