

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.45pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs David Sharman (*Chairman*), Elaine Lusted (*Vice Chairman*), John Morris, Caroline Fairclough, Roger Llewelyn, Dean Christy, Marc Jones and Colin Alford. *Also in attendance:* Cty Cllr John Morris and Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Ian Maberley.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Lusted [Page 1051 Item 9] - related to pupils in Llanbedr School. The Clerk also reported she is related to pupils in the school.

3. **Planning Matters**

**3.1 Applications:**

(i) **BBNPA:** Application 14/10724/FUL – Demolish existing wooden porch and replace with new porch – Pencae Bleddyn, Llanbedr NP8 1SY. No objection was raised.

***It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Christy and duly agreed that a response of no objection be submitted.***

(ii) **BBNPA:** Application 14/10696/FUL – Erection of a conservatory 7 Dan-Y-Gollen, Glangrwyney NP8 1TN  
Cllr Sharman reported whilst studying this application he noted correspondence from PCC referring to contaminated land and questioned why hasn't PCC submitted a similar response in relation to the Cwrt Y Gollen application?

***It was proposed by Cllr Fairclough, seconded by Cllr Jones and duly agreed to submit a response of no objection.***

**3.2 Decisions/Other:** It was noted Application 14/10474/FUL – Conversion of garage to artist's studio: Craig Y Bwla, Llanbedr has been permitted.

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

**Crickhowell Day Centre:** Crickhowell Day Centre was at risk of closing however community organisations, fronted by the Volunteer Bureau are working towards saving it. A business plan is currently being formulated with Powys putting in £60,000. Input will however be required from the Five Councils. Meetings are ongoing. Cllr Sharman reported he has been informed Meals of Wheels can't be cooked in the Day Centre as the kitchen is unfit. Cty Cllr Morris confirmed the whole kitchen would need to be up-graded if a new organisation takes over. It has been suggested it would be more economic to use caterers rather than take on employees. This debate is ongoing.

**Education:** The Education Department has been reinspected by Estyn. The result of which will be available mid June. Estyn initially came back with a number of improvements across Powys schools, the biggest one being additional learning needs. This is still ongoing and won't be resolved until July/August with no changes anticipated before next year.

**Sporting facilities in Crickhowell:** Powys is devolving itself of all responsibility. Whilst these facilities are based in Crickhowell this will have implications for the surrounding councils as their residents use them. It was suggested this matter be discussed at the next Five Councils Meeting.

**Llanbedr Housing:** Wales & West Housing were due to go out to tender in April. They have decided to build the two open market houses now rather than wait for them to be sold before the build starts. Members suggested some form of ceremony should be held once the project starts. *Cllr D Christy declared an interest in this matter as he currently is in conflict with Wales & West Housing over boundaries.*

**Highways:** Cty Cllr Morris attended a meeting today regarding the traffic lights at the bottom of Llanbedr Road. Representatives from the Welsh Government, Trunk Road Agency and the owner of the wall were present. Welsh Government has been asked for £32,000 to underwrite repair of wall which is supporting the road. The work is likely to take six weeks. It transpired at this meeting the Trunk Road Agency and Insurance Company had yet to open dialogue.

Cllr Lusted questioned what is happening with the recycling collection in Llangenny? It was also questioned when will Patrishow receive a recycling service? It was suggested PCC be contacted and asked to supply recycling facilities in Patrishow and Vale of Grwyney

Cllr Sharman reported he had been informed PCC has been told to reduce the numbers of houses required in its LDP by some 2,500. Cty Cllr Morris confirmed projected figures have decreased based on new calculation/assessments. Cllr Sharman therefore questioned whether the sites at Cwrt-Y-Gollen/Mid Wales Hospital are now needed? Cllr Sharman will contact Paul Ashton in this regard

The Clerk questioned the present position with Llangenny Playground reporting she had not received a response from PCC. Cty Cllr Morris will make enquiries.

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1046 – 1048]. It was proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Fairclough and agreed the minutes of the April meeting be accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes** for information purposes.

**Cwrt Y Gollen:** It was reported the up-dated response to the Development Brief Consultation has been submitted to the BBNPA. Cllr Sharman stated the up-dated brief will be presented on the 23rd May to the Corporate Management Team (CMT) for approval prior to the authority's 11<sup>th</sup> July meeting.

7. **Standing Orders & Financial Regulations:** Standing Orders have been revised to reflect legal changes and better respond to procedural issues. Copies of the One Voice Wales's model Standing Orders and the Council's own Standing Orders were circulated with the suggestion Councillors re-familiarise themselves with the rules under which the Council is governed. It was agreed to take these away to study and discuss further at the next meeting.

***ACTION as Cllr Mabberley was absent the Clerk was asked to forward an electronic copy***

8. **Llangenny Playing Field:** The Clerk has spoken to the Vicar who wishes to have definite information concerning the playground before arranging a meeting [Page 1046 Item 7]. He will speak to the Trust's Solicitor and Church Wardens and contact us in due course. He stated PCC has stopped insuring the playground and the Church is concerned over liability. He is unaware of a restrictive covenant on the ground.

The Clerk made enquiries concerning the report that the land was gifted to the community. As the land has been held on lease with the Church as recognised owner for over 30 years it would appear possessory title would have been gained even if this were the case. PCC confirm it held a lease with the Church and would have had evidence of the church's ownership at that time.

***ACTION it was resolved to contact PCC to determine the current position***

9. **Llanbedr School Photographic Competition:** Members studied the entries and selected the winning photographs. The Clerk and Cllr Lusted took no part in the proceedings. The winning entries were recorded and it was agreed to reveal the results at a presentation ceremony at Llanbedr School.

