

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 20th July 2015 at 7:37pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Elaine Lusted and Colin Alford.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Nil.
- 3. Planning Matters**

**Applications:**

- a. 15/12388/FUL – Erection of two-storey side and rear extension Ty Wen, Llangenny NP8 1HA.** The above application was received and discussed. The proposal was considered overdevelopment and contrary to Policy 19 of the LDP. Concern was also expressed regarding ongoing drainage problems. From information received from Powys County Council it appears a culvert between the house and churchyard should have been piped into the River Grwyne when the property was constructed however this did not happen.

Cllr Maberley proposed the Council deal with the two matters separately. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough. A vote was then taken with 3 votes received against the application and 4 abstentions. It was therefore RESOLVED to object to this application for the reasons outlined.

Cllr Maberley proposed BBNPA persecute a solution to the drainage problem. Cllr Christy supported this proposal. It was suggested should the application be permitted a Grampian condition be in place to ensure the culvert is piped into the river before development commences.

- b. 15/12419/FUL – Side extension and new roof-light - Tyn Y Pwll, Llangenny.** Cllr Fairclough proposed the council submit a response of NO OBJECTION which was seconded by Cllr Christy. This was passed by majority vote.

**Decisions/Other:** None reported.

- 4. County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris apologised for not attending the last meeting. He reported:

- PCC is now more stable with a majority Cabinet supported by Independents driving policies forward. The three year budget is proving very helpful and enables departments to plan ahead.
- Leisure provision has now been handed to a private organisation. The Council is borrowing money to upgrade provision with the expectation the new operators will return the money at some stage.
- Proposals for Brecon High School site have been accepted with 51 million released to develop the one site. Whilst this is the plan, and is what Welsh Government expects Powys to do, it is not yet the decision.
- Cllr Morris attended a conference in which Leighton Andrews AM spoke on the White Paper and re-organisation of local government. The number of local authorities is anticipated to reduce to either eight or nine. Powys CC will remain intact but work closer with the Health Board. The capability test referring to a £200,000 precept was not considered feasible and thrown out. He also reported the Boundaries Commission will have control not local authorities.

In relation to the Council's need to cut costs Cllr Morris questioned why there were still two dustbin vehicles serving parts of rural Llanbedr with lorries used being too big for some areas. Cty Cllr Morris will bring the matter up at the Council seminar and report back. He also reported Powys is now consulting on a three week collection for general waste. Cllr Maberley reported the Monmouthshire side of Grwyne Fawr has now received proper recycling containers.

*8:15 JGM left the meeting.*

- 5. Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1092 – 1094]. It was proposed by Cllr Maberley and seconded by Cllr Christy that the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> June be accepted as a true record. This was duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- 6. Matters Arising from the above Minutes for information purposes:** Cllr Morris reported that whilst he has spoken to the son of the relative concerning the memorial bench on Bellfountain Road, but hasn't spoken to the relative. He will endeavour to do so.

Cllr Llewelyn informed the Council he had been approached concerning a memorial bench currently sited in Glasbury Outdoor Pursuit Centre. As the centre is due to close he has been asked if the bench could be re-located in the Vale of Grwyney. Cllr Llewelyn will make enquiries regarding condition and report back.

7. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** The question of whether to proceed with the Council's complaint against BBNPA regarding the process used in determining the planning application was discussed. BBNPA's response to the Council's initial complaint and its response to the Council's subsequent request to proceed to Stage 2 were noted. It was agreed the complaint had not been satisfactorily addressed.

A vote was taken in which the Council unanimously RESOLVED to pursue its complaint against BBNPA. It was AGREED to write to ask BBNPA to implement Stage 2 of its official complaints procedure.

Cllr Christy requested Cwrt Y Gollen remain on the agenda until further notice.

8. **Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** The Clerk reported she had spoken to Wales & West Housing Association to request information on the allocation criteria [Page 1092 Item 9] but told this was not yet available. Wales & West have subsequently emailed to say information relating to the letting/selling of the houses will be forwarded once finalised. Wales & West would like to arrange a site meeting in September with the contractor. They would also like to meet prior to this to give a general up-date on the scheme and discuss the allotments/nature garden. Cllr Fairclough proposed this meeting be arranged as soon as possible. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and unanimously agreed.
9. **Any Other Business:** Cllr Bowler reported Powys CC has put a new piece of equipment in the playground in Llangenny and carried out several works of maintenance, ie new flooring, repaired walls, painted equipment. Money has been and is being raised for the playground by the community. With reference to the Council offering to purchase a timber picnic table, rather than a manmade timber bench [Page 1092 Item 10] Cllr Bowler confirmed a picnic table was preferable.

## 10. Finance:

10.1 It was proposed by Cllr Fairclough seconded by Cllr Morris and duly agreed to approve the following:

Clerk's salary £225, HMRC tax £50. Donations: Llanbedr Village Hall £100, Llangenny School Hall £100, Glangrwyney Village Hall £100; Llanbedr Churchyard Fund £100, Llangenny Churchyard Fund £100, Patricio Church Churchyard Fund, £100, Wales Air Ambulance £100

10.2 The Clerk reported the "Classic" manmade timber bench originally selected was no longer available. Members were shown photographs from which they selected an alternative for the Clerk to order.

