

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 16th February 2015 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs David Sharman (*Chairman*), John Morris, Ian Maberley and Colin Alford. Also in attendance: Cty Cllr John Morris and Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Christy, Lusted, Fairclough and Llewelyn.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Nil.

3. **Planning Matters**

3.1 Applications

- (i) **15/11788/FUL: 38 Martell Way, Glangrwyney NP8 1TJ** Two storey and single storey extension to existing dwelling to include garage, the creation of vehicular access and insertion of two roof-lights.
- (ii) **15/11811/FUL: St Peters Church, Llanbedr NP8 1SR** PV solar panel installation.
- (iii) **15/11802/FUL: Sharuhen, Glangrwyney NP8 1ET** Proposed sun room to south elevation.
- (iv) **15/11738/FUL: Forge House, Glangrwyney NP8 1EW** Conversion of existing barn within the residential curtilage of a Grade II listed building to provide holiday accommodation.

Cllr Maberley proposed the above applications be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Alford and agreed unanimously.

3.2 **Decisions/Other:** BBNPA has responded to the query raised with regard to hydro schemes [Page 1079 Item 3.2] stating it is not necessary to gain consent. Community benefit due to the scheme crossing common ground is not a planning issue however use of common land requires S38 consent and possibly payment to the Commoners Association.

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris reported: PCC has approved its budget with £12 million pounds of cuts although very little detail as to where these will be made. Highways will lose £1.5 million and Council Tax will rise 4%.

PCC plan to move towards a more co-operative relationship with community councils. Crickhowell TC has a lot of services used by residents from adjacent Councils and will be looking for support. This may involve the Five Councils developing combined service delivery. Cty Cllr Morris recommended the Council consider responding to the white paper.

Kirsty Williams AM and Cty Cllr Morris met with local residents and PCC Highways in Llangenny on the 26th January to discuss complaints received concerning drainage. When questioned why the CC wasn't involved Cty Cllr Morris reported Kirsty had organised this meeting following contact from residents.

Cllr Sharman reported at the last Five Councils meeting the Maesyffynnon Day Centre had been discussed. Cllr Darren Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Services attended. He informed Members a private enterprise has expressed interest in running the service. Cty Cllr Morris questioned whether Town and Community Councils want to get involved. He is aware of two expressions of interest and is due to attend a meeting in a couple of days concerning this. Members agreed the community needs to know what's happening there.

Cty Cllr Morris has been in contact with a planning consultant who is of opinion the committee was misguided during the Cwrt Y Gollen application by the suggestion highways issues could be dealt with later. Cty Cllr Morris referred to a European convention which states it may be possible to ask for a judicial review at no cost. Cllr Sharman reported he is currently awaiting a couple of responses however once received will arrange another meeting of the sub committee.

Cllr Maberley congratulated Cty Cllr Morris on his business being granted a Royal Warrant.

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1078 – 1080]. It was proposed by Cllr Morris the minutes of the 19th January meeting be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Alford and duly agreed. Cllr Maberley queried the need for a CRiC representative [Page 1079 Item 11.2] explaining he is a trustee director and will report back to the Council. It was noted this referred to a Five Councils' Representative and suggested the matter be discussed at the next Five Councils meeting.

6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes:** Glangrwyney Village Hall has written to confirm the Council can hire the hall on the dates required.

7. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** This has been discussed previously [Item 4].
8. **Community Councillor Vacancy:** As there was only one Councillor present to represent the Llangenny & Glangrwyney Ward it was resolved to defer the decision on who to co-opt to the March meeting.
9. **BBNPA Wardens:** Cllr Maberley reported due to cut backs BBNPA is consulting with staff regarding terms and conditions including weekend working. The suggestion is to cut pay enhancements for wardens working weekends. Cllr Sharman and Maberley expressed dissatisfaction with this proposal noting the importance of wardens being present when the majority of visitors visit The Park, ie at weekends. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive John Cook emphasising the importance of wardens working weekends and asking John Cook to revisit this.
10. **Any Other Business:** Nil.
11. **Finance**

- 11.1 The following items were presented for approval: G James (Salary £200/Exp £25) £225, HMRC (Tax) £50, OVW Subscription £106, Streetmaster (bench) £656.40 (Zurich to reimburse proportion).
It was proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Alford and agreed to approve the above payments.
- 11.2 Copies of the Risk Assessment were circulated for Councillors for consideration at next meeting
- 11.3 Bank balances were recorded.

12. **Highways:** The following matters were reported: **Llanbedr:** The Bont Lane Grwyne Fechan was resurfaced a couple of years ago however the slope of the tarmac is insufficient and water does not drain away correctly. It has previously been suggested the contractor be made to rectify the problem however this has not happened. **Grwyne Fawr:** Pooling of water - believed due to leaking pipes beneath road from reservoir on road between Penwylodd and Ty Hir – drains blocked on both sides - needs jetting – one side blocked with large stone which needs removing. Constant water on road between Gwernybustach and entrance gate to Tyn-y-Llwyn – again believed due to leaking pipes beneath road from reservoir – dangerous in icy conditions. **Glangrwyney:** Halfpenny Bridge in Glangrwyney has loose bolts which need tightening. **Bellfountain Road:** Gaps remain in the painted white lines – it was agreed this be referred to Crickhowell TC.