***ACTION the Clerk to arrange a convenient date for the presentation.***

10. **Badgers Vaccination Programme:** The effectiveness of the scheme set up by the Welsh Government to help fund vaccination of badgers against TB was considered noting that whilst funding could be applied for this has to be match funded. Following discussion of the pros and cons it was agreed that whilst the Council is supportive in principal of vaccination the proposal needs to be re-structured in order to be cost effective.

11. **Any Other Business:** The Clerk reported an Awards for All Application Form has been drafted to fund renewal of the noticeboards [Page 1046 Item 8]. As £500 has already been allocated towards maintenance the Clerk asked the Council to confirm it was happy to put this money towards the cost of renewal. This was duly agreed. As some benches were noted to be in decline it was suggested the grant should include replacement of these, possibly in plastic to eliminate the need for future maintenance. Cllr Sharman will look over the application prior to submission.

12. **Finance:**

12.1 The following items were reported for payment:

Clerk's Salary (£200) Expenses (£25); HMRC £50; Llanbedr School (Competition) £50; B Bermingham (Audit) £105.08; Zurich Insurance £243.80. Chairman's Allowance £75; Councillor's Communication Allowance £20 each per annum

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

The Clerk reported she has just received a quote from AON Insurance. As this is lower than Zurich she suggested she make enquiries as to best value prior to proceeding.

12.2 Other:

**Internal/External Audit:** The Internal audit was carried out on the 6th May. A copy of the report was circulated, together with the Annual Return. The internal audit section of the Annual Return was completed and signed without qualification. The Clerk/RFO certified the accounting statement of the Annual Return and asked the Council to approve the Annual Return prior to submitting a copy to the external auditor.

**Proposed by Cllr Lusted seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed to approve the annual return which Cllr Sharman duly signed.**

**13. To receive Highways issues**

Cllr Christy reported cars parking at the bottom of Bellfountain Road create a hazard when turning off the mini-roundabout. It was suggested this be reported to Crickhowell TC.

Cllr Morris reported difficulties with vehicles trying to use satellite navigation systems in Llanbedr. Suggested a sign should be erected stating "No Sat Nav"

Cllr Jones reported the footpath has washed away in Llangenny by walk up towards Scout ground –due to road – road needs to be fixed.

Potholes and highway issues reported at the last meeting were noted as still being in need of attention. Suggested these matters are reported to Highways again.

**14. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended**

Cllr Lusted reported she had attended today a Governors Meeting in Llanbedr School.

**15. To receive items of general Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A and discuss as appropriate:**

1. **Brecknock and Radnor Community Health Council (CHC):** March minutes/April Agenda
2. **CRiC:** Are you interested in volunteering/supporting a new CRiC and Walkers are Welcome Initiative?
3. **CRiC:** AGM – Wed 30th April 2014 at 7.30pm – CRiC Centre
4. **PAVO:** details of training courses
5. **CRiC:** details of persons for re-appointment as trustees.
6. **BBNPA:** are looking for 1-2 Town/Community Councillors to join panel for scrutiny study into the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Improvement Objective.
7. **G Eales (PCC):** As far as he is aware the Church are owners of the field and title has been registered at the Land Registry.
8. **Glangrwyney Village Hall Committee:** – invitation to AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> May
9. **ICO:** Data Protection registration - receipt of payment ICO:00040867640
10. **ICO:** Data Protection Registration reference: ZA047602 - Certificate of registration
11. **Crickhowell TC:** offer to host OVV training – Devolution of Services –
12. **OVW: Big Lunch Extras:** To apply go onto website: <http://www.biglunchextras.com/>
13. **WG Ethics and regulation - Governance in Small Public Bodies –** to draw Council's attention to the report of the National Assembly for Wales Public Accounts Committee on failings in the governance and financial arrangements of the Caldicot and Wentlog Internal Drainage Board.
14. **OVW:** Community and Town Councils have obligations under both Data Protection and Freedom of Information Acts. One Voice Wales, is delivering workshops across Wales for both staff and councillors.
15. **PAVO:** May 2014 edition of the PAVO E-Briefing.
16. **OVW:** details of training courses
17. **WG Ethics and Regulation:** new edition of the Local Government and Communities Community and Town Councils Welsh Government News
18. **OVW:** new consultancy leaflet describing services offered in the field of employment law/HR, health and safety, and internal auditing by OVW. Contact Paul Egan to discuss requirements.
19. **WG:** link to the consultation on access to information on Community and Town Councils. Deadline for responses is August 4,2014.
20. **Dyfed-Powys Police & Crime Commissioner:** April Newsletter
21. **PCC:** Queen's Baton Race is coming to Powys on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May (Llandrindod Wells)
22. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** magazine – Issue 93 May 2014
23. **BBNPA:** Application 14/10474/FUL Craig Y Bwla, Llanbedr has been permitted.
24. **Play for Wales:** Issue 42 Spring 2014
25. **BBNPA:** Application 14/10724/FUL Pencae Bleddyn, Llanbedr NP8 1SY
26. **BBNPA:** Application 14/10696/FUL 7 Dan-Y-Gollen, Glangrwyney NP8 1TN
27. **Glangrwyney Hall Committee:** copies of legal documents.

**16. Miscellaneous/Late Items** *of correspondence*

1. **Bronwen Bermingham:** Audit report and invoice.
2. **WG/Scrutiny Democracy & Participation:** Survey from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales for completion.
3. **AON:** Insurance quotation £201.05

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.03pm.