

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15th June 2015 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Wendy Bowler.

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

3. **Planning Matters**

3.1 **Applications:** Nil.

3.2 **Decisions:** It was noted Application 15/12160/FUL 38 Martell Way, Cwrt Y Gollen, Glangrwyney, went before PAROW on the 2nd June with the recommendation it be permitted

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris was not present therefore no report was received.

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1089]: It was proposed by Cllr Morris and seconded by Cllr Lusted that the minutes of the Annual Meeting on the 18th May be accepted as a true record subject to Item 1 being amended to read "Palace of Westminster". This was duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr Mabberley, seconded by Cllr Fairclough that the minutes of the monthly meeting [Page 1090-1091] be accepted as a true record subject to a subsequent amendment [Page 1091 Item 9] to show rather than an incorrect colour no recycling boxes have been provided.

6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes for information purposes:** Cllr Llewelyn referred to Page 1091 Item 13.6 stating this was unacceptable. The Clerk reported she has written to Edwina Hart AM to request electronic speeding signs be installed in Glangrwyney and is currently awaiting a response.

7. **Five Councils Liaison Meeting:** As proposed at the previous meeting [Page 1091 Item 15] it was agreed to place a review of the Five Councils and the appointment of a Devolution of Services Representative on the agenda for consideration. Discussion ensued regarding this issue with the general consensus being the Five Councils need to be proactive and work together in an efficient and effective manner or face becoming disempowered.

8. **Members' Interests/Information.** The suggestion Members produce a brief individual resume for publication on the web site was rejected.

9. **Llanbedr Affordable Housing.** It was noted contractors have been on site and the build appears to be underway. Wales & West Housing Association has been asked to provide information concerning the allocation process however this has not been received. The Clerk will contact Wales & West again with this request.

10. **Benches:** The Council was asked which benches it wished to replace with the grant funding received from Awards for All and whether a picnic bench should be given to Llangenny playground instead of a bench (providing agreement is reached with Awards for All). Following debate the Clerk was instructed to order four manmade timber benches and it was agreed the Council look into purchasing a timber picnic bench locally for the playground the cost of which (circa £100) was substantially less than a manmade timber one. It was reported the bench on Bellfountain Road is in dire need of replacement however as this is a memorial bench it was agreed prior to taking any action Cllr Morris speak with a known relative.

11. **Any Other Business: for information only.** Cllr Llewelyn questioned whether the Council proposes to proceed with a complaint against BBNPA for maladministration of the Cwrt Y Gollen planning application. Cllr Llewelyn was informed Any Other Business is purely for information purposes and if Members wish to debate this matter it needs to be placed on the agenda for consideration. It was agreed this matter should be placed on the agenda for deliberation at the next meeting.

12. **Finance:**

12.1 It was proposed by Cllr Mabberley the following payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed: Clerk's salary £200/Exp £25; HMRC £50; Hire Charges: Llanbedr Village Hall £88, Llangenny School Hall £84 & Glangrwyney Village Hall £49; Welsh Water (Llanbedr Drinking Trough) £18.30

12.2 **Donations:** Cllr Mabberley proposed donations are made in line with previous years, ie £100 be granted to each of the churchyard funds and £100 to each of the village halls (as agreed in January) with £100 allocated for Wales Air Ambulance. It was suggested the Council invite the pupils of Llanbedr School to participate in a competition for which the Council will provide prize money (£50). This proposal was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly agreed.

13. **Highways:** Councillors expressed concern previously reported highway issues have not been attended to. The Clerk was asked to report:

1. "No Parking" sign urgently required at The Quarry, Grwyne Fechan – difficult for lorries to pass parked vehicles.
2. "No HGVs" sign required by Red Lion Pub in Llanbedr to prevent lorries travelling up Gwrlodau Lane.
3. Pavement by bus stop in Glangrwyney is very uneven and reported as dangerous.
4. Trees/bushes very overgrown on road up Grwyne Fawr impairing visibility – particularly by Coed Dias.
5. Listed bridge by Millbrook, Llangenny in need of repair – damaged a couple of years ago by falling tree.
6. Road at top of Llanbedr by The Neuadd travelling towards Llanbedr Road not repaired correctly following works by Welsh Water – road is rough - causing damage to vehicles – areas previously filled with grit however this has now worn away.

