

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 28th July 2014 at 7.30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Fairclough (who was attending One Voice Wales Training on the Devolution of Services), Jones and Alford
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Christy (Item 3.1b).
3. **Planning Applications:**
 - a. 14/10951/FUL – Conversion of car port into home office/studio and extension of the dwelling with a new garden room – **21 Dan-y-Gollen, Glangrwyney, NP8 1TN.**
 - b. 14/10780/FUL: Amended - 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 item and took no part in its consideration.*

It was RESOLVED to submit responses of No Objection to both the above applications.

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris was not present therefore no report was received.
5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1054 – 1057] It was proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Christie and agreed the minutes of the 16th June meeting be accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes:** The Clerk has sourced a bench to replace the one demolished in Llangenny however needs to ascertain installation costs prior to proceeding. She is currently making enquiries.

It was reported the quote received last month for wooden noticeboards is £850 per unit (plus VAT). It was suggested the use of metal/plastic noticeboards be investigated. It was RESOLVED to obtain three quotations.

Cllr Lusted arrived at this point.

7. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** Despite the Council's representations the revised Development Brief for Cwrt Y Gollen has now been approved. It is therefore anticipated the planning application for 70 houses/flats will be decided soon (possibly in September). It was agreed Cllrs Sharman, Christy, Lusted, Morris and Llewelyn will form a working party to discuss how to proceed. It was agreed the group will meet following the Council's meeting. Due to time restraints the working party was given delegated powers to act as required.
8. **Standing Orders & Financial Regulations:** Cllr Christy reported he had scrutinised the document and whilst 90% of it is intended for larger Councils and not relevant to a Council of this size he felt assured the Council has sufficient documentation to cover the regulations as demonstrated and recorded in the minutes. It was agreed to minute the fact that Councillors have read, accept and agree to comply with Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. It was proposed by Cllr Morris they be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Maberley and unanimously agreed.
9. **Grwyne Fawr Reservoir - Rights of access:** Cllr Maberley reported Welsh Water state they are unable to allow access as the road is in poor condition. He has questioned why are they restricting access for walkers and is awaiting a response. He will pursue the matter and report back. Cllr Morris reported the Black Mountain Graziers Association has also been in correspondence with Welsh Water and whilst they have been given one key for the padlocked gate this does not solve the issue. The pens were built for graziers who should be allowed uncontrolled access.
10. **Local Government White Paper Reforming Local Government:** At the Five Councils Meeting the importance of this paper was discussed. It was suggested representatives from each of the Councils meet to consider a response to this consultation (which has a deadline of 1st October 2014). It was agreed such a meeting needs to be held by the first week in September (Cllrs Sharman and Fairclough will represent the VoGCC). It was agreed to email the Councils to ask if they have elected representatives noting if this is not the case the Council will have to formulate an individual response. A meeting needs to be arranged ideally prior to the Council's next meeting (2nd week of August).

11. **Any Other Business:** Cllr Mabberley reported rubbish in Grwyne Fawr hasn't been collected on the correct day for two weeks. The Council being on strike explained the first week however not the second. The Clerk will report this to Powys CC.
12. **Finance:** The following items were presented for approval: Clerk's salary £200 & expenses £25, HMRC £50, Donations: Llanbedr Village Hall £100, Llangenny School Hall £100, Glangrwyney Village Hall £100; Llanbedr Churchyard Fund £100, Llangenny Churchyard Fund £100, Patricio Church Churchyard Fund, £100, Llanbedr School £50, Wales Air Ambulance £50. It was queried whether the donation shown for the school was intended as prize money for a future competition, however agreed to proceed as shown. It was proposed by Cllr Lusted, Seconded by Cllr Mabberley and agreed to pay the above.
13. **Highways:** the following matters were reported:

Llangenny – Vicarage hill – potholes. hedges – still in need of cutting, as is hedge by Glangrwyney Court junction. The bridge by scout camp in Llangenny – no parapet on bridge – fern overgrown – (Inform National Park). **Llanbedr** - no sign up at the quarry. Bont Lane – nothing has been done. Road rough - needs tarmacing where Welsh Water put in new pipes - from The Neuadd to Llanbedr turning.
Grwyne Fawr - potholes – particularly by The Coed and Tyn y Llwyn
It was noted that the majority of these items have been reported previously and suggested that are again reported as outstanding concerns.

The problem of cars parking on the mini-roundabout in Crickhowell has been referred to both Crickhowell TC and the police - who inform they will investigate.

Disappointment was expressed that works reported during the meeting held with Powys CC last year remain outstanding.

14. Reports on Meetings Attended:

OVW Area Committee Meeting & AGM Cllr Morris attended – new Chairman appointed. Barry Thomas Leader of PCC spoke – more budget cuts – more toilets going to close - playing fields, etc.
Five Councils Meeting: Cllr Sharman, Morris, Christy, Fairclough and the Clerk attended .
BBNPA Meeting: Cllr Sharman and Christy attended – as reported the Development Brief was passed.
Police Meeting: Cllr Sharman attended with Kirsty Williams AM - possibility Crickhowell Police Station will close. Agreed to write to Chief Commissioner to ask what is going to happen.
Cllr Mabberley reported he has spoken with Natural Resources Wales (Chief Executive Dr Emyr Roberts/Local rep Dai Rees) regarding failure to manage their estate (the forestry)
Local Access Forum Meeting: spoke briefly about Grwyne Fawr Reservoir
Cllr Morris reported that Farmers have agreed the Grazier Scheme – signed 5 yr contract.

