

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 16th November 2015 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Lusted and Cty Cllr John Morris.

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

3. **Public Speaking Session:** No requests received.

4. **Planning Matters**

4.1 Applications:

(i) 15/12826/FUL: Demolition of two double garages and construction of a new media building. **Moor Park, Llanbedr NP8 1SS.** It was RESOLVED to submit a response of no objection but question whether the garages are within the listing curtilage for Moor Park and subject to listed building control.

(ii) 15/12856/FUL: Amended application for the erection of a two storey side and rear extension. **Ty Wen, Llangenny NP8 1HA.** Members made the following comments: the Design & Access Statement refers to policies in UDP – not the LDP. Confirmation should be sought that development does not exceed 30% of original dwelling as required by planning policy. Comments made in relation to original application regarding drainage need reiterating. Highways safety on entering/exiting the site. Property is incorrectly stated as being on Bellfountain Road. It was RESOLVED to submit a response incorporating these comments.

(iii) 15/12894/FUL: To erect a steel frame building designed to agricultural specification BS5502 18.280m long x 9.140m wide x 4.6m to eaves and 5.8m to ridge to be used as an implement shed. Guddr Farm, Llanbedr, NP8 1TA – site plan refers to **land adj to Ty Llangenny, Llangenny.** It was RESOLVED to submit a response of no objection.

4.2 Decisions: Members noted the following:

(i) Application 15/12394/FUL – temporary permission to retain three storage containers at the Stables, Pendarren Park, Llangenny has been PERMITTED.

(ii) Application 15/12615/OUT – new rural enterprise dwelling with access, landscaping layout and scale to be considered, at lands around Pen-y-bont, Llanbedr NP8 1ST has been REFUSED.

4.3 Other: The works reported during the October meeting [Page 1108 Item 18] were discussed. It was RESOLVED to write to the planning authority to determine whether these works are permissible under permitted development.

5. **County Council Report:** None received - *Cty Cllr Morris was not present.*

6. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1106 – 1108]: Cllr Christy proposed the minutes of the 16th October 2015 meeting be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Maberley and duly agreed. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

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

The wooden picnic bench has been delivered to Llangenny Playground.

Cllr Llewelyn has taken delivery of the noticeboards and benches and is awaiting installation instructions. Cllr Morris confirmed he has spoken to the family regarding replacement of the bench on Bellfountain Road. Cllr Llewelyn will organise its return and replace with a new manmade timber bench. As Cllr Sharman's father made the noticeboard in Llangenny it was agreed this should be returned to him. The Clerk to order plaques from Awards for All for attachment to the benches and noticeboards.

- 8. Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** Further to the invitation to view the Llanbedr housing [Page 1107 Item 9] Cllrs Sharman, Morris, Fairclough and the Clerk met with Mrs Foxwell of WWHA on the 5th November. They were shown around the site and given a draft lease agreement relating to the allotments/nature garden. The proposal to lease rather than transfer the ground (as initially proposed) was queried. Councillors discussed community gain noting previous discussions included a communal shed for the allotments/laptops for Llanbedr School. Mrs Foxwell suggested meeting with the school to determine their needs prior to liaising with the contractor. This meeting was arranged for the 12th November (Cllrs Sharman, Morris, Bowler, Lusted and the Clerk attended). The school put forward a couple of suggestions and it was agreed Councillors should meet WWHA at the beginning of December when Mrs Foxwell should have more information on community benefit, as well as information relating to the allocation process for the new houses.

Cllr Morris reported he had spoken with a representative from the Allotment Society who informed him the Society had been in abeyance awaiting news regarding the allotments. Cllr Maberley recalled the Allotment Society had also compiled a "wish list" for consideration when discussing community gain. The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the planning condition regarding the allotments.

- 9. Cwrt Y Gollen:** The report compiled by Cllr Sharman in relation to the complaint against BBNPA was discussed. Two Members reported not receiving the emailed copy. Paper copies were circulated. Members were asked to submit comments to the Clerk by the end of the week. Cllr Bowler reported she had read the report and whilst she felt the response was heartfelt she felt it should be worded in a more positive way.
- 10. Planning:** Members discussed whether the Council should incorporate planning policies in its responses to planning consultations noting responses backed by policy carry more weight. Whilst appreciated these policies are available on the BBNPA's web site Members felt it would be useful to have a brief summary of policies to refer to. Cllr Maberley suggested Cllr Sharman provide details of policies. Members agreed this would prove very helpful.
- 11. Any Other Business:** *for information only*

Cllr Bowler stated broadband in Llangenny has recently deteriorated. Cllr Morris reported fibre optic cables were installed in Grwyne Fechan 6 months ago but despite being informed connection would be available within 4 to 6 weeks this is still not available. The Clerk was asked to write to Open Reach stating that whilst there are cables in Llanbedr broadband is slower in Llangenny and Glangrwyney and non-existent in Grwyne Fawr.

12. Finance:

12.1 Cllr Fairclough proposed the following payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Maberley and duly agreed; G M James (Salary £225/Exp £25) HMRC £50; S D Caddick (Wordpress Domain Fee) £10.

- 13. Highways:** Cllr Morris met with Ian Mills (PCC) who has agreed to put a "No HGVs" sign to be put in Llanbedr at the bottom of Gwlordau Lane once a suitable space is found. Although a 'No Parking' sign at The Quarry isn't possible PCC has agreed to put "Passing Place Only".

The following items were also reported: Roads throughout The Vale need sweeping. White lines need repainting on The Crossroads on Vicarage Pitch in Llangenny (*Cllr Alford reported an accident occurred as a result of people not knowing who had right of way*). White lines need repainting on road junction by Craig Y Bwla. Large stone obstructing gully between turning to Penwylodd and Ty Hir in Grwyne Fawr. Broken pavement with weed growth in Pont Faen Estate. "Glangrwyney" sign has disappeared from road (travelling into Glangrwyney from Gilwern).

The ongoing situation with cars parking at the bottom of Bellfountain Road was discussed. Whilst agreed this is within Crickhowell TC's boundaries it was suggested the Clerk email Cllr John Morris.

14. Reports on Meetings Attended:

Cllrs Sharman, Morris, Fairclough attended meetings with WWHA [Page 1110 Item 8]

Five Councils Liaison Meeting: Cllr Sharman and the Clerk attended. CEO of Powys CC spoke. Application for cash machine in Crickhowell being submitted shortly – Five Councils support application for cash point in Crickhowell.

Remembrance Service – Cllrs Sharman and Morris attended. Cllr Bowler questioned why the Council doesn't lay a wreath in the Vale of Grwyney. It was suggested the Council consider this next year.

Cllr Sharman attended a Firework Display in Dering Lines. He reported the army operates a grant scheme which may possibly be utilised to improve the army playground in Glangrwyney. Cllr Sharman to pursue.

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

1. **OVW:** increase in PCC Highway Charges – request to write asking for decision to be rescinded.
2. **WG/OVW:** Draft Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill
<http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=204> consultation closes 18/01/16.
3. **PAVO:** Youth Led Grants 2015-2016
4. **OVW:** Welsh Government Consultation - improving quality of healthcare services in Wales. *(Circulated)*
5. **PAVO:** AGM : <http://www.pavo.org.uk/about-pavo/pavo-agm-2015.html>
6. **OVW:** November trainings *(Circulated)*
7. **PAVO:** Future of Youth Services in Powys survey *(Circulated)*
8. **PCC:** Three weekly waste collections update *(Circulated & on noticeboards)*
9. **PCC** – Invitation to Infantry Battle School Fireworks at Dering Lines *(Cllr Sharman attended)*
10. **Friends of Crickhowell Library** – newsletter *(Circulated)*
11. **OVW:** Chairing skills training.
12. **Llangynidr CC:** agenda for Five Councils Meeting *(Circulated)*
13. **WG/OVW:** Community and Town Council News 2015 *(Circulated)*
14. **PAVO:** PAVO members ebriefing - November 2015
15. **OVW:** The Ombudsman's Casebook
16. **Patricio Churchyard Fund** - Receipt
17. **OVW:** Want to protect and improve the places where people walk in your local area? *(Circulated)*
18. **CRiC:** Community Christmas Tree Competition
19. **OVW:** Guidance on Pensions
20. **OVW:** Review of Revenue Grand Funding to Community and Town Councils
21. **PAVO:** "Free" Dementia Supportive Communities event.
22. **OVW:** Brecon Beacons Tourism meeting
23. **CRiC:** Walkers are Welcome AGM
24. **Cty Cllr W Barry Thomas Leader PCC:** response to letter re savings required by PCC.
25. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** November 15 Issue 102
26. **BBNPA:** Application 15/12894/FUL – agenda
27. **BBNPA:** Application 15/12856/FUL – agenda
28. **BBNPA:** Application 15/12826/FUL - agenda

17. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:

1. **OVW:** Vacancies: Wales Commissioner to the Equality & Human Rights Commission
<http://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/appointment/wales-commissioner/> Chair to the Arts Council of Wales -closing date for receipt of applications is 3 December 2015.<https://cymru-wales.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-3/brand-2/candidate/jobboard/vacancy/7/adv/>
2. **OVW:** opportunity to contribute to Welsh Government guidance on allotments and community led growing projects and details of consultation events *(Circulated)*
3. **St Cenau's Church, Llangenny Christmas Tree Festival** 19th – 21st December 2015 – invitation for CC to enter and thanks from The Friends of Llangenny Playground: for bench & picnic table *(VoGCC to enter)*

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

Budget/Precept

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.05 pm