

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2014 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

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

Police Report: PC Andy Pole was welcomed to the meeting. He gave a brief resume of crime in the area reporting rural crime has been a priority with crime figures showing a 20% reduction. People now however need to be wary of oil/diesel thefts. He explained how the force uses Twitter to get live information out and encouraged Members to become 'followers'. In response to the problem of dangerous parking on Bellfountain Road/Standard Street PC Pole assured Members he has and will continue to issue fines if people park dangerously. He also informed Members Talybont CC is currently setting up a voluntary group of wardens to patrol areas which have experienced problems with thefts from vehicles, offering support to the Vale of Grwyney CC should it wish to run a similar scheme. Funding is available (up to £3,000) for such crime prevention activities and further information can be found on the Police & Crime Commissioner's web site. PC Pole also reported the number of officers working in Crickhowell is due to increase to three. Members were pleased to hear this. They also asked for more feedback to be given following incidents as this was currently felt insufficient. PC Pole emphasised the police are here to help and asked Members to report any concerns to the Clerk, who would refer these to the police for further investigation. He finished by emphasising the importance of community working stating information is key. Officers will be happy to call on people within the community to discuss any ideas or issues they may have. The Chairman thanked PC Pole for attending. PC Pole then left the meeting.

Cllr Elaine Lusted arrived at 7:45am

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

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Nil

3. **Planning Matters**

Applications:

- 14/11255/FUL: Single storey extension to existing dwelling – **Pentwyn, Llanbedr NP8 1SY**. It was proposed by Cllr Fairclough, seconded by Cllr Christy and agreed a response of no objection be submitted.
- 14/11233/LBC: Proposed PV solar panel installation – **St Peter's Church, Llanbedr**. It was proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Lusted and agreed that a response of no objection be submitted.

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris provided an up-date on county council matters reporting:

- Cabinet reshuffle took place in Cardiff last week – Leighton Andrews has been brought back in to drive the Williams Report through – this will have an effect on town and community councils.
- Powys County Council has appointed a new Cabinet Member for Education.
- There are still ongoing concerns regarding services ie libraries/toilets - looks like PCC will not support toilets after April – they are in negotiation with Town/Community Councils with a view to them taking on responsibility.
- Roads - patching is being done to repair the roads ripped up last winter.
- Rubbish collection – PCC has now leased multi-functional vehicles - these require one team rather than two – the additional personnel previously required can now be moved back to other duties.

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1061 – 1064] It was proposed by Cllr Fairclough, seconded by Cllr Christy and agreed the minutes of the 18th August 2014 meeting be accepted as a true record subject to correcting the spelling of Cllr Christy's surname [Page 1062 Items 5 and 8]. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes:** Members were asked if they wished to proceed with the purchase of a timber bench as supplied by Streetmaster. Cllr Lusted proposed the Council proceed. This was seconded by Cllr Morris and duly agreed. The Clerk to make arrangements.

Noticeboards: as requested the Clerk obtained prices for a plastic wood-effect notice board. One company approached however did not recommend plastic wood effect boards believing them to be less durable than stainless steel ones – despite being of similar price. It was decided further enquiries should be made.

Welsh Water has not responded regarding the locked barrier [Page 1062 Item 9]. It was agreed the Council write to complain about this and the stopping of pedestrian access, as well as the lack of response from their Estates Department.

7. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** A decision on the planning application has been deferred until BBNPA Members have conducted a site visit. This will take place on the morning of the 21st October prior to the next PAROW meeting. It was suggested the Council ask if it could also attend the site meeting.

Whilst some four people made speeches during the September PAROW meeting Cllr Sharman reported there are others registered who will speak at the next meeting. Kirsty Williams AM was present however initially told she would not be allowed to speak.

An official complaint has now been submitted concerning the way BBNPA has handled this application. Cllr Sharman has also drafted a letter to be sent to Carl Sargarent AM, Edwina Hart AM and John Griffiths AM. This will be circulated for approval.

BBNPA has now written to state it will accept up-dated comments. These must be received by close of play on the 2nd October. It was agreed this matter should be referred to the Working Party.

8. **Local Government White Paper Reforming Local Government:** Cllrs Sharman and Fairclough, and the Clerk attended a meeting with representatives from Llangattock and Crickhowell to formulate a combined response. This is currently been drafted. As soon as it is available it will be circulated to the Five Councils for approval prior to submission.

9. **Any Other Business:** It was noted PCC is holding a Community Delivery Event on the 8th October. Cllrs Fairclough and Sharman will attend. The Clerk reported meetings are being held either in the morning (10-1) or afternoon (2-5). There is also a drop-in session from 6 - 8pm – no booking necessary.