15. Correspondence: The following was noted and discussed as appropriate:

1. **OVW/Natural Resource Management Programme:** Information on how to apply for the Welsh Government Nature Fund.
2. **Pontio'r Powys ICT** is offering to help community organisations make the most of technologies and the internet. Free Training - www.pontiorpowys.org - circulated
3. **BBNPA:** copy of PowerPoint planning presentation (circulated)
4. **OVW:** Alun Davies, Minister for Natural Resources and Food has launching Green Growth Wales: Investing in the Future: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/consmanagement/green-growth-wales/?lang=en>
5. **OVW:** Complaints Handling for Front Line Staff - e Learning Training package
6. **OVW:** Code of Practice on Workforce Matters – <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/improvingservices/publicationsevents/publications/two-tier-workforce-codes/?lang=en>
7. **OVW:** Invitation for Nominations - Birthday Honours 2015 - Please return all nominations to David.Gardiner@wales.gsi.gov.uk
8. **OVW:** The National Executive Committee request the guidance topic notes from the Information Commissioner's website be circulated to help members understand their responsibilities under the Data Protection legislation.
9. **PAVO:** Conference and AGM Diary Maker – 10th November 2014 – invitations to follow
10. **BBNPA:** Planning Services Guide – circulated
11. **Cty Cllr David Price:** request for support to improve Llywelyn's monument, Cilmeri, Builth Wells - https://www.assemblywales.org/epetition-list-of-signatories.htm?pet_id=1029
12. **PAVO:** July 2014 edition of the PAVO E-Briefing -
13. **PCSO S Legg** – monthly police report (circulated)
14. **PCC:** Archives newsletter link: <http://www.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=12590&L=0>
15. **PCC:** Powys Local Development Plan - Deposit Consultation. 28/07/14 to 8/9/14 - circulated.

16. **PCC:** Local Action Group (LAG) Workshops – circulated
17. **WG:** link to the Reforming Local Government White Paper.
<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/white-paper-reforming-local-government/?lang=en>
18. **WG:** The National Assembly for Wales has passed the Housing (Wales) Bill Tuesday, 8 July:
<http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?lId=8220&Opt=0> For further information, please contact homesforwales@wales.gsi.gov.uk
19. **Crickhowell TC:** Hosting One Voice Wales Devolution of Services training – 28th July - 6.30pm - 9pm.
20. **BBNPA:** Brecon Beacons Community Newsletter Summer 2014
21. **BBNPA:** Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 09/02984/FUL to extend the period of time for the implementation of construction of replacement indoor firing range - **Cwrt Y Gollen Army Training Camp, Crickhowell - response** has been submitted
22. **BBNPA:** Application 14/10951/FUL – 21 Dan-y-Gollen, Glangrwyney, NP8 1TN.
23. **Llanbedr School:** Photographic competition - thank you letter
24. **Powys CC:** One Powys Plan 2014-17
25. **Public Services Ombudsman:** Annual Report 2013/14
26. **Brecon Advice Centre:** annual reports & accounts 2013/14 and request for funding
27. **Crickhowell Joinery:** quotation for noticeboards - £850 each plus VAT
28. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** Issue 94 July 2014
29. **PCC:** Grounds Maintenance Service 2014 – frequency of grass cutting has been reviewed.
30. **Llanbedr Hall Treasurer:** receipt for hall hires payment.
31. **OVW:** Agenda for Brecon & Radnor Area Committee Meeting – 18th July & minutes of 11th April and Annual Meeting 26th July 2013

16. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:

1. **OVW:** Model Standing Orders - in welsh language
2. **OVW:** Green Paper consultation on improving the availability of allotments and community gardens.
<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/allotments-and-community-gardens/?skip=1&lang=en>
3. **PCC:** Diary Marker for the LEADER 2014 - 2020 Local Action Group Workshops: 1st and 6th August 10 - 4 Royal Welsh Show Ground (Rural Development Plan)
4. **OVW:** e-bulletin, describing the introduction of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill:
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/sustainabledevelopment/?lang=en>
5. **OVW/Natural Resources Wales:** July/August issue of the Funding Update
6. **OVW/BBC:** BBC Audience Council Wales has published its Wales Annual Review
7. **OVW:** **One Voice Wales 2014 Conference and AGM the** 10th Conference and Annual General Meeting of One Voice Wales will be held on 4th October 2014 at the Royal Welsh Showground – Cllr Morris to attend.
8. **BBNPA:** Local Development Plan (LDP) (Adopted December 2013) Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes - documents available for public consultation for 8 weeks, running from **Thursday 24th July** until **Thursday 18th September 2014**. To view the draft SPG see <http://www.beacons-mpa.gov.uk/?p=29129>
9. **Powys Rural Housing Newsletter** – Final Edition
10. **OVW:** Fly tipping Action Wales up-date <http://wales.gov.uk/docs/desh/consultation/140604draft-fly-tipping-strategy-en.pdf>) and also give feedback via the WG website (<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/draft-fly-tipping-strategy/?lang=en>)
11. **Powys CC:** Deposit Powys Local Development Plan.
12. **Play for Wales:** Issue 43 Summer 2014

17. Clerk's Report/to receive items for inclusion in the next Agenda

- Housing in Llanbedr – current position.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.56pm