

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs John Morris (*Chairman*), Colin Alford, Caroline Fairclough, Roger Llewelyn, Wendy Bowler and Howard Totill. Also in attendance: Cty Cllr J Morris and Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Christy, Lusted & Sharman

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None declared.

3. **Planning Matters:**

3.1 Applications

- (i) **16/14020/FUL:** agricultural steel frame building designed to BS5502 agricultural specification, 18.280m long x 10.5m wide x 4m to eaves and 5.2m to ridge to be used as a hay barn and seasonal lambing shed. **Ty Cerreg, Llangenny NP8 1HA**
- (ii) **16/14076/TPO:** fell larch adjacent to driveway. Pendarren House Outdoor Education Centre, Llangenny NP8 1HE

It was unanimously resolved to subject a response of no objection to the above applications.

3.2 Decisions: the following applications were noted to have been PERMITTED

- (i) 16/13877/FUL Llangenny Stables, Glangrwyney
- (ii) 16/13638/LBC– Cwmbanw Bridge, Llanbedr NP8 1SY

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris reported:

**Crickhowell Library:** Whilst the final decision is yet to be made the future of Crickhowell Library looks secured due to the proposal for Crickhowell High School to take over its running being approved by PCC's Cabinet. If agreed this will enable the school to receive additional funding and allow the library to be opened for longer periods.

*The agenda was amended in order for Items 8 & 11 to be discussed in Cty Cllr Morris's presence.*

**Item 8 – PCC Day Care Activities for Older People:** The consultation on PCC's day care provision was discussed. Cty Cllr Morris reported on a petition recently started to oppose the closure of the Day Centre in Crickhowell which is gaining support. Members questioned why running costs haven't been evaluated to determine where savings can be made before considering closure?

Cty Cllr Morris pointed out if the building, the physical centre, is lost then so will the opportunity to run other services/activities, for example the kitchen could be used by other users. Members agreed proposals need to be put forward to show how this facility can be utilised for the benefit of the community by the development of other services.

Cllr Fairclough suggested a working party be created. This was agreed. Cllrs Fairclough, Bowler and Morris, together with Cllr Lusted, will meet to formulate the Council's response.

**Agenda Number 11:** BT's proposal to remove the telephone box in Llangenny was discussed. It was noted OFCOM regulations require BT to consult with the planning authority before it can be removed. BBNPA in turn then undertake a public consultation inviting the community to submit comments. Llangenny phone box was noted to be one of many BT plan to remove. The phone box in Glangrwyney also has a removal notice posted inside. Councillors felt notices should be posted prominently on the outside of kiosks to make people aware of BT's plans for removal.

Cllr Morris asked the Clerk to inform Dr D Morgan of One Voice Wales of the proposals to close Llangenny and Glangrwyney phone boxes, and to inform him there is no mobile phone reception in Llangenny.

It was resolved to write to BBNPA objecting to the proposal to remove these phone boxes, pointing out the importance of retaining a working telephone in an area popular with walkers and Duke of Edinburgh participants, particularly as there is no mobile phone signal.

Cllr Cty Morris noted Cllr Morris is due to meet with PCC Highways regarding the Bont Lane next Wednesday but reported he was unable to attend.

Cllr Tohill thanked Cty Cllr Morris for arranging for the road in Llanbedr to be swept but stated the gate to the playing field is still missing. Cty Cllr Morris will make enquiries.

**Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting at this point.**

- 5. Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1143 – 1145]. Cllr Fairclough proposed the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Tohill and duly agreed following which the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

- 6. Matters Arising from the Above Minutes** *for information purposes:*

**Page 1143:** Leaflets supplied by PCSO Dunne were circulated. Volunteers for the Community Speed Watch Scheme have been asked to return vetting forms to the Police Station.

**Page 1144 Item 8:** BBNPA's response (received under late correspondence) was noted. It was agreed to agenda this for discussion in the November meeting.

**Page 1144 Item 10:** A public notice has been prepared for publication in the Brecon & Radnor.

**Page 1145 Item 11.3:** The Wales Audit Office sets the audit fees. Smaller community councils' fees tend to have increased and larger one decreased due to the fact that larger councils tend to have systems in place which makes the process easier.

**Page 1145 Item 14 23:** The initial contact at Natural Resource Wales has referred the matter to a different person. Ongoing.

- 7. Powys CC Day Care Consultation:** This matter was discussed under Item 4 – County Councillor's Report.

- 8. Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** It was noted the rental units are now occupied.

The Chair of Llanbedr Allotment Society has confirmed its members wish to proceed with the allotments and have met and prepared a list of queries which have been forwarded to WWHA. As it is unlikely WWHA will pay for concrete bases for the sheds they have been asked if they will provide paving slabs for this use.

The lease agreement was noted to require amendment, ie the rent should be £1 per annum not per week and reference is made to Llanbedr Community Council not the Vale of Grwyney. It was suggested a copy be circulated to the Allotment Society for comment prior to agreement.

- 9. Code of Conduct:** In accordance with Section 52(1) of the Local Government Act 2000 Members confirmed agreement to abide by the revised Code by signing individual proformas.

- 10. A40 Speed Reduction:** The reported problem of speeding traffic in Glangrwyney was discussed. Members debated whether the suggested introduction of a 50 mph speed limit on the A40 between Abergavenny and Crickhowell would alleviate the problems currently experienced in the village and questioned the feasibility of implementing such a reduction on a trunk road. It was suggested a gradual reduction in speed on entering the village be pursued, ie the introduction of a 40mph zone prior to the 30mph.

