

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

**Present:** Cllrs D Sharman (*Chairman*), J Morris, D Christy, W Bowler, C Fairclough, E Lusted and C Alford. Also in attendance: Cty Cllr J Morris and M James (*Clerk*). **Absent:** Cllr R Llewelyn.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr I Maberley.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Nil.

3. **Planning Matters:**

3.1 **Applications:**

(i) **16/13111/FUL** - Erection of storage building **Cwrt Y Gollen Training Camp, Crickhowell NP8 1TH**

It was resolved to submit a response of no objection but question why Cwrt y Gollen has previously been described as a "former" army camp.

(ii) **16/13124/FUL** and **16/13120/LBC** - 2 storey extension **The Lodge, Glangrwyney Court, Glangrwyney**

It was resolved to submit a response of no objection.

3.2 **Decisions/Other:**

(i) It was noted Application 15/12579/REM Springfields, Llangenny has been permitted.

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

Powys Budget: cut reduced to 3% - whilst PCC still has £2 million less funding this will be helpful for adult social care and education. Also instead of cutting all funding for the tourist information centre a 15% cut has been agreed for one year. PCC is now looking at a grant for running the building rather than specific items.

Reduction in Councillor Numbers: there were plans to reduce the number of PCC Councillors from 73 to 64 however due to boundary changes the Minister has decided numbers will remain as they are until 2020 - which will cost Powys. Some County Councillors have suggested writing after the election stating they wish their numbers reduced. The work required for this to happen has been completed - the Minister just needs to sign.

Gritting routes: if Members want to alter routes being salted they must submit their case to the Portfolio Holder and Cabinet. The Community Council needs to come up with the routes it wants as well as the arguments as to why. Highways face a £2 million reduction in budget in 16/17 and have to find savings. He explained Llanbedr is gritted at weekends [Page 1116 Item 3] to avoid problems accumulating. Members agreed the Cwm Pitch is dangerous, other areas suggested were Grwyne Fechan, Vicarage Pitch – through Llangenny and Druids Alter Pitch. Cty Cllr Morris asked for suggestions to be emailed to him together with the reason why.

Affordable housing in Llanbedr: houses will be ready by the end of March. Whilst PCC will be involved Wales & West Housing Association will allocate. Members stressed the importance of interested parties being on the housing list noting they have continually emphasised the need for these houses to be allocated to local people. Cllr Morris suggested the Council write to WWHA emphasising this as the houses will be allocated by the end of March.

NEST: Cty Cllr Morris referred Members to a letter from NEST offering help to those suffering from fuel poverty suggesting anyone interested contact him. Cllr Morris reported he had attended a One Voice Wales meeting in which a representative from NEST spoke and supplied publicity posters for the notice boards and web site.

*Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting at 20:06pm*

5. **Minutes:** Cllr Maberley's amendment (reported via the Clerk) relating to declarations of interest [Page 1116 Item 2.1] was not passed. It was proposed by Cllr Morris that the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> January be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Alford and duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes:** Cwrt Y Gollen: the email alert [Page 1117 Item 14.1] is believed to refer to the Section 106 Certificate. Matthew Griffiths who is now the Case Officer should have more information

in a couple of weeks. Following a suggestion by Cllr Sharman it was agreed to invite Mr Griffiths to a future meeting to provide a general up-date on the application.

Planning application 15/13063/FUL: [Page 1116 Item 2.1] BBNPA advise that whilst asbestos has to be disposed of according to regulations it is not something that will be controlled or checked by the planners and will not be taken into consideration when determining the application.

Meeting to discuss parking on Bellfountain Road [Page 1116 Item 3] Whilst several parties have confirmed they are available to meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> February at 1:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall PCC's representative (Ms Jo Lancey) has yet to confirm however as she initially stated she was available after the 15<sup>th</sup> February it was agreed to proceed in the hope she will be available.

- 7. Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** Emails received from WWHA have been circulated however as they were only received this afternoon Members had not yet had opportunity to fully consider their content.

The Clerk reported from her brief examination WWHA state the Community Council is responsible for connection costs for the water supply to the allotments. Members queried this believing this to be the responsibility of WWHA. WWHA has agreed to pay for the hedge to be trimmed - Cllr Morris will arrange. They state the contractor has agreed to fund two 1 pads for the school. Cllr Bowler suggested the children could use these for some form of project to record the village/residents. A poster for the Low Cost Home Ownership has been supplied which the Clerk will put on the web site and notice boards. Anyone wishing to apply for these houses should contact WWHA.

- 8. Five Councils Liaison Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Hall. Mr Lyn Calwallader (OVW) has agreed to speak and is happy to address any issues required. It was suggested the other Councils be invited to submit topics for him to speak on. It was also suggested the NEST representative be invited to speak.
- 9. Queen's Birthday Celebrations:** Lighting a beacon was considered with Members discussing where to site it, and whether to organise some form of combined celebration with the community. Cllr Morris will make enquiries and report back.
- 10. Any Other Business:** The Clerk asked the Council if it would be willing to change the date of the July meeting (18<sup>th</sup>) to the week before (11<sup>th</sup>). This was duly agreed following a proposal by Cllr Fairclough which was seconded by Cllr Alford.

The position regarding unauthorised building work in Llanbedr was queried. BBNPA was reported to be investigating. Enquiries will be made to determine the current position.

## **11. Finance:**

- 11.1 Cllr Sharman proposed the following payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed:

G M James (Salary /Exp) £225, HMRC (Tax) £50, Stationery Reimbursement £213.88, OVW Subscription £109, Llanbedr Hall Hire Fees £14 (WWHA Meeting 17/12/15)

- 11.2 Risk Assessment: In line with audit requirements the Council was requested to review the effectiveness of internal controls. The Risk Assessment Schedule as previously circulated was duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Arrangements for cover should the Clerk be indisposed were also discussed. It was suggested an I Cloud account be created and/or an external hard drive be purchased to ensure the Council retains a back-up of council documents. It was proposed by Cllr Fairclough the Council purchase an external hard drive (2 terabit storage) at a cost of up to £50. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly agreed. It was agreed this should be a matter for discussion at the next Five Councils' Meeting.

- 11.3 Other: Members were referred to correspondence from PCC stating a decision on whether or not it continues support for village halls has not yet been taken therefore it needs to know if the Community Council intends to continue its support for the village halls. It was noted this had agreed when setting the precept. The Clerk will notify PCC.

11.4 The Clerk informed Members the bank requires a letter of authorisation from signatories before funds can be transferred between accounts. Signatories agreed to sign a letter instructing the bank to transfer £1000 from its current account into the deposit.

12. **Highways:** Cllr Morris reported the Bont Lane has been cleared enabling water to stop at the side however it is difficult now to get anything done, the contractor shouldn't have signed it off. Cllr Christy reported the Glangrwyney sign has reappeared and is florescent. The meeting to discuss parking on Bellfountain Road was noted to have been arranged for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

13. **Reports on Meetings Attended:** Cllr Morris attended an OVW meeting where there was a speaker from NEST. OVW has secured a grant of £93,000 pa for next 3 years and are pushing training. OVW can provide training if councils get together and organise venue - 20 members required.

Cllr Lusted attended a Llanbedr School Governors meeting.

Cllr Sharman attended a special meeting LAF meeting held because BBNPA is looking into ways of saving money as its budget has been cut by £200,000. LAF was invited to make recommendations. BBNPA held a meeting last Friday to decide where savings will be made – the results of which are currently unknown.

