

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 16th January 2017 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cty Cllr Morris.

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

3. **Planning Matters:**

3.1 **Applications:** None received.

3.2 **Decisions/Other** the following decisions were reported as being permitted:

- i. 16/14078/CON: Site adjacent to 1 Springfields, Llangenny NP8 1HA
- ii. 16/14186/REM: Site adjacent to 1 Springfields, Llangenny NP8 1HA
- iii. 16/14150/CON: Firing Range, Cwrt Y Gollen Training Camp
- iv. 15/12972/CON: Former Gas Chamber, Cwrt Y Gollen Army Camp, Crickhowell
- v. 15/12971/CON: Former Ammo Stores, Cwrt Y Gollen Army Camp, Crickhowell
- vi. 12/08575/OUT: Residential development – former Cwrt Y Gollen Army Camp, Crickhowell

Members were disappointed they had not been kept informed of the progress of the Section 106 agreement relating to the Cwrt Y Gollen development despite assurances they would.

It was RESOLVED to write to BBNPA's CEO to express this disappointment and to ask if there is any particular reason why they didn't keep the Council informed. A copy to be sent to Chris Morgan, Cllr John Morris and Kirsty Williams AM.

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris was unable to attend however submitted a written report:

- The Cabinet's decision on the budget, with further cuts to services, and a projected rise in council tax of 4.75% is still awaited.
- The day centre will remain open for the present with Crickhowell likely to be used as a pilot for a new model of delivery.
- Roads are scheduled to be swept in and around the area.

Cty Cllr Morris asked to be notified should Members have any items they wish investigated.

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1153 – 1156]. Cllr Tothill proposed the minutes of the 19th December 2016 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Christy and duly agreed.

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

P.1154 Item 12: Crickhowell TC is due to discuss the parking problem on Bellfountain/Standard Street during its January meeting.

P.1155 Item 15 (6): Whilst Members appreciated being informed of this event having studied the web site and literature several concerns were voiced at an event which encouraged a large number of people to traverse the Black Mountains with no set directions. Cllr Sharman will place this on the agenda of the next Local Access Forum meeting.

P.1155 Item 13: A meeting to discuss the white lines at The Crossroads in Llangenny has been arranged with PCC (Ian Mills and Jo Lancey) on Thursday at 1:30pm. Cllrs Alford, Lusted, Sharman and Bowler to attend. Following this Mr Mills is due to visit the Bont Lane to assess the request for a sign stating drivers should not rely on Satnavs.

7. **Llanbedr Allotments:** Jodine Bishop (WWHA) is available to meet Members on the 31st January at 1:45pm to discuss the allotments/nature garden. Cllrs Morris, Sharman Lusted, Bowler and Fairclough will attend.

The Allotment Society agree it appears sensible to lease the land directly from WWHA although aren't prepared to take on the lease until the condition of the path and soil is improved.

Cllr Tothill reported Welsh Water are to up-grade the sewerage works in Llanbedr and plan to use the existing builders' site as their holding site during this period. He also suggested top soil currently on site as a result of the build could be used in the allotments.

8. **Any Other Business:** *for information only*

Cllr Alford had informed the Clerk that leaves on the road to Partrico Church were causing residents problems. These concerns were reported to Allun Jones (PCC) who informs the road is due to be swept shortly.

The Clerk is due to attend OVW training in Llangattock on Wednesday.

The Clerk reported difficulties processing correspondence due to lack of suitable computer software. One Member also reported being unable to open file attachments. The Clerk was asked to find out the costs involved in purchasing software/licences which could be used by Members who were also experiencing problems.

9. **Finance:**

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

G James (Salary £200/Exp £25), HMRC (Tax £50); Wales Audit Office (External Audit) £231. *The Wales Audit Office invoice replaces the initial cost indicated by Grant Thornton for the external audit and was noted to have been reduced from £277.20 to £231 [P.1144 item 11.1 and 11.3].*

- 9.2 Precept (2017/18): A statement itemising receipts/expenditure incurred in the current year, as well as projected figures for the forthcoming year was circulated to assist Members in determining the 2017/18 precept. Members discussed the figures noting the Council will incur election expenses and possibly need to support local service delivery during the forthcoming year. Following consideration Cllr Sharman proposed the precept be set at £7,500 (an increase of £500). This was seconded by Cllr Llewelyn and unanimously agreed.

10. **Highways:** Cllr Sharman asked if any progress has been made with the request for signs at Millbrook Lane to stop vehicles parking/turning there. He reported Millbrook Bridge has still not been repaired, whilst the bracken had been cut some time ago nothing else has been done. The Clerk was asked to obtain an up-date.

11. **Reports on Meetings Attended:** Nil.

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

1. **PAVO:** Members e-briefing January 2017
2. **Wales Audit Office:** finalised invoice for external audit £231
3. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** Newsletter
4. **BBNPA:** 16/14150/CON permitted
5. **BBNPA:** weekly register – 23/12/16
6. **WG:** Town/Community Council Elections
7. **PCC:** Council to extend Bupa residential care home contract
8. **Geoff Williams:** Crickhowell Archive Centre - Arms to Men - thanks for support

9. **OVW:** Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute 100 years of Remembrance / 11th November 2018.
10. **PCC:** Powys Newslines
11. **OVW:** Bathing Water Review in Wales 2017 – Consultation

13. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:

1. **OVW:** Training Opportunities
2. **Llangattock CC:** Suggestion clerks meet informally
3. **OVW:** Energise Wales Newsletter – January 2017
4. **Tenovus –** Teenage Cancer Care – request for funding
5. **Electoral Services:** The Local Democracy and Government Boundary Commission Review – Chair invited to event – 9th March
6. **BBNPA:** 15/12972/CON – permitted
7. **BBNPA:** 15/12971/CON – permitted
8. **BBNPA:**12/08575/OUT – permitted
9. **BBNPA** Weekly Register – 30/12/16, 06/01/17
1. **E Wignell:** Invitation to Crickhowell Library event – 24th January
2. **BBNPA:** 16/14186/REM - permitted
3. **BBNPA:** 16/14078/CON - permitted.
4. **PCC:** Budget consultation - budget simulator
5. **OVW:** Code of Conduct training – Brecon - Thursday 26th January 2017 6.30-9.00
6. **Powys CC:** Clerks Briefings re local elections - 28 February 2017 –

14. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda: None received.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm