

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15th August 2016 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

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

The Chairman welcomed Mr Howard Tothill, as newly co-opted Member for Llanbedr Ward, to the Council.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Caroline Fairclough and Cllr Colin Alford

2. Declarations of Interest: None declared.

3. Planning Matters

3.1. Applications:

- i) 16/13727/FUL – The replacement of a dilapidated corrugated metal shed with a new log store and bat loft over. Gwern Y Bustach, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LT
- ii) 16/13763/FUL – Single storey flat roof garden shed/outbuilding. Henberllan, Llanbedr NP8 1SR

It was unanimously agreed to submit a response of no objection to the above applications.

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

- (i) 16/13583/FUL: Cwm Farm, Llanbedr.
- (ii) 16/13585/FUL: White Hall, Glangrwyney.
- (iii) 16/13589/LBC: White Hall, Glangrwyney

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

- A consultation is currently underway on the future of day centres and adult social care. Powys CC has to save £1million and therefore needs to consider providing care in a different way, for example The Volunteer Bureau in Crickhowell (funded by PCC) has recently piloted a “Befriending” scheme whereby Clients are taken for meals/days out, etc, which has proved very successful. Members questioned whether Clients have been asked what they prefer? They also questioned how much money will need to be put into the service to provide support for the county’s elderly if day centres are closed? The Council must not lose sight of what people want. It was suggested a meeting of the Five Councils be called to discuss a response. The Clerk was asked to find out when the consultation closes. Cty Cllr Morris suggested an officer be invited. Cllr Bowler will look at the consultation documents.
- PCC is waiting to hear what the budget for 2017/18 will be – an additional £8million cuts are anticipated.
- From 2017 onwards the Council has put a 50% surcharge on rates for holiday homes in Powys.
- Bellfountain Road – no further news – awaiting Crickhowell TC’s analysis of its town plan.
- Welsh Government is looking at rural schools in a more sympathetic way. Currently head teachers in Wales need a certain qualification (not required in England) meaning it is difficult to recruit heads. The Education Secretary (Kirsty Williams) is looking into relaxing this requirement to encourage teachers, who may prove very able, to apply. Also looking at franchising ie, one head running several schools.
- Cllr Llewelyn noted yellow paint on the road in Glangrwyney and questioned whether traffic calming works are underway? The Clerk reported awaiting a response from WG concerning when/what works will be carried out. It was suggested the police be asked to provide data on the number of bookings they made when conducting their speed control exercise.
- Cllr Tothill reported residents are concerned about an area of overgrown ground behind Llanbedr Hall which is making adjacent garages damp. Whilst PCC used to cut this area it is not included on the new contractors’ schedule. Cllr Tothill requested this be reinstated. JGM will report.
- Cllr Tothill also noted the road (below St Peter’s Close to Moor Park) is dirty as a result of building work for the new housing development. He also reported there is no gate into the playing area. JGM will report.

Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting at 8.20pm

5. Minutes of Meeting [Page 1137 – 1139] Cllr Lusted proposed the minutes of the 11th July 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:*

Literature on the Well-being Act was circulated.

- 7. Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** The emailed up-date from Jodine Bishop WWHA (as circulated) was discussed. WWHA's request for the Council to plant a tree smaller than an oak to commemorate the Queen's 90th was noted. Members were disappointed to be informed no sheds were included in the original plans therefore if WWHA provide them it will be in breach of its planning approval. Members questioned this, recalling original conversions with WWHA related to one large communal shed, although in subsequent discussions it had been agreed three smaller sheds would be supplied. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with BBNPA to determine what precise permissions are required.

It was noted WWHA has agreed to pay for the topographical survey for Llanbedr School and questioned what the situation is with the invoice for the I-pads? The Clerk to make enquiries.

The allotments were reported to have been prepared and the houses due to be occupied asap.

- 8. Planning Authority Decisions/Procedures:** As decided at the previous meeting [Page 1137 Item 6] Members were asked to consider making an official complaint regarding past planning decisions. It was agreed the only argument the Council can now present regarding such decisions is related to the way the planning authority conducted itself.

Cllr Christy drafted a letter which he circulated amongst Members inviting comments. Feedback and a decision on how to proceed to be discussed at the following meeting.

- 9. Glangrwyney River Pollution:** Cllr Llewelyn reported the stream by the side of his property in Glangrwyney appeared "dead" with no fish and questioned whether this is the result of pollution. Cllr Sharman noted the river bed needs to be cleared upstream from the sluice gate at the Salmon Leap. It was agreed to write to Natural Resource Wales to report the possible pollution and suggest the river bed needs clearing.
- 10. Traffic Calming Measures Glangrwyney:** The Clerk reported that whilst hoping to have an up-date she has to date only received an email stating Welsh Government protocol is for all correspondence to go through their WG mail box for direct response.
- 11. Model Financial Regulations Wales - June 2016:** Cllr Sharman proposed the Council adopt the revised Financial Regulations as previously circulated. Cllr Dean Christy seconded this proposal which was unanimously agreed.
- 12. Any Other Business:** None reported.
- 13. Finance:**
- 13.1 To report/resolve to approve items for payment as follows:
- GM James (Salary £200 & Expenses £25), HMRC £50, J Morgan (care of notice board) £12; OVW Conference £80, Laptop/External Hard Drive £352.98
- Cllr Lusted proposed the above payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Bowler and agreed.
- 13.2 Other Financial Matters: None reported.
- 14. Highways:** Millbrook Bridge: Cllr Sharman reported PCC has inspected the bridge noting it to be overgrown and recommended a fence be erected for safety purposes. It was suggested signs stating "no turning or parking" be erected at the top of lane. Cllr Sharman asked the Clerk to write to Alan Parry to obtain an up-date. Llanbedr to Llangenny Road: the gully was noted to be low and in need of raising however Highways wish to wait for heavy rain before alterations can be assessed.

White Lines, Llangenny: PCC state that this is technically a staggered junction therefore it is correct traffic joining the U466 from the U475 should give way. Cllrs Lusted and Bowler expressed concern at this decision with Cllr Lusted offering to attend a site meeting to explain why the lines need to be changed.

Llangattock Depot: Cllrs Morris and Sharman attended the meeting with Mr Nigel Brinn regarding proposals to close the highways maintenance depot. The Clerk read out a letter sent to PCC to oppose this proposal.

- 15. Reports on Meetings Attended:** Cllr Morris attended a reception at the Royal Welsh Show and reported he spoke with the leader of PCC and several other Councillors re cuts/schooling issues.
Cllr Lusted attended a Llanbedr School Governors Meeting - a new head has been appointed and the school was awarded 3rd prize in the decorated wheelbarrow competition at the Royal Welsh Show.
Llangattock Highways: Cllr Morris and Sharman attended (verbal report presented under Item 14 above).

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

1. **Brecon Beacons Sustainable Destination Partnership** – newsletter July 2016
2. **OVW:** Consultation on draft Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment.
3. **OVW:** request to encourage other community councils to become members of OVW.
4. **PCC:** The Regenerator Summer 2016 – Circular
5. **PAVO:** July 2016 edition of the PAVO E-Briefing
6. **PCC:** Secondary Schools Reorganisation Programme Up-date
7. **WG:** Higher rates of tax on purchases of second homes: Survey
8. **PAVO:** new Open4Community funding portal
9. **OVW:** One Voice Wales Conference Saturday 1st October 2016 in Llanellwedd, Builth Wells
10. **PCC:** Competition to encourage Powys businesses to decorate shop windows for Tour of Britain.
11. **PAVO:** 14th Sept 2016 Crossgates Village Hall workshop.
12. **OVW:** Planning Law in Wales - Scoping Paper Summary.
13. **Llanbedr Hall Association** – thank you for donation
14. **OVW:** Recruitment of Additional Training Associates
15. **OVW:** Advice to Community and Town Councils on Working with Young People
16. **PCC:** Powys Newsline – circular
17. **Llangenny School Hall:** receipt and thank you for donation.
18. **Crick TC:** report on meeting with Nigel Brinn re Llangattock Depot
19. **OVW:** One Voice Wales AGM Motions 2016
20. **PC Jeff Cahalane** (Neighbouring Police Officer (NPT): offer to attend Council meeting
21. **Wales Air Ambulance:** thanks for donation
22. **PAVO:** August 2016 edition of the PAVO E-Briefing.
23. **BBNPA:** Applications 16/13727/FUL and 16/13763/FUL (agenda)
24. **OVW:** The Ombudsman's Casebook Issue 25
25. **OVW:** Correspondence and information from the Future Generations Commissioner
26. **BBNPA:** Planning registers - 08/07/16, 15/07/16, 22/07/16, 29/07/16
27. **OVW:** Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill
28. **WWHA:** Llanbedr follow up to meeting on 21st June (agenda)
29. **BBNPA:** 16/13585/FUL and 16/13583/FUL have permitted (agenda)

16. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:

1. V Walker: receipt and thanks for Llangenny Churchyard Fund.
2. OVW: Link for Older People's Commissioner Summer 2016 Newsletter:
3. BBNPA: 16/13589/LBC White Hall, Glangrwyney has been permitted
4. F Maitland Jones - Receipt and thanks: Patricio Churchyard Fund
5. CrIC at 10: Gala Dinner at the Manor
6. BBNPA: Weekly register 05/087/16 (Circulated)
7. Powys Community Health Council - updated schedule of meetings for 2016/17. (Circulated)
8. PCSO Dunne - request to attend meeting (September)
9. OVW: Community Energy Wales Event (Circulated)

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

- Speaker - PCSO Dunne
- Powys Day Care Consultation

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:26pm.