Correspondence received from a resident of Glangrwyney [Page 1093 Item 20] reporting difficulties with access resulting from a trader operating out of the lay-by in Glangrwyney was discussed. Councillors recalled this situation had been reported previously noting traders have since been removed from other lay-bys in Crickhowell. It was agreed to write to PCC to determine their policy with regard to trading out of lay-bys.

14. **Reports on Meetings Attended:** Cllr Mabberley reported he attended a very helpful LAF meeting. Cllr Fairclough attended a Health Council Meeting reporting there are changes in the way Stroke Services operate - patients will no longer be taken to Nevill Hall - they will go to Newport/Merthyr. Health Centres in South Powys have formed a local enterprise "Red Kite Solutions" GP practices working together.

15. **Correspondence** the following correspondence was received:

1. **BBNPA** - vote to influence the topic selected for scrutiny. <http://www.beacons-mpa.gov.uk/the-authority/who-we-are/scrutiny/> (Circulated)
2. **PCC:** Advance notice of the Powys Local Development Plan consultation (June 2015)
3. **Planning Aid Wales** free planning training workshop on 29th June in Brecon (Circulated)
4. **OVW:** form to obtain details of members' interests (Circulated)
5. **OVW:** Link to 'Protecting Community Assets' consultation.
6. **OVW:** Continued Independence of Older People Share Learning Seminar 1st July SWALEC Stadium
7. **PCC:** Public traffic consultation (circulated)
8. **Cwmdu CC:** Five Councils meeting to be held on Thursday 16 July 2015 at 1900hrs in Bwlch Village Hall.
9. **Helping Hands:** your free Care at HOME magazine (circulated)
10. **Dyfed-Powys Police & Crime Commissioner:** quarterly update/survey into rural crime (circulated)
11. **OVW:** Clarification on Register of Interests (circulated)
12. **PAVO;** Nominations invited for Powys Volunteer of the Year 2015
13. **B Bermingham:** receipt of payment and confirmation she will continue to act as internal auditor
14. **PAVO:** PAVO members ebriefing June 2015
15. **Cooke & Arkwright:** confirmation sycamore adjacent to Llanbedr School has been pollarded
16. **OVW:** Larger Councils Conference 8th July 2015 – Royal Welsh Showground (circulated)
17. **PCC:** Powys kerbside recycling and rubbish changes (circulated)
18. **BBNPA:** "The economic benefit of the Geopark designation and the opportunities for tourism and access" is the Authority's Improvement Objective for the next scrutiny study.
19. **Glangrwyney Village Hall Chairman:** Glangrwyney Notice Board and Lottery Bid (circulated)
20. **S Shaw:** request to help with access difficulties resulting from trading out of lay-by in Glangrwyney
21. **BBNPA:** PAROW Agenda 2nd June 2015 – 38 Martell Way, Glangrwyney
22. **Powys CC:** Local Development Plan Revised Deposit Draft June 2015 (CD)

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

1. **Powys Community Health Council:** AGM to be held on 17 June 2015 in Llandrindod Wells.
2. **WG;** notification of delay in publishing the Public Health (Wales) Bill
3. **Powys Community Health Council:** changes to Stroke Services in South Powys (circulated)
4. **WG:** Public Health (Wales) Bill – <http://gov.wales/consultations/healthsocialcare/white-paper/?lang=en>
Amongst other proposals, the Bill will place a duty on each local authority in Wales to prepare and

- publish a local toilets strategy (circulated)
5. **OVW:** *Resource Efficient Wales* - to help people save on energy/water, reduce/re-use waste.
 6. **PCC:** Powys LDP consultation (June 2015) Responses must be received by 20th July
 7. **OVW:** Your Council and the use of IT and the Internet 2015 – survey
 8. **PCC:** Consultation on the closure of the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School -

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

- Cwrt Y Gollen - whether to pursue complaint for maladministration

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm