

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney School Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs Caroline Fairclough (*Chairman*), Colin Alford, Dean Christy, John Morris, Howard Tothill and Elaine Lusted. Also in attendance: Cty Cllr Morris, Phillip Bowker and Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Wendy Bowler and David Sharman

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

3. **Planning Matters:**

**3.1 Applications:**

- (i) **17/15026/FUL:** Extension to rear of existing general purpose agricultural building and construction of separate steel framed cattle/seasonal lambing steel framed building. **Land adjacent to The Alders, Llangenny, Crickhowell NP8 1ET**  
It was RESOLVED to submit a response of no objection.

**3.2 Decisions/Other:**

- (i) Application 17/14667/LBC: erection of new conservatory to replace existing and interior/exterior alterations to Moor Park, Llanbedr was noted to have been PERMITTED.
- (ii) Appeal Lodged AP/17/00205/2 against refusal of application 17/14743/CON Ger Y Mynydd, Glangrwyney. It was RESOLVED to reiterate the Council's original response.

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr John Morris reported:

Following the site meeting concerning the problem of vehicles parking on