

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 20th April 2015 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs David Sharman (*Chairman*), Elaine Lusted (*Vice Chairman*), John Morris, Ian Mabberley Caroline Fairclough, Dean Christy, Roger Llewelyn and Wendy Bowler. Also in attendance: Maria James (*Clerk*).

Mrs Wendy Bowler, the newly co-opted Councillor for the Llangenny & Glangrwyney Ward, was welcomed to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Alford.

2. Declarations of Interest: Nil.

3. Planning Matters

3.1 **Applications:** Nil.

3.2 **Decisions:** The following applications were noted as being permitted:

- 15/11811/FUL – PV Solar panel installation - St Peter's Church Llanbedr
- 15/11802/FUL – Proposed sun room – Sharuhen, Llangenny
- 15/11764/FUL – Rear garden room extension – Panteg Farm, Llanbedr

4. County Council Report: Cty Cllr Morris reported Powys CC has dropped one of its providers of adult social care. Cover is now provided by the three other providers or in house support. Cty Cllr Morris asked Members to inform him should they be aware of anyone not receiving care as a result of this action.

Cllr Morris referred Members to the Protected Landscapes Bill which relates to the future of SSI and National Parks and how they should be managed. He recommended the Council submit a response to the consultation. There is a possibility The Parks may be merged, with one Park responsible for the three areas. PCC is submitting a response which JGM will forward to the Clerk for information.

5. Minutes of Meeting [Page 1084 – 1086] It was proposed by Cllr Mabberley and seconded by Cllr Lusted that the minutes of the 16th March meeting be accepted as a true record. This was duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes. Cllr Christy queried the reference to lack of community benefits [Page 1084] in relation to Cwrt Y Gollen. Discussion ensued on whether to submit a complaint of maladministration noting this needs to be submitted within six months. It was resolved to write to register the Council's complaint with the Planning Inspectorate Wales.

8.05 JGM left the meeting.

7. Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People White Paper: It was agreed Cllr Fairclough and the Clerk would meet to formulate a response to the consultation document. Prior to submission this will be circulated to Members for comment/approval.

8. Any Other Business for information only: The Chairman informed Members funding is believed to be secured for maintenance of Council's assets. Confirmation is due to be received shortly.

9. Finance:

9.1 It was proposed by Cllr Fairclough seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly agreed to approve the following payments: Clerk's salary £200/Expenses £25, HMRC £50, ICO (licence) £35, Llanbedr Hall (Hire) £21

9.2 The Clerk reported Ms Bronwen Bermingham is due to conduct the internal audit on the 5th May.

10. Highways: The Clerk is awaiting a response from Edwina Hart AM to the request for electronic speed signs in Glangrwyney. Cllr Morris reported the Sunnyside slip has been repaired however the road from the Llanbedr turning to the top of Llanbedr Road in Crickhowell remains rough as a result of work undertaken by the Water Board. Cllrs Christy and Bowler referred to the ongoing problem of cars parking on the roundabout at the

bottom of Great Oak Road/Standard Street. Cllr Christy noted the white lines have yet to be completed. As this is a matter for Crickhowell TC it was agreed to write to inform them. Cllr Llewelyn reported Glangrwyney is in urgent need of speed restriction signs. Cllr Fairclough reported the white lines on the road junction to Partrishow by Craig Y Bwla are in need of repainting. Cllr Mabberley noted a pothole on the pitch to Gwernybustach, Grwyne Fawr. Cllrs Mabberley and Fairclough reported issues with rubbish collection on the right side of the valley - whilst these residents are in Monmouthshire their rubbish is collected by Powys yet they haven't received any recycling boxes.

11. **Reports on Meetings Attended:** Cllr Morris attended a One Voice Wales meeting - OVW urges councils/individual members to submit a response to the white paper; meeting with PCC on 1st May to look at transfer of assets/toilets. NRW is looking for Members to go onto the Board Panel.

Cllrs Sharman, Lusted, Morris and the Clerk met with Wales & West Housing on 26th March. WWHA reported in order to make the scheme viable their Board was considering changing the tenure of up to four of the houses to low cost affordable housing. Subsequently they have confirmed only two of the housing will be offered as low cost affordable housing. The scheme is due to start in June. Disappointment was expressed that the scheme has changed from that originally proposed however Members were relieved the project would at long last start.

Cllr Lusted referred to the opposition to proposals for a supermarket in Crickhowell and suggested the Council send a letter to Crickhowell TC offering its support. This was duly agreed.

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

1. **OVW:** Consultations on Council Tax Exemptions for Long-Term Empty Homes & Second Homes in Wales
2. **Brecknock and Radnor Full Council:** agenda for 30/03
3. **OVW:** request for Motions for 2015 Annual Conference/AGM
4. **OVW:** Details of seminar with Julian Dobson, author of the book 'How to save our town centres'
5. **OVW:** Natural Resources Wales need Board Members with a range of backgrounds and experiences
6. **Crickhowell Library Friends Meeting:** Tuesday 14th April at 7pm at the Library
7. **Powys Archive Centre:** Newsletter – Spring 2015
8. **OVW:** Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales
9. **OVW:** consultation events to discuss contents of The White Paper.
10. **WG:** The Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 will be fully commenced on 31 March 2015.
11. **Crickhowell and District Community Partnership:** Open Evening (Circulated)
12. **CRiC:** Walking for Health – volunteer led walks
13. **Mid and West Wales Fire Authority:** five year strategic plan for 2015 to 2020 and Annual Improvement Plan for 2015 to 2016.
14. **WWHA:** housing project now based on providing 4 rental units and 2 LCHO
15. **OVW:** Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty Written Statement
16. **OVW:** Code of Practice on Workforce Matters – Completion of Annual Monitoring Return
17. **OVW:** One Voice Wales' initial thoughts on White Paper
18. **PAVO:** April 2015 edition of the PAVO E-Briefing
19. **Jeremy Patterson Powys County Council:** Community Delivery Initiative (circulated)
20. **ICO:** Data protection registration renewal
21. **PCC:** Standards Community Sub Committee - Dispensation
22. **Roger Williams MP:** Post Office Card Account will continue until November 2021
23. **OVW:** Brecon & Radnor Area Committee Meeting agenda for 17th April meeting.
24. **BBNPA:** 15/11811/FUL, 15/11802/FUL and 15/11764/FUL have been permitted.
25. **Mid Wales Housing:** Consultation Launch.
26. **Awards 4 All** documentation.
27. **BDO:** audit documentation.

13. **Miscellaneous/Late Items** of correspondence:

1. **Crickhowell Library Friends:** Newsletter – *circulated*
2. **CRiC: AGM** Wed 29th April 2015 at 7.30pm in CRiC Centre
3. **Brecon Beacons Tourism Member Meeting** - 21st April - *circulated*
4. **OVW:** SLCC and OVW Joint Conference
5. **OVW:** The Voice Circular
6. **Zurich:** insurance renewal
7. **Fattorini:** council regalia
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14. **Clerk's Report/ Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:**

- Protected Landscapes Bill.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm