

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 17th November 2014 at 7.30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Ian Maberley & John Morris who were representing the Council at a police meeting.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** To be declared as appropriate during the meeting.
3. **Planning Matters**

3.1 Applications

(a) 14/11470/FUL: High head micro hydro scheme with turgo runner in turbine house, system consisting of intake weir and separate forebay tank, pipeline, turbine house and outflow pipe - on the Grwyne Fechan watercourse utilising land relating to Pen Twyn Mawr, Crickhowell

The Council's support of renewable energy was reiterated however considerable concern was voiced as to impact on the landscape and size of pipes. It was questioned whether pipes were to be buried and if not why not? Discussion ensued following which it was proposed by Cllr Sharman the Council submit a response stating it is in favour of renewable energy as long as pipes are buried and do not cause a visual distraction. This was seconded by Cllr Christy and agreed by majority vote (two abstentions).

As several applications have recently been received for similar schemes and doubtless more will follow Members debated on whether it should set a precedent. It was agreed future applications will only be supported if associated pipes are buried. It was also suggested and agreed the Council find out more about the scheme from Llangattock Green Valleys with reference to the size of pipes, etc and whether there is a valid reason for pipes not be buried. (*Cllr Fairclough declared an interest in this item*).

(b) 14/11511/TPO: To fell 1x eucalyptus tree to ground level – Llais Y Afon, Llangenny NP8 1HA
It was agreed to submit a response of no objection.

3.2 Decisions: The following applications have been permitted:

- (a) 14/11255/FUL: Pentwyn, Llanbedr.
- (b) 14/10845/LBC: The Mill, Llanbedr

4. County Council Report: Cty Cllr Morris reported:

- **School Transformation Policy:** The Cabinet has produced a School Transformation Policy Report. This relates to both secondary and primary schooling. Criteria for review of schools involve the percentage of surplus places, amount of pupils and cost per pupil. It is likely that SORP (the School Organisation Review Panel) will put Llanbedr on its list for review. More information can be found on PCC's web site.
- **Culverts:** Complaints have been received concerning several blocked culverts. If Members are aware of any please report them.
- **Refuse Collection:** This is now understood to be "sort of" settled. PCC has been asked to send letters to Llangenny residents to inform them of the day(s) when rubbish will be collected.

JGM left the meeting 20.09

5. Minutes of Meeting [Page 1068 – 1071] It was proposed by Cllr Lusted that the minutes of the 20th October meeting be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Llewelyn and duly agreed.

6. Matters Arising from the Above Minutes:

Members reported traffic speeding through Glangrwyney continues to present dangers for both pedestrians and property noting a house in the centre of the village has again been damaged by a passing lorry. It was questioned whether any further progress has been received regarding the traffic calming measures requested. The Clerk reported she is currently awaiting a response.

Members were referred to Correspondence Item 12.m. relating to the Government's speed review on trunk road. Cllr Sharman offered to complete.

7. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** As previously notified this application was approved by PAROW on the 21st October. Notes from meetings held on the 17th and 30th October were circulated for information. Considerable concern was again voiced over the lack of community benefit. Members agreed they now need to concentrate on monitoring the application and try to ensure detailed plans go through the full planning process rather than being dealt with under reserved matters.

It was agreed to write to BBNPA to reiterate the planning gain requested in the Council's response to the draft development brief and to ask the Council be involved and informed of all stages of the planning process ie site layout/highways safety/sewerage, etc and given opportunity to comment on proposals as they progress, as well as reiterating the view that remaining land should remain as parkland in perpetuity.

As noted in Late Correspondence (Item 15.2) a response has been received to the Council's complaint to BBNPA. Members discussed its content and agreed to defer their response to the December meeting.

8. **Llanbedr Housing:** Members discussed the affordable housing project in Llanbedr expressing concern the build has not started. Wales & West Housing state they are committed to developing the scheme and deny it has been placed on the "back burner". Tenders received for the build proved too high therefore they have had to look at alternative ways in order to progress the development.

Wales & West had been unable to attend this meeting therefore it was suggested a daytime meeting be arranged with the working party. The Clerk will contact Wales and West.

9. **Glangrwyney Notice board:** It was noted the Village Hall Committee wish to install a new notice board near the village hall and has written to ask whether the Council would be interested in combining resources in order to acquire a new notice board (of sufficient size) for use by both the Council and Village Hall. Cllr Fairclough proposed the Council agree to this request. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and agreed unanimously. The Clerk to inform the Committee the Council is currently looking into grant aid to help fund new notice boards.

10. **Any Other Business:** *for information only*

Cllr Marc Jones has resigned from the Council due to work commitments. The requisite notices have been placed on the notice boards and the vacancy reported to the Elections Officer. The Council will be notified in due course whether an election has been called or whether it will need to co-opt a new member.

11. Finance

- 11.1 The following items were presented for approval: G James (Salary £200 /Exp £25); HM Revenue & Customs £50; Llanbedr Hall Association (Hire Charges) £14, and S D Caddick (Wordpress Domain Fee) £10; Welsh Water £17.83

It was proposed by Cllr Lusted, seconded by Cllr Llewelyn and duly agreed to approve the above payments.

It was noted Glangrwyney Village Hall Committee has contacted the Clerk offering to waive the hire fees (£28) relating to hire charges for two Cwrt Y Gollen meetings held in the hall. The Council was asked whether they wished to pay this fee or accept this offer. Members agreed to accept this offer.

- 11.2 In recognition of all the extra work and meetings involved with the Cwrt Y Gollen application Cllr Sharman proposed the Clerk be paid an additional month's salary. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed.

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

Bellfountain Road: vehicles parking dangerous by the roundabout on Bellfountain Road/Standard Street was again discussed. It was suggested Crickhowell Town Council be approached for assistance. It was also suggested as an interim measure the hedge on the opposite side of the road is cut.

Forest Coal Pit: culvert beneath Llwynon - silted up needs clearing

Grwyne Fawr: salt bins to be filled

Llangenny: culvert blocked on Vicarage Pitch.

13. Reports on Meetings Attended:

Local Access Forum: Cllr Sharman attended. He reported Cllr Ian Maberley has been appointed Chairman.

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

1. **Glangrwyney Village Hall Committee:** request to share noticeboard (*on agenda*)
2. **PAVO:** November edition of PAVO E-Briefing.
3. **Gwent Police:** meeting to discuss raves in Grwyne Fawr - 17th Nov - Abergavenny Police Station
4. **M Jones:** resignation from Council.
5. **Crickhowell TC:** next Five Councils Meeting will be hosted by Crickhowell TC on 26/11/14 - venue tbc.
6. **Partricio Church:** thank you for donation to churchyard fund
7. **S Caddick:** invoice for Wordpress domain mapping – 1 yr - £10
8. **CRiC:** Walkers are Welcome AGM – The Bear – 19th November – 7pm
9. **BBNPA (LDP) (Adopted December 2013) Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes** To view please visit the Authority's website as follows <http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/?p=29129>
10. **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority** consulting on plans as set out in the Draft Strategic Plan and the Draft Annual Improvement Plan 2015-2016, until 28th November 2014.
www.mawwfire.gov.uk (<http://mawwfire.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6f8b7a91ea9e3a3bfb9664ccd&id=2b9c354211&e=451283b404>)
11. **Glangrwyney Hall Committee:** offer to waive hire fees for CYG meetings on 23 and 30th October due to this being a matter with local importance for local people.
12. **One Voice Wales:**
 - a. Welsh Government consultations on Gypsy and Traveller site accommodation guidance Undertaking Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessments (GTAAs) –
 - b. Vacancy - Children's Commissioner for Wales: advert
 - c. Community Foundation in Wales - £175,000 grants available for communities - <http://www.cfiw.org.uk/eng/grants/44-spirit-of-2012---fourteen>
 - d. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority consultation/details of public engagement meetings
 - e. Development and Management of Play Spaces – Community Toolkit
 - f. Appointment of Lay & Legal Members to the Welsh Language Tribunal
 - g. **PAVO** – Annual Conference & AGM – 10 November 2014
 - h. **OVW:** Badger Found Dead Survey – information on reporting carcasses: www.wales.gov.uk/bovinetb
 - i. **PCC:** update on waste and recycling
 - j. **PCC:** Final Reminder about Powys Business Fair 30th November, 4-7 at the George Hotel, Brecon
 - k. **Powys CC** – vacancies for Electoral Registration Canvasser
 - l. **Powys Regeneration Partnership** invitation to event to celebrate success of the Rural Development Programme 2011 – 2013
 - m. **WG:** Trunk Road Speed Limit Review - questionnaire

13. BBNPA:

- (c) Application 14/11470/FUL: Grwyne Fechan watercourse utilising land relating to Pen Twyn Mawr (agenda)
 - (d) Application 14/11511/TPO: Llais Y Afon, Llangenny (agenda),
 - (e) Application 14/11255/FUL: Pentwyn, Llanbedr has been permitted (agenda).
 - (f) Application 14/10845/LBC: The Mill, Llanbedr has been permitted (agenda).
 - (g) Letter to confirm complaint will proceed to Stage II
 - (h) Request for clarification of why the Authority's original response is inadequate
14. **Clerks & Council Direct** – Issue 96 November 14
 15. **Citizens Advice Bureau** – request for funding
 16. **Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod** – request for funding
 17. **Urdd National Eisteddfod** – request for funding
 18. **Welsh Water:** invoice for Llanbedr water trough £17.83

15. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence

1. **Brecon Community Health Council:** Consultation concerning proposed changes to CHCs in Wales :
2. **Powys CC:** New opening hours for libraries
3. **BBNPA:** Response to Stage 2 Complaint

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

The Clerk reported she had been informed the Council's competition prize had not been utilised as intended. It was agreed this should be investigated. Cllr Lusted will make enquiries.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:40pm