

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 8:05pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs J Morris (Chairman), E Lusted (Vice Chairman), D Sharman, W Bowler, C Alford, D Christy and R Llewelyn.  
**In attendance:** M James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C Fairclough. Apologies were presented on behalf of Cty Cllr J Morris.

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

### 3. **Planning Matters**

#### 3.1 **Applications:**

**16/12404/FUL** – Two steel frame buildings joining onto existing buildings – to be used as dry cattle housing and straw barn – Gwernybutler Farm, Bellfountain Road, Llangenny

Cllr Sharman questioned whether an agri-one certificate is required. Whilst this requirement was thought to relate to acreage it was suggested it be clarified for future reference.

It was agreed to submit a response of no objection.

#### 3.2 **Decisions/Other:**

1. It was noted Application 16/13313/FUL (Retrospective planning for installation of conservation roof-light - Pendarren Lodge, Llangenny) has been PERMITTED.

2. BBNPA has responded to the Council's concerns regarding the unauthorised building work in Llanbedr stating it will investigate and a reply will be made within 20 working days. Members agreed to wait for this prior to taking further action.

4. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1127-1129] It was proposed by Cllr Sharman and seconded by Cllr Bowler that the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> April meeting be accepted as a true record. This was duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

5. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris was not present - *apologies were reported via the Clerk*.

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

**P1128 Item 10:** Cllr Sharman, Morris, the Clerk and representatives from Glangrwyney Village Hall Committee attended a photo shot to publicise the new notice board in Glangrwyney. A press release has also been submitted to the B&R to officially recognise the funding received for the benches and new notice board in Llangenny. The Clerk reported there is currently a £135.59 surplus which could be put towards installation costs. Invoices for materials required to erect the boards/benches were received from Cllr Llewelyn. These amounted to £105.54.

*Cllr Llewelyn left the room whilst Members discussed payment for erecting the new notice boards/benches.*

Members unanimously agreed to pay a minimum of £100 towards labour although it was felt Cllr Llewelyn would not accept this. Cllr Llewelyn returned to the room. He was informed of the decision but informed Members it was too much. Discussion ensued whereupon it was agreed a token £25 be paid, together with £12.07 in payment for chippings. Members thanked Cllr Llewelyn for undertaking this work, noting it would have cost considerably more if a contractor had been employed. Cllr Lusted proposed the Council minute its official thanks to Cllr Llewelyn for undertaking this work. This was unanimously agreed.

The grant completion form will now be returned to the Big Lottery.

7. **Standing Orders:** In line with annual governance requirements the Council was asked to review its Standing Orders. No alterations were considered necessary. Cllr Sharman moved the Council continue to be governed by the current Standing Orders. This was seconded by Cllr Llewelyn and duly agreed.

8. **Financial Regulations:** The decision on whether to adopt the Model Financial Regulations Wales - up-dated January 2016 was deferred due to One Voice Wales reporting amendments are required in order for them to be Wales specific.

9. **Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** Llanbedr School has been asked to raise an invoice for the I-pads. WWHA has also sent a series of questions in relation to the car parking application which has been forwarded on to Llanbedr School to respond direct.

Members questioned whether a site meeting should be arranged in order to see the houses and receive an update. This was agreed. The Clerk to arrange.

10. **Path in Glangrwyney:** Cllr Llewelyn reported a private path in Glangrwyney, previously repaired by Care & Repair, is in need of urgent repair. The path serves property occupied by two OAPs, one of whom uses a wheelchair. As the original work was considered unsatisfactory Care & Repair have been asked again to repair the path but they state no funds are available. It was suggested the Council write to PCC to ask if it funds Care & Repair, as well as writing to the Older Commissioner People for Wales to enquire whether there is anything they can do to help. Cllr Sharman will speak with Kirsty Williams AM.
11. **IT Equipment:** Following advice received at the last Five Councils Meeting [Page 1129 Item14] Members agreed the Council purchase its own laptop. The Clerk circulated literature for consideration reporting the cost of hardware is circa £350. It was noted software and antivirus costs also need consideration. Cllr Bowler suggested contacting PCC to ask if it could supply discounted software. The Clerk will make enquires.
12. **Council Vacancy:** Requisite notices advertising the vacancy have been displayed within the community. The Election Officer has confirmed an election has not been called therefore the Council is to co-opt a new Member. Cllr Sharman noted there is currently no-one from Llanbedr village serving on the Council therefore this may prove opportunity to address this imbalance. Notices displaying the vacancy will be displayed inviting interested parties to apply prior to the next meeting.
13. **Any Other Business:** None reported.

14. **Finance:**

- 14.1 The following items were reported for payment:

Clerk's Salary & Expenses £225; HMRC £50; Zurich Insurance £227.21; Chairman's Allowance £75; Councillor's Communication Allowance (payable to each Member) £20 pa; Llanbedr Village Hall (donation towards communal event) £50; B Birmingham (Internal Audit) £98.10

Cllr Lusted proposed the above payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Bowler and duly agreed.

