

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs David Sharman (Chairman), Elaine Lusted (Vice Chairman), John Morris, Caroline Fairclough and Dean Christy. Also in attendance: Maria James (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Mabberley, Alford and Jones.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Christy (*Item 4.1 (i) the applicant*).
3. **Llangenny Playing Field:** Rev Chris Bowler was welcomed to the meeting. He informed Members the Church Council has decided to run the playground themselves via a Friends Association explaining they were unable to issue a long lease to the Community Council as part of the ground may be required in the future for burial purposes. He also reported the Trust is governed by charity law therefore any lease would have to achieve a proper commercial rent. The formation of a Friends Association will enable the Church to apply for grant funding although it will still be necessary to fundraise to cover the ongoing costs of insurance/ROSPA inspections, etc. Positive feedback has been received from the community in this regard. Rev Bowler is due to meet with Powys CC to discuss this proposal in more detail. He will endeavour to obtain the best possible terms for the handover. He emphasised the Church is keen to preserve the playground which is part of the character of the village and will welcome any help the Community Council can provide in this regard. Members thanked Rev Bowler who then left the meeting. It was agreed this was a good outcome albeit frustrating it has taken so long to achieve.

#### 4. Planning Matters

##### 4.1 Applications:

- (i) **14/10780/FUL:** Proposed erection of home office and domestic workshop, erection of summerhouse and installation of gates at existing entrance – **Forge House, Glangrwyney NP8 1EW**  
*Cllr Christy declared an interest in this application and left the room.*  
Following consideration of the plans and documents supplied it was proposed by Cllr Lusted, seconded by Cllr Morris and duly agreed to submit a response of no objection. *Cllr Christy returned to the table.*
- (ii) **14/10845/LBC:** Proposed porch, single storey extension and re-modelled single storey rear extension – **The Mill, Llanbedr, NP8 1SY.**  
It was proposed by Cllr Christie that a response of 'no objection' be submitted. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed.
- (iii) **14/10883/FUL:** Change of use of a redundant steel framed shed [sui generis] into an office and training centre [B1] – **Gwern-y-Bustach, Fforest Coal Pit, NP7 7LT**  
Following consideration it was agreed to support the application providing the change of use is only applicable to this building, This was proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed.
- (iv) **14/10880/FUL:** Proposed two storey rear extension – **Rose Cottage, Glangrwyney NP8 1EE**  
Following consideration it was agreed it should be clarified whether there is any change of use, ie residential to B&B and what provisions have been made for parking. Only then can the Council make an informed comment.

- ##### 4.2 Decisions/Other:
- The application for Pencae Bleddyn had been amended to include a bat report (as previously circulated). It was noted the application had been previously supported therefore no further respond has been submitted.

It was noted the following applications have been permitted:

- (i) 13/08809/OUT Five houses, four as intermediate housing for local needs – Springfields, Llangenny
- (ii) 14/10696/FUL Erection of conservatory – 7 Dan-y-Gollen, Glangrwyney

5. **County Council Report;** Cllr Morris was not present therefore no report was presented.
6. **Minutes of Meeting:** It was proposed by Cllr Morris the minutes of both the Annual Meeting and the ordinary monthly meeting be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Christy and duly signed by the Chairman.

## 7. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes:**

The Clerk confirmed insurance has been renewed with Zurich Municipal at a cost of £217.57.

It was noted the quote for replacement noticeboards amounts to some £800 per unit (to supply and fit). It has not currently been confirmed whether this was exclusive or inclusive of VAT. The insurance company has agreed to pay £599.99 for a replacement bench at Hall Farm (the excess amounts to £100).

8. **Five Councils Liaison Meeting:** The next Five Councils Liaison Meeting is to be hosted by the Vale of Grwyney on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall. The Clerk confirmed as instructed at the last Five Councils Meeting she has invited Natural Resources Wales to speak on flood defences and is awaiting their response. The Clerks for the Five Councils have been asked to submit agenda items by 10<sup>th</sup> July. Suggested agenda items included the Williams Report and the formation of a Community Energy Group (for purposes of buying electricity, etc). Members were asked to forward any further suggestions to the Clerk.