11. **Highways:** Cllr Fairclough reported the edge of the road to Partrishow is crumbling [approximately 100 yards on the right when travelling from Craig Y Bwla junction towards Celyn Farm]. Cllr Bowler asked if it were possible to have the road swept from School House to Golden Grove in Llangenny. Cllr Maberley again reported overgrown trees on the road up Grwyne Fawr – particularly by Coed Dias - are impairing visibility. Cllr Christy reported the problem of parking off the Bell fountain roundabout has got worse. It was resolved to write to Cllr Morris and ask him to report this problem at Crickhowell TC's meeting. Cllr Llewelyn again stated plates are loose on Bailey Bridge. Cllr Morris had no fresh items to report, although items he previously reported remain outstanding.

12. **Reports on Meetings Attended:** Cllrs Bowler and Sharman attended a Planning Aid Wales training session and reported it as being very informative. Cllr Llewelyn asked to attend the session in Llandrindod Wells.

Cllr Morris reported he attended a National Park Scrutiny Panel meeting concerning the Fforest Fawr Geopark noting lots of people are not aware of it. A questionnaire is due to be circulated.

Cllrs Sharman, Fairclough, Morris and the Clerk attended the Five Councils meeting. The suggested appointment of a Devolution of Services Representative was not positively received

13. **Correspondence:** The following correspondence was noted and discussed as appropriate:

1. **CRIC:** open day – 18<sup>th</sup> July (circulated)
2. **OVW:** user testing session of Bovine TB Dashboard at Royal Welsh Show (circulated)
3. **Radnorshire & Brecknock Local Committee:** details of first meeting (circulated)

4. **Brecon Beacons Tourism** - Powys Broadband Connection Voucher Scheme.
5. **Cwmdu CC:** Five Councils Liaison Meeting Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 (Circulated)
6. **OVW:** Survey on how climate change affect your organisation
7. **OVW:** Chair and 2 Independent Members of the Board of CHCs vacancies (Circulated)
8. **OVW:** One Voice Wales Conference (Cllr Morris to attend)
9. **PAVO:** PAVO members ebriefing July 2015
10. **PCC:** Household Waste Recycling Centres: Brecon and Lower Cwmtwrch (Ystradgynlais)
11. **Edwina Hart AM:** response to request for speed signs *in Glangrwyney*
12. **OVW:** Call for honours nominations (Birthday 2016) (Circulated)
13. **OVW:** Statement by Welsh Government - Collection and Management of Devolved Taxes
14. **OVW:** Judicial Appointments Commission has been asked to recommend candidates for the Adjudication Panel for Wales and to the Special Educational Needs Tribunal for Wales.
15. **Nadine Johnson (CHC - Powys)** - information from Public Health Wales on Screening for Life campaign.
16. **OVW:** Wales Efficiency Strategy Consultation.
17. **PCC:** All council owned playgrounds across Powys to become smokefree from October.
18. **Planning Aid Wales:** Planning Aid Wales free workshop on 4<sup>th</sup> August in Llandrindod Wells (circulated) (Cllr Christy attending – Cllr Llewelyn if space available)
19. **Paul Ashton, Chairman of Powys CC:** invitation to Royal Welsh Show Reception (Circulated)
20. **Friends of Crickhowell:** Library Newsletter (Circulated)
21. **OVW:** National Training Advisory Group - The Wales Training Strategy (circulated)
22. **Powys County Archives Office:** Newsletter
23. **OVW:** Shale Gas and Hydraulic Fracturing in Wales – briefing note.
24. **PAVO:** two events highlighting support opportunities/financial assistance through the Rural Development Plan in Powys
25. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** circular – July 15 – Issue 100
26. **BBNPA:** Application 15/12388/FUL (agenda)
27. **Glangrwyney Hall:** receipt for payment of hire fees
28. **J Parkers':** Bulb catalogue

#### 14. **Miscellaneous/Late Items** *of correspondence*

1. **Wales & West:** request for meetings to discuss allotments/nature garden and to meet contractor (agenda)
2. **BBNPA:** Brecon Beacons community newsletter (Circulated)
3. **OVW:** Support Your High Street campaign (Circulated)
4. **OVW:** How does climate change affect you? Survey (circulated)
5. **A Richards:** request for information re The old Capel Grwyne Fechan (circulated)
6. **OVW:** information briefing from NALC on The Local Government (Democracy) Wales Act 2013 (Wales Only) (circulated).
7. **Llanbedr Hall:** receipt for payment of hire fees
8. **BBNPA:** Become a Brecon Beacons National Park Ambassador (circulated)

#### 15. **Items for inclusion in the next Agenda /Clerk's Report**

- Llanbedr school competition

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:23 pm