

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15th May 2017 at 7:50pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Caroline Fairclough (Chairman), John Morris (Vice Chairman), Colin Alford, Howard Tohill, David Sharman and Wendy Bowler. Also in attendance: Cty Cllr Morris (*who arrived late*) and Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Dean Christy and Elaine Lusted
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Bowler [Page 1174 Item 13] Member of the Friends of Llangenny Playground.
3. **Planning Matters:**
 - 3.1 **Applications:** no applications were received.
 - 3.2 **Decisions:** the following applications were noted to have been permitted:
 - i. 17/14643/FUL and 17/14644/FUL- Ty Cerreg, Llangenny, NP8 1HA;
 - ii. 17/14620/FUL - Ty Graig, Llangenny Lane, Llangenny NP8 1AN
4. **County Council Report:** *deferred until Cty Cllr Morris' arrival at 18:24 [reported on Page 1175].*
5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1168 – 1171]. Cllr Tohill proposed the minutes of the 24th April 2017 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly agreed.
6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes for information purposes.** Cllr Morris questioned whether BBNPA has responded to the query regarding removal of the agricultural condition [Page 1168 Item 4.1(iii)]. He expressed concern that such requests make it increasingly difficult for the farming community who have a genuine need to provide affordable housing for workers/relatives.
7. **Standing Orders & Financial Regulations:** In line with annual governance requirements the Council was asked to review its Standing Orders and Financial Regulations (*copies previously circulated*). No alterations were considered necessary. Cllr Tohill proposed the Council continue to be governed by the current Standing Orders. This was seconded by Cllr Morris and duly agreed. In line with requirements the Clerk will provide the Chair with details of the password for the laptop.
8. **Llanbedr Affordable Housing/Allotments:** Frustration was expressed at the time it is taking to finalise the allotments. The Allotment Society has stated it would like more top soil suggesting a trench be dug to drain rainwater away from the path to prevent future deterioration. Members agreed the top soil provided was unsatisfactory and suggested in order to progress matters the Council approached WWHA offering to plough and rotovate/harrow the ground if WWHA provide more top soil. The Clerk to also contact the Allotment Society to ask if they are agreeable to this suggestion.
9. **Glangrwyney Village Hall Community Focused Bid:** Members discussed Glangrwyney Village Hall Committee's request to submit a combined bid for hall improvements, a parking area and safe play community area. Discussion concluded the project is dependent upon the land by the hall being available for purchase. Cllr Sharman will contact the owner and report back.
10. **Council Vacancy:** Following the election there is a vacancy to serve on the Council. The Clerk will display notices in the community inviting interested persons to submit applications by the 16th July.
11. **Friends of Llangenny Playground Funding Request:** *Cllr Bowler having declared an interest took no part of the discussions.* Cllr Tohill proposed the Council pay for the ROSPA inspection (£72). Cllr Morris proposed an amendment that the Council donate £100 to the Friends to be spent as required (*not specifically for the ROSPA inspection*) was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly agreed.

- 12. Any Other Business:** *for information only.* The bench in Llangenny below Hall Farm was reported to be damaged and a potential danger to the public. Cllr Alford offered to remove it.

Cllr Bowler reported the telephone in Llangenny had been removed and the line removed. Apparently this was done prematurely so the line was reconnected, but the telephone was not replaced. BT staff inform the line is now due to be removed in 3 weeks. The Clerk will make enquires with Powys CC as it was understood the telephone service would remain at this kiosk.

The grey phone box at Five Ways in Fforest Coal Pit will remain.

Cty Cllr Morris arrived at this point (18:24): the order of the agenda was amended to receive his report:

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

Elections: of the 72 councillors elected 30 are independents, 19 conservative, 13 liberal democrats and 7 labour with a few non-aligned. The biggest grouping will have to work with the conservative group to get a working majority. The Leader will be nominated tomorrow and he/she will then form a new Cabinet.

Bellfountain Road: Cty Cllr Morris is arranging to meet Jo Lancey (PCC) to discuss options prior to the meeting with Crickhowell TC and the Vale of Grwyney CC. He will find out how much advertising will cost.

Crickhowell Day Centre: Cty Cllr Morris and Cllr Bowler attended a meeting regarding Crickhowell Day Centre. The plan is to use the day centre more efficiently and involve more people. Money will be available to run it with the use of volunteers, as well as professional services.

Highways: Members reported a gully has dropped by the Neuadd Llanbedr and there is a large pothole – just past entrance to field - both need repair. In Partrishow the hedge down from Dower House towards the church is overgrown.

Councillors asked if the result of the speed line in Llangenny was known. The Clerk will contact PCSO Dune.

Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting at 20.48

14. Finance:

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

G James (salary/exp) £225, HMRC (Tax) £50, B Bermingham (audit) £120.60; Cllr Morris (Chairman's expense allowance) £75; All Councillors (yearly communication expense allowance) £20; Zurich (insurance) £247.82 – subject to the Clerk ensuring this is best price.

- 14.2 Internal/External Audit: The Internal audit was undertaken on the 3rd May 2017. A copy of this report has been circulated, together with a copy of the Annual Return and supporting documentation. Cllr Sharman proposed the Council approve the Governance Statement of the Annual Return. This was seconded by Cllr Bowler and duly agreed. The Clerk will return the Annual Return to be external auditors.

15. Highways: *reported to Cty Cllr Morris under Item 4.*

16. Reports on Meetings Attended: Cllr Bowler attended the Day Centre meeting with Cty Cllr Morris - *reported under Item 4.*

17. Correspondence *the following items was received and discussed as appropriate:*

1. **WWHA:** agreement has been reached between builder and school re i-pads. Development due to complete in May

2. **CRiC**: AGM 15th May in CRIC
3. **Powys Teaching Health Board**: “Associate Hospital Managers”
4. **PCC**: Offer of payroll support.
5. **OVW**: News Bulletin
6. **PCC**: Powys Newslines
7. **A Jones PCC**: highways update
8. **Powys Community Health Council**: Radnorshire & Brecknock committee meeting - 11th May
9. **BBNPA**: 17/14643/FUL has been permitted.
10. **OVW**: New councillor Induction training
11. **BBNPA**: Weekly planning register: 21/04/17, 28/04/17
12. **OPCC**: launch of Commissioner’s Community Funding (*Clerk to investigate*)
13. **Wales Audit Office**: Wales Audit Office vacancy
14. **Planning Aid Wales**: planning training - 19th June 2017, 4:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. (*DS to attend.*)
15. **National Development Framework for Wales**: Newsletter April 2017
16. **OVW**: guide to 'battle's over - a nation's tribute & wwi beacons of light 11th November 2018
17. **OVW**: Receipt for Membership
18. **Clerks & Councils Direct**: Newsletter - Issue 111 - May 2017

18. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence:

1. **OVW**: Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils (Circulated)
2. **BBNPA**: weekly planning register 05/05/16 (Circulated)

19. Clerk’s Report/ Items for inclusion in the next Agenda: None reported.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15 pm