- 14.2 Internal/External Audit: The internal audit was carried out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. A copy of this report was circulated, together with a copy of the Annual Return. The Clerk reported a new firm of external auditors has been appointed. Members were informed new regulations require monthly or quarterly financial reports to be issued and whilst information has been reported verbally written reports have not been submitted. This will be provided in the future. Cllr Sharman proposed the Council approve the Governance Statement of the Annual Return. This was seconded by Cllr Llewelyn and duly agreed. The Annual Return to be returned to the external auditors by the requisite date.

15. **Highways:** Cllr Bowler reported another mains water leak in Llangenny resulted in the road closure (the third in several months) it was however repaired on the same day. Cllr Alford reported PCC has started to repair the slip by The Neuadd, Fforest Coal Pit. Cllr Lusted reported white lines remain at The Crossroads, Llangenny.
16. **Reports on Meetings Attended:**  
Cllrs Alford and Morris attended the Rob Yorke talk on re-wilding.  
Cllr Lusted attended a Governors Meeting. Llanbedr School is holding an Open Day on the 26<sup>th</sup> May.  
Cllr Morris attended an OVW meeting: Speaker from Older People's Commissioner for Wales – looking at well-being of older people and working with WG and unitary councils to see older people get fair treatment. Local devolution of services - councils advised to assess the condition of buildings before taking them over. Also talk on OVW membership - about 20 non-members – noting if they joined membership fees could be kept down for everyone.

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

1. **Powys Community Health Authority:** Creation of diabetes patient/carers groups <http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/event/9543>
2. **BBNPA:** Letter re ENF/15/01580/ODP2 (Circulated)
3. **Llanbedr School:** notification of Open Day (Web site).
4. **BBNPA:** Planning training for Community Councils (19<sup>th</sup> May).
5. **BBNPA:** weekly register of planning applications. (Circulated)
6. **OVW:** Wales Audit Office Consultation on future audit approach <http://www.audit.wales/about-us/consultations>
7. **Groundwork North Wales/Tescos:** Money raised from 5p bag charge in Tesco to pay for local projects to improve green spaces in communities. <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco-bags-of-help-grants-uk>
8. **BBNPA:** The next scrutiny study by the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority is on '**Partnerships**'.
9. **Glangrwyney Village Hall:** new website – details of consultation [www.glangrwyneyvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.glangrwyneyvillagehall.co.uk)
10. **PAVO:** May 2016 edition of the PAVO E-Briefing
11. **BBNPA:** weekly planning register (Circulated)
12. **National Eisteddfod 16:** Drop in session 18 May for the National Eisteddfod (29 July – 6 August).
13. **OVW:** Consumer Council for Water - Local Consumer Advocate post in Wales
14. **OVW:** The Ombudsman's Casebook - Issue 24
15. **Planning Aid Wales:** Planning Conference, 9th June 2016 – Cardiff
16. **Sustainable Wales Film:** [Http://www.sustainablewales.org.uk/shine-light](http://www.sustainablewales.org.uk/shine-light)
17. **BBNPA:** addendum to *Biodiversity in Towns of the BBNPA Supplementary Planning Guidance (March 2015)* <http://www.beacons-mpa.gov.uk/?p=29129>
18. **Commissioner for Older People in Wales:** Spring Newsletter
19. **CRIC:** AGM - Re-appointment and Appointment of trustee/directors
20. **PAVO:** mailing list for PAVO training.
21. **ICO:** Data protection registration - confirmation of renewal

## 18. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:

1. **BBNPA:** 16/12213/Ful has been permitted (Agenda).
2. **OVW:** Go Safe News Bulletin May 13th 2016 (Circulated)
3. **PAVO:** Nominations requested for Powys Volunteer of the Year 2016 (Circulated)
4. **PAVO:** PCC wants to engage with third sector organisations. Meeting being organised in Llandrindod (venue tbc) on 20th June, 10.30am - 2.30pm. If interested contact [annie.watkins@pavo.org.uk](mailto:annie.watkins@pavo.org.uk)
5. **B Bermingham:** internal audit report and invoice (Circulated)
6. **PCC:** extension to consultation period re secondary school proposals.
7. **OVW:** Commissioner for Future Generations wants public bodies in Wales make better decisions for future generations as required by the new Well-being of Future Generations Act. Discussion sessions being held in South West Wales: 30 June (date and venue TBC)- South East Wales: 4 July (date and venue TBC) If interested in attending email [contactus@futuregenerations.wales](mailto:contactus@futuregenerations.wales)
8. **WWHA:** quote for topographical survey for car park application
9. **Centenary Fields Programme:** secure recreational spaces in perpetuity. (*Cllr Llewelyn suggested site in CYG be submitted*).

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

- IT equipment
- Police Commissioner of Wales
- Traffic Calming - Glangrwyney.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.