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

1. **Powys Community Health Council:** agenda for 26th Jan meeting
2. **OVW:** Climate Change Commission for Wales & focus on Adaptation - <http://www.theccw.org.uk/adaptation-building-resilience-to-manage-the-impacts-of-climate-change/> <http://www.theccw.org.uk/adaptation-building-resilience-to-manage-the-impacts-of-climate-change/?lang=cy> <https://social.shorthand.com/theCCCW/nyFlaJLkNc/adaptation-and-building-resilience-to-manage-the-impacts-of-climate-change>
3. **Cty Cllr Morris:** details of gritting routes in VoG and request for amendments (Circulated)
4. **OVW:** details of training (circulated)
5. **PCC:** Dog fouling consultation (circulated and on web site)
6. **Andrew Fryer, Brecon Beacons Tourism:** BBNPA cuts (circulated)
7. **Powys CAB:** Newsletter
8. **Spinal Injuries Association:** - Fish & Chip Supper 20<sup>th</sup> May - [fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk)
9. **PAVO:** Powys Teaching Health Board gathering on 25/02/16 to discuss future planning of services/activities.
10. **PCC:** new refuse/recycling collection search facility: <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/bins-rubbish-recycling/bin-collection-day/> (circulated)
11. **Welsh Hearts:** Wales' Biggest Tea Party Month - hold a tea party or coffee morning for Welsh Hearts.
12. **PCC:** Submission of Deposit Powys Local Development Plan 2015 (circulated)
13. **C Norbury:** request to plant wild flower verges in Glangrwyney (Clerk to make enquiries)
14. **OVW:** Consultation on National Development Framework Draft Statement of Public Participation. <http://gov.wales/consultations/planning/proposals-relating-to-the-statement-of-public-participation-for-the-national-development-framework/?lang=en>
15. **OVW:** Consultation events on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill (circulated)
16. **PCC:** Details of Arwain, the LEADER programme in Powys designed to get local people, businesses and communities involved in delivering sustainable, innovative solutions to economic, social and environmental challenges facing Powys - : [www.arwain.wales](http://www.arwain.wales) (circulated)
17. **Planning Aid Wales:** Planning training events in your area (circulated)
18. **PCC:** PCC has moved to electronic only correspondence with Powys Town & Community Councils as consultees on local planning matters.
19. **Allun Jones:** details of road closure – Llangenny 5/02 (circulated)
20. **Ian Mills :** Emergency Closure - C0122 Llangenny to Glangrwyney Road (BT works) (circulated)
21. **Annaliese Lewis:** invitation to Crickhowell Community Sports Centre Launch 12-02-16 (circulated)
22. **PAVO:** PAVO members ebriefing for February 2016 (Circulated)
23. **BBNPA:** Application 16/13111/FUL, **16/13124/FUL** and **16/13120/LBC**
24. **Powys CC:** Village Hall Annual Revenue Grant Scheme.
25. **OVW:** Minutes of B&R Committee Meeting. Agenda for 5<sup>th</sup> Feb meeting and details of training
26. **OVW:** Membership of OVW in 2016/17 – fee £109
27. **PCC:** Submission of the Deposit Powys LDP 2015 - LDP Focussed Changes January 2016 – CD

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

1. **BBNPA:** Business Improvement Days for Winter 2016 (circulated)

2. **OVW:** Membership of One Voice Wales 2016/17 (Circulated)
3. **ARWAIN:** funding available for small scale projects innovative in nature (Circulated)
4. **Urdd National Eisteddfod Brycheiniog a Maesyfed / Brecknock & Radnor 2018:** request for funding
5. **BBNPA:** Social Inclusion & Child Poverty Strategy & Action Plan Consultation (Circulated)
6. **OVW:** response - Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill Consultation (Circulated)
7. **PCC:** Schedule of Focussed Changes to the Deposit Powys LDP 2015 available for public consultation.
8. **A Hughes:** request for information on TC/CCs (Circulated)
9. **OVW:** Response to proposal on provision of court/ tribunal services in Wales (Circulated)
10. **PCC:** Fuel Poverty - Nest Scheme (West Wales Partnership Manager) (Circulated)
11. **PAVO:** Powys Volunteer Involvers Network (PVIN) meeting - 11 March.
12. **OVW:** Vacancy for Clerk – Abergavenny Town Council
13. **WWHA:** Allotment agreement and other queries (circulated)
14. **WWHA:** poster and details of Low Cost Home Ownership (Circulated)
15. Notice of study around Llanbedr for dissertation.

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

The Clerk reported she will ask the Acting Head of Llanbedr School to activate the competition [Page 1098 Item 7].

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:35pm