10. Finance

10.1 The following items were presented for approval: G James (Salary/Exp £225/Stationery/Post £203.35/Travelling £10) £438.35; Revenue & Customs; £50; Glangrwyney Village Hall (hire fee) £70.

Cllr Lusted proposed that the above payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed.

10.2 It was noted a payment of £30 has been received from the Wales Audit Office (as reported under Correspondence Item 18).

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

Grwyne Fawr: pothole between Gwernybustach and Tyn y Llwyn drive – also red paint mark on very wet patch – do PCC know anything about this or it is Welsh Water. **Llanbedr:** potholes - Sunnybank and Mylaid.

Glangrwyney: bollard opposite the house – on front of Bell – put back in at lower level. **Llangenny:** wall at bottom of hill by the river and Rectory Road (which car went into last winter) – has been reported to be moving and may collapse - needs checking.

12. **Reports on Meetings Attended:** Community Health Focus Group Meeting: Cllr Fairclough attended reporting the lady in charge of adult social services gave a presentation on what's happening with Maes-y-Ffynnon. It was generally thought things were moving in the right direction. Meetings will now be quarterly and calendared.

13. **Correspondence:** The following items of correspondence were received and noted:

1. One Voice Wales:

- (i) Developing the Welsh National Marine Plan:
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/fisheries/marine/marine-planning/latest-news/?lang=en>
- (ii) National St David's Awards 2015 – nominations now open – www.stdavidawards.org.uk
- (iii) Details of training in the area
- (iv) Heritage Lottery Fund - Opportunities to join Committee for Wales
- (v) Repair Grants for Places of Worship in Wales – Deadline - 12th September

2. **Rev Chris Bowler:** thank you for donation, please direct correspondence to him pending new treasurer.
3. **Wales Air Ambulance:** thank you for donation
4. **C Norbury:** comments re Cwrt Y Gollen application.
5. **Streetmaster** – quote for wooden bench including securing straps - £422/£473 – delivery £74

6. **Brecknock & Radnor Community Health Council:** next meeting 7th October 2014.
 7. **PPC:**
 - (i) Invitation to a budget conversation – Community Deliverance – Cllrs Fairclough & Sharman to attend
 - (ii) Traffic Management – 9th September – for Tour of Britain Cycle Event (circulated)
 8. **Treasurer Llanbedr Village Hall** – thank you for donation.
 9. **PAVO:** e-briefing September 2014
 10. **PAVO:** Conference – 10th November 9:30 to 2pm – Royal Welsh Showground
 11. **Arts Council Wales:** Powys Arts Service & the Night Out Scheme networking event
 12. **BBNPA:** piloting committee management system to give access to agendas, minutes, etc via website
 13. **Powys Teaching Health Board** moving to Council Offices, Brecon, LD3 7HR
 14. **BBNPA:**
 - (i) PAROW Committee 09/09/14 – Application 12/08575/OUT – Cwrt Y Gollen Army Camp, Crickhowell – Recommendation: Permit subject to Section 106 Agreement.
 - (ii) PAROW Committee 9/09/14 – Application 14/10880/FUL– Rose Cottage, Glangrwyney – Recommendation: Permit.
 - (iii) Action for Tourism – Summer 2014/Issue 21
 15. **OVW:**
 - (i) Eight motions put forward for consideration at AGM – 4th October 2014
 - (ii) 2014 Training Programme
 16. **Clerks & Councils Direct** – Issue 95/September 2014
 17. **Shelter** – Funding request
 18. **Wales Audit Office** – Auditor General for Wales in response to the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 is distributing reserves held at 31/03/14. Each Community/Town Council will be paid £30
 19. **Llanbedr School** – thank you for donation.
14. **Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence:** The following items of correspondence were received:
1. **One Voice Wales:** Survey of members to inform Commercial Development programme. - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/membsexpenditureENG>
 2. **Glangrwyney Village Hall** – thank you for donation
 3. **BBNPA:**
 - a. **Application 14/11255/FUL:** Single storey extension– **Pentwyn, Llanbedr NP8 1SY**
 - b. **Application 14/11233/LBC:** Proposed PV solar panel installation – **St Peter’s Church, Llanbedr**
 - c. **John Cook, BBNPA:** Letter to acknowledge complaint
 - d. **Vickie Page, BBNPA:** letter to acknowledge complaint
 4. **N Stoddard, Natural Resource Wales:** letter to acknowledge complaint about state of picnic site and request to attend future meeting to discuss ways of tackling anti-social behaviour in Grwyne Fawr
15. **Clerk’s Report/ Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:** None reported.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:28pm