9. **Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** Wales & West Housing report the project went out to tender at the end of May with tenders due to be returned by the end of July. Once received they plan to discuss the allotments and wish list of items from the Allotment Society.

10. **Standing Orders & Financial Regulations:** The revised OVW financial regulations have been circulated. These regulations have been revised to support the recent change of the two signature cheque rule which now presents Councils with the opportunity of utilising other methods of making payments

Cllr Christy offered to study these in detail and report back. Cllr Fairclough proposed this item be placed on the agenda next month with a view to adopting them. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly agreed.

11. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** The revised Development Brief will be on the agenda of the BBNPA's meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> July. Members won't know what's in the officer's report until a week before. Cllr Sharman offered to make representations.

12. **Any Other Business:** *for information only.* It was questioned whether a footpath exists along the bottom road to Grwyne Fawr Reservoir noting the gate has been locked for 2/3 years. Black Mountain Graziers have acquired a key from Welsh Water to access the sheep pens however if lost a replacement key will cost £300. It is questioned who owns the ground, and why is the gate locked? It was agreed this should be placed on the agenda for discussion next month.

## 13. **Finance:**

- 13.1 To report/resolve to approve items for payment as follows: Clerk's salary £200/Exp £25; HMRC £50; Hire Charges: Llanbedr Village Hall £77, Llangenny School Hall £70 & Glangrwyney Village Hall £63; Welsh Water (Llanbedr Drinking Trough) £16.29; CRiC Centre; Photocopying £16.20

It was proposed by Cllr Morris the above payments are approved. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed.

- 13.2 **Donations:** Requests received during the year were received from Shelter Cymru, Brecon Advice Centre, Talking Books Wales, British Red Cross, Victim Support, CRiC, Llanbedr Hall, Llangenny Hall Children's Recreational Club, St Peter's Church in Wales Gardening Project. It was reported the request from the Recreational Club was for a mat which has now been obtained and the gardening project had received £50 in prize money via the photographic competition.

It was proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Fairclough and agreed to donate £100 to each of the Churchyard funds, £50 to Llanbedr School and £50 to Wales Air Ambulance. The Council has already agreed to donate £100 towards each of the village halls. It was questioned whether donations should be considered biannually? It was agreed to look into this proposal later in the year.

14. **Highways:** Evidence was produced to illustrate the number of cars parking on or near the mini-roundabout at the junction with Greenhill Way/Standard Street in Crickhowell. This appears to have increased considerably in recent times and is creating safety issues. It was questioned whether this section of road is scheduled for yellow lines. The position has been reported to Crickhowell Town Council. It was suggested and agreed the police be notified.

Councillors reported the following Highways issues:

**Patrishow** - Road below Llwynon (back road from Craig-y-Bwla and Fiveways) is collapsing – pool of water.  
**Llangenny** – hedge needs cutting from Cross Roads travelling down past Penwylodd – very overgrown. Also hedge at junction with A40 (Glangrwyney Court side) needs cutting. Millbrook: damage to wall (listed) tree has come down - could cause flooding (between Salmon Leap and Golden Grove).  
**Llanbedr** - Resident living in bungalow in St Peter's Close, Llanbedr has complained tree on verge overhangs his property – needs management.

It was also asked why was it necessary to put road diversion signs out on Friday (in Llangenny) when work wasn't due to start until the following Monday.