It was suggested and agreed to hold a site meeting to point out the above matters rather than inviting a representative from Highways to a Council meeting. Cllrs Alford and Sharman to attend.

13. **Reports on Meetings Attended:**
Local Access Forum: Cllrs Sharman and Maberley attended.
Five Councils Meeting: Cllr Llewelyn, Sharman and the Clerk attended – notes previously circulated
Scrutiny Panel on Transport: Cllr Morris attended reporting the aim is to get people out of cars and into public transport.
Wales & West Housing Association Cllr Sharman, Morris, Fairclough, Lusted and the Clerk attended a meeting on the 29th January - notes were circulated. Another meeting to be arranged in 5 weeks.

14. The following **Correspondence** was received and discussed as appropriate:

1. **PCC:** changes to way in which clinical waste is collected from 2 February 2015 (circulated).
2. **PCC:** Cyd Cymru / Wales Together - a collective energy switching scheme for Wales. Powys CC is encouraging residents to register. See www.cydymru-energy.com or tel 0800 093 5902. (Circulated)
3. **Glangrwyney Hall Committee:** hall is available for sole use of Council on requested dates in 2015
4. **BBNPA:** Details of changes to way in which Members of the Public etc can apply to speak at Committee. <http://governance.beacons-mpa.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13158&path=0> Deadline for submitting application to speak at PAROW Committee has been brought forward by 24 hours.
5. **PAVO:** PAVO are carrying out a mapping exercise of the third sector's capability in Powys, particularly in relation to changing eligibility criteria for Social Care.. Brief questionnaire (<https://docs.google.com/a/pavo.org.uk/forms/d/1VUrsYahhBwXVJv3JiK9v1KVQ3LgZuPb3qkOQ4eqaDbQ/viewform>), Closing date 27th February 2015
6. The [Finance Committee](http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/documents/s35937/Consultation%20Letter.pdf) of the National Assembly for Wales is consulting on its inquiry into Consideration of Powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (closes 20/03/15): <http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/documents/s35937/Consultation%20Letter.pdf>
7. **OVW:** January Newsletter (circulated)
8. **PCC:** details of new kerbside recycling scheme (Circulated)
9. **BT:** Superfast Cymru Newsletter - Issue 2 (Circulated)
10. **Brecknock & Radnor Community Health Council:** meeting 10/02/15 - Llandrindod Wells
11. **Dyfed Powys PCC:** Community Newsletter January 2015 (circulated)

12. **WG:** Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People. The White Paper and online consultation survey <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/power-to-local-people/?lang=en>. Closing date for responses 28 April 2015. (Circulated)
 13. **PAVO:** e-briefing February 2015
 14. **BBNPA:** Winter 14/15 Community Newsletter
 15. **Spinal Injuries Association:** details of the Great British Fish & Chip Supper fundraising event.
 16. **PCC:** update on recycling and waste in your area (circulated)
 17. **Powys Archives:** survey to help ensure archives collections are looked after for future generations - <http://surveys.powys.gov.uk/index.php?sid=33896&lang=en>
 18. **Crickhowell TC:** notes of last Five Councils meeting.
 19. **Planning Aid Wales:** planning training workshop - Brecon TC is hosting workshop on 22nd April at The Guildhall, High Street, Brecon LD3 7AL. £30 per head. (Cllr Sharman attending)
 20. **OVW:** press release from First Minister regarding commemoration of the First World War in 2015, <http://www.walesremembers.org/wales-to-remember-first-world-war-key-events-in-2015/>
 21. **BBNPA:**
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 22. **PAVO:** invitation to become Member of PAVO (free of charge)
 23. **OVW:** invitation to renew membership - £106
 24. **SLCC:** course on local council finance - £125 plus VAT - 3rd March - (Clerk to attend)
15. **Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence**
1. **OVW:** Local Government Finance Training – Brecon – 19th February - £35
 2. **Brecon CHC:** CHC member vacancies. Closing date **February 23rd**: <https://cymru-wales.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-3/brand-2/candidate/jobboard/vacancy/7/adv/>
 3. **OVW:** details of training programmes;
 4. **OVW:** Minister for Finance and Government Business has issued Consultation Paper on proposals for Land Transaction Tax to replace Stamp Duty Land Tax in Wales in 2018. <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/finance/land-transaction-tax/?&lang=en>
 5. **Llangattock CC:** minutes of February 10th meeting.
 6. **OVW:** Mid Wales Joint Local Transport Plan <http://www.tracc.gov.uk/index.php?id=1&L=0>
 7. **OVW:** Invitation to a Welsh stakeholder event on Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) Programme of Measures consultation Friday 6th March Welsh Government offices Cardiff, CF10 3NQ
 8. **Ceredigion HPW:** Notification of submission of Mid Wales Joint Local Transport Plan on behalf of Ceredigion, Powys & Gwynedd to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport. (Circulated)
 9. **Walk for Life 2015** - 26th April 2015 – email Melanie@kidneywales.com for further information on organising a walk.
16. **Clerk's Report/Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:**
- Response to Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People White Paper.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:22pm