

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Wendy Bowler and Dean Christy.

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

3. **Planning Matters**

3.1. **Application: 16/13638/LBC** – Proposal to build a small wall together with stone invert to collect the cascading water and divert from foundations into adjacent river - Cwmbanw Bridge, Llanbedr NP8 1SY.

It was unanimously agreed to subject a response of no objection.

3.2 **Decisions/Other** the following applications were reported to have been permitted:

- (i) 16/13404/FUL Gwernybutler Farm, Bellfountain Road, Llangenny
- (ii) 16/13560/FUL Neuadd, Llanbedr has been permitted.

Members noted the retrospective application for Neuadd has been granted. It was suggested general policy clarification and guidance on how to approach such planning matters be obtained.

4. **County Council Report:**

- (i) Cty Cllr Morris attended a seminar on the Well-being and Future Generations Act 2015 which came into force last April. The Act is intended to improve the social well-being of Wales – to make public bodies think more about long term work with communities and formulate a “joined up” approach. This should mean communities will have more power to hold authorities to account. The Clerk was instructed to obtain hard copies of the Welsh Government (Summary document) or download copies.
- (ii) Library consultation: a number of business plans have been prepared, the preferred one being to link it with the high school.
- (iii) Highways Depot: the proposal to transfer the depot from Llangattock to Brecon, keeping the current site open as a salt pit, is currently out for consultation. Recycling collection from car parks is also under review. Budget cuts mean everything has to be made more efficient.
- (iv) Strategic Asset Management Plan: PCC is currently conducting a Strategic Asset Management Plan, ie reviewing its assets. Its asset in Llanbedr, ie the land next to the new housing, is to be retained and may in the future be used to provide more affordable housing.
- (v) Day Centre: still matter of concern with a change of use going forward. There is a pilot running in Crickhowell with “befriender days” being held, ie clients go to the CRIC centre or are taken out for day trips. Report on this is due in September.
- (vi) Highways: complaints have been received regarding grass/bank cutting. Cllrs Morris and Fairclough both stated in their experience Highways have done an excellent job.

The Chairman thanked Cty Cllr Morris who subsequently left the meeting at 8.16 pm.

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1133 – 1136] Cllr Lusted proposed the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly agreed. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

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

**Page 1133 Item 3.2 2:** Cllr Llewelyn expressed concern at permission being granted for the firing range in Cwrt Y Gollen. Discussion ensued regarding other planning decisions [including Item 3.2 (ii) above] which were felt to have been handled incorrectly. It was suggested Members comply a list, briefly itemising points for debate at the next meeting, following which a decision on how to proceed would be formulated.

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In response to Cllr Llewelyn’s query as to what can be done to help it was suggested he advise the occupants to contact their General Practitioner/Social Services for advice/assistance. If this proves unsuccessful then the Commissioner for Older People can be approached.

7. **Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** Cllrs Morris, Sharman, Fairclough and the Clerk met Ms Jodine Bishop (WWHA) on the 21<sup>st</sup> June. Ms Bishop informed Members the shared ownership houses are now ready for allocation and provided notices for display within the community. Ms Bishop was unaware of WWHA's previous offer to provide sheds for the allotments and will make enquiries regarding this.

The car park application was discussed with Ms Bishop reporting she has not received a response from the school. It was questioned whether WWHA would contribute towards the cost of the required topographical survey considering a car park would reduce traffic congestion and therefore benefit the development? Discussions regarding the Council's wish to plan a tree in celebration/commemoration of both the development and the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday were noted. Ms Bishop will determine what type of tree would be acceptable within the landscaping scheme. She will also supply the final lease agreement for signature by the Council. Councillors were then shown around the houses.

Cllr Lusted questioned whether it would be possible to find out how many applications were received for the rental houses? The Clerk will make enquiries. She also reported she had not yet received the lease agreement and was instructed to chase this up.

8. **IT Equipment:** The Clerk reported PCC is not able to assist with the purchase of hardware/software due to commercial and software licensing agreements. It was agreed the Clerk proceed with purchasing a laptop (up to £350) and an external hard drive (up to £50).
9. **Council Vacancy:** Cllr Sharman proposed Mr Howard Tothill be co-opted to serve the Llanbedr Ward. This was seconded by Cllr Alford. A vote was taken with 4 in favour with 1 abstention. It was therefore resolved to pass this motion.
10. **Traffic Calming Measures Glangrwyney:** The Clerk reported WG policy does not permit the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent to respond to Community groups or elected bodies therefore the request for information relating to traffic calming measures has been passed to the Welsh Government to respond.
11. **Any Other Business:**

As discussed under Item 4 (iii) PCC propose transferring the workforce and machinery from Llangattock Depot to Brecon. This proposal is now out for consultation and representatives from the Five Councils have been invited to meet with Mr Nigel Brinn of PCC on either the 18<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> July. Members agreed this is an important issue for the Vale of Grwyney. The Clerk will circulate details of the meeting when confirmed.

12. **Finance:**

- 12.1 It was proposed by Cllr Sharman the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed:

G James Salary £200/Exp £25, HMRC £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

12.2 The budget for Quarter One was received.

13. **Highways:** Cllr Sharman reported he had spoken with someone from PCC regarding Millbrook Bridge. PCC is aware of the need for repair. Cllr Sharman is to obtain an up-date in a couple of weeks.

The army put its own temporary signs up recently stating No MOD on the road below Celyn Farm. It was agreed a request should be made for permanent signs to prevent MOD vehicles travelling this road.

Cllr Alford reported problems with hill gates being left open by participants in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. It was agreed to write to the organisation to request they ask participants to ensure gates are kept shut.

The hole in the road from Llanbedr to Llangenny (previously reported) was reported as getting worse.

14. **Reports on Meetings Attended:**

Cllr Morris attended an OVV Area Committee Meeting/AGM. He reported a new Chairman and Vice Chairman have been appointed. OVV is trying to promote membership of OVV to more councils which will keep subscription costs down.

Cllr Lusted attended a Llanbedr School Governors meeting and reported the school is currently interviewing for a new head. She also informed Members the school has entered the decorated wheel barrow competition at the Royal Welsh Show.

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

1. **OVW:** Opportunity to meet Future Generations Commissioner.
2. **PRS for Music:** consultation on tariff to simplify licensing of members copyright music within premises owned/managed by or on behalf of local authorities
3. **BBNPA:** 16/13404/FUL has been permitted
4. **OVW:** Public Services Staff Commission Annual Report
5. **OVW:** Redesigning public services: The strategic importance of digital – event
6. **OVW:** public appointments in Wales
7. **PCC:** the Community Delivery Facebook
8. **PCC:** request for meeting as part of formal consultation for Crickhowell depot (meeting being arranged).
9. **BBNPA - 16/13638/LBC** (Agenda)
10. **Brecon Advice Centre** – accounts and request for funding.
11. **Ombudsman** Annual Report 2015/16
12. **Clerks & Councils Direct** circular.
13. **OVW:** 22 June, 4-7pm: Cardiff festival of action to celebrate life of Jo Cox' (Circulated)
14. **BBNPA:** LDP Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes (Circulated).
15. **Crickhowell TC:** Crickhowell Depot Review - Formal Consultation Process (Circulated)
16. **BBNPA:** weekly planning register – 17/06/16 (Circulated)
17. **OVW:** New Financial Planning Regulations June 16 (Circulated – agenda)
18. **BBNPA:** Agenda for PAROW meeting (Circulated)
19. **BBNPA:** Sustainable Development Fund – (Circulated)
20. **PCC:** Newyddion Powys Newslite (Circulated)
21. **BBNPA:** - 16/13560/FUL - has been permitted (circulated)
22. **BBNPA:** weekly planning register 24/06/16 (Circulated)
23. **OVW:** Statement by Welsh Government - Collection and Management of Devolved Taxes (Circulated)

**16. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence**

1. **Mr Tothill** – application to be Councillor (Circulated)
2. **Cllr R Harris**, PCC Armed Forces Champion - Invitation to Chairman – Royal Welsh Show
3. **BBNPA** – weekly planning register – 1st July 16 (Circulated)
4. **OVW:** 'Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth – 13th March 2017 (Circulated)
5. **OVW:** Mark Drakeford sets out his plans for Welsh tax powers (Circulated)
6. **OVW:** Official : Public Appointments Opportunity (Circulated)
7. **OVW:** Active Travel Consultation (Circulated)
8. **Citizens Advice Powys** - Scams Awareness Month (Circulated)
9. **I Mitchell** – withdrawal of application
10. **Llangattock/Crickhowell T/CC:** suggested dates for meeting re Llangattock Depot
11. **Llangattock CC:** organising OVW training in finance (Clerk to attend).

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

- Financial Regulations
- Pollution of stream in Glangrwyney

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.44pm.