***ACTION: it was resolved to write to Kirsty Williams AM with this suggestion.***

- 11. Llangenny Telephone Kiosk:** This item was discussed under Item 4 – County Councillor’s report.

- 12. Any Other Business:** Crickhowell TC is arranging for BBNPA to provide planning training and would like to know if there are any specific items the Council would like included? Retrospective planning and when planning permission is needed were suggested.

## **13. Finance**

- 13.1 Cllr Fairclough proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Bowler and duly agreed: G M James (Salary £200/Exp £25) £225; HMRC £50.

Members referred to previous discussions [Page 1111 Item 14] regarding laying a wreath at the Remembrance Service in Llangenny. Cllr Bowler proposed two wreaths are purchased, one for the service in Crickhowell and one for Llangenny. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough. The Chairman to lay the wreath in Crickhowell and the Vice Chairman to lay the wreath in Llangenny.

- 13.2 Funding requests from Crickhowell Christmas Lights, CAB and Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod were received but not supported.

- 13.3 Budget reports for Quarter 2 were received and noted.

- 14. Highways:** Cllr Fairclough reported PCC has cut trees, raising the canopy in Grwyne Fawr. The road has also been cleared dramatically outside Gwernybustach.

Cllr Morris reported he has a meeting scheduled with Allun Jones regarding Bont Lane.

- 15. Reports on Meetings Attended:** Cllr Morris provided a verbal report on the OVW conference and AGM he attended in Builth Wells. Speakers included Mark Drakeford AM, Peter Davies, Chair of Wales Council for Voluntary Action and the Future Generations Commissioner Sophie Howe. Cllr Morris also reported attending an OVW Area Meeting.

- 16. Correspondence:** *the following correspondence was received and discussed as appropriate:*

1. **Arwain** - e-bulletin
2. **Kirsty Williams:** response to Glangrwyney resident’s concerns re traffic in Glangrwyney
3. **Open Doors Event:** to show benefits of community ownership to overcome rural challenges.
4. **BBNPA:** 16/13638/LBC has been permitted
5. **PAVO:** training survey
6. **Crickhowell TC:** BBNPA planning training
7. **PAVO** – ebriefing October 2016
8. **OVW:** Llangefni Town Council won competition at OVW Conference
9. **PCC:** guidelines BT must follow to remove tel boxes.
10. **BBNPA** –16/13877/FUL.
11. **PCC:** LDP - Further Focussed Changes – Public consultation 10 Oct – 21 Nov
12. **Crickhowell Xmas Lights:** funding request.
13. **BBNPA:** weekly planning list – 16/09/16, 23/09/16, 30/09/16,
14. **CAB:** Citizens Advice Powys Annual Review 2015/16
15. **PAVO:** 2016 Conference & AGM 8/11
16. **WG:** Hate Crime Awareness Session
17. **P Bowker:** copy of letter to Kirsty Williams re ongoing traffic concerns in Glangrwyney

18. **OVW:** Public Appointment Opportunities
19. **Planning Aid Wales:** planning training for C/Town Councils
20. **PCC:** Powys LDP 2011 – 2026 Schedule of Further Focussed Changes October 2016
21. **Groundwork:** Tesco community grant scheme
22. **BBNPA:** Agenda for 04/10 PAROW
23. **Powys Newslines** – September 2016
24. **CRiC:** Macmillan Coffee Morning 30<sup>th</sup> September
25. **WG/OVW:** Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Bill Consultation
26. **BBNPA:** partner sought to Tearooms at the Mountain Centre
27. **OVW:** Culture, Welsh Language & Communications Committee Consultation.
28. **OVW:** IRPW Draft Annual Report Consultation- February 2017
29. **BBNPA:** Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes
30. **Usk Natural Resource Management Team, NRW:** response
31. **OVW:** Update on Local Government Reform
32. **OVW/WG:** Land Transaction Tax/Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Bill Consultation
33. **OVW:** Independent Remuneration Panel draft Annual Report 2017/18 consultation
34. **Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority** Draft Corporate Plan 2017 – 2022 consultation
35. **Powys LDP 2011/16** Deposit Draft June 2015 - Notice of Proposed Further Focussed Changes
36. **Powys Community Health Council's Executive Committee Meeting** will be held 10/10/16
37. **PAVO** nominations for Board of Trustees at the AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016.
38. **Brecon & Radnor Branch of Campaign for Protection of Rural Wales** event 29th October
39. **BBNPA:** Consultation re BT's proposed removal of public payphones - various locations.
40. **C Hughes:** asking CCs to object to PCC's plans to close day centre in Crickhowell
41. **OVW:** Welsh Treasury News.

## **17. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:**

1. **BBNPA:** Application 16/14076/TPO
2. **BBNPA:** 16/13877/FUL has been permitted
3. **Llangynidr CC:** cost of public notice re adoption of code of conduct.
4. **Powys Community Health Council:** Operational Programme Questionnaire (circulated)
5. **OVW:** training courses
6. **BBNPA:** response to letter re The Neuadd (circulated)
7. **OVW:** One Voice Wales Annual Report (Circulated)
8. **PCC:** Statutory Notice - Builth Wells & Llandrindod High Schools.
9. **OVW:** Establishment of a National Infrastructure Commission for Wales
10. **OVW:** Positive Developments For Community/ Town Council Sector In Wales (Circulated)
11. **PCC:** CD – LDP Further Focuses changes October 2016
12. **CAB** – request for funding
13. **BBNPA** Weekly Register – 07/10/16
14. **Chris Davies MP:** Campaign to raise awareness of Type 1 Diabetes
15. **OVW:** Community Energy Wales Update October Newsletter
16. **Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod** – request for support.

## **18. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:** None received.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.26pm.