- 15. Reports on Meetings Attended :** Cllr Morris attended a Scrutiny Meeting, One Voice Wales; Crickhowell Town Council meeting was attended by Cllrs Christy and the Chairman. The Chairman and Clerk attended a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. The Chairman, Cllrs Mabberley, Lusted, Fairclough and Clerk attended Llanbedr School to present certificates for the Photographic competition.
- 16. Correspondence:** the following correspondence was received:
1. **PCC:** Recruiting Member of the Board of Director Trustees (*Circulated*)
  2. **PCC:** confirmation Llangenny playground is covered by the Powys insurance umbrella.
  3. **BBNPA:** Consultation on Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance (circulated)\_
  4. **B Bermingham:** receipt of payment – internal audit
  5. **OVW:** Natural Resource Management e-bulletin – Issue 11 May 2014
  6. **Crickhowell TC:** confirmation of VoGCC's request for five places on the OVW's Devolution of Services Training – *details will be forwarded when available*
  7. **WG: Public Health White Paper** - Consultation on the Public Health White Paper,
  8. **OVW:** conversation with Peter Davies. Commissioner for Sustainable Futures on The Wales We Want. To find out more email [hello@thewaleswewant.co.uk](mailto:hello@thewaleswewant.co.uk) or telephone 029 20 19 20 21
  9. **PAVO:** June 2014 edition of the PAVO E-Briefing & Info Engine Broker Newsletter
  10. **PCC:** Invitation to 2014 Play Conference 25<sup>th</sup> June (*Circulated*)
  11. **CRiC:** invoice for photocopying £16.20
  12. **Brecknock and Radnor Community Health Council:** Next meeting 16/06/14 Bishop Meadow Motel.
  13. **OVW:** New Model Financial Regulations for reference (*on agenda*).
  14. **OVW/BBNPA:** consultation on Brecon Beacons National Park Visitor Management Plan extended to 8/07/14
  15. **PCSO Legg:** Monthly Police Report for May 2014 (*circulated*)
  16. **Christopher Salmon, Police & Crime Commissioner:** online survey (*circulated*)
  17. **PCC:** temporary road closure – 16-17<sup>th</sup> June – County Classified Road No C0123 Llangenny (*circulated*)
  18. **BBNPA:** 14/10780/FUL – Forge House, Glangrwyney NP8 1EW
  19. **BBNPA:** 14/10845/LBC – The Mill, Llanbedr, Crickhowell, Powys NP8 1SY.
  20. **BBNPA:** 14/10724/FUL – Pencae Bleddyn, Llanbedr NP8 1SY amended application (Circulated).
  21. **BBNPA:** 14/10883/FUL – Gwern-y-Bustach, Fforest Coal Pit, Abergavenny NP7 7LT
  22. **OVW:** Spring 2014/15 Newsletter – The Voice - Issue 25 Spring 2014
  23. **Defence Infrastructure Organisation:** RMS Sandhurst exercise Long Reach will take place on: 10-12 June 14, 14-16 October 14, 11–13 February 15
  24. **Reverend C Bowler:** Church Council due to meet to discuss the Community Council's involvement with the playground.
  25. **PCC:** ranking scheme for undertaking minor works (*circulated*)
  26. **Welsh Water:** invoice for Llanbedr water trough - £16.29
  27. **Zurich Municipal:** insurance policy documentation
- 17. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence:**

1. **PCC:** Consultation Report - summarises key issues with the Council's response:  
<http://www.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=16906&L=0>
2. **Zurich:** confirmation claim will be paid.
3. **NEA (National Energy Action) Cymru** For further information contact Helen Roach on 029 2064 4520 [Helen.roach@nea.org.uk](mailto:Helen.roach@nea.org.uk)<<mailto:Helen.roach@nea.org.uk>> by 23/06/14.
4. **BBNPA:** the following applications have been permitted: (i) 13/08809/OUT – Springfields, Llangenny (ii) 14/10696/FUL– 7 Dan-y-Gollen, Glangrwyney
5. **Roger Williams MP/Kirsty Williams AM:** request for comments on WG review of speed limits on trunk road. *Letter to be circulated for comments.*

It was also suggested the Council write to Edwina Hart/PCC to question why lay-bys off A40 Crickhowell have been closed/and how long for? stating it is dangerous and unacceptable.

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

- Right of way - Grwyne Fawr Reservoir

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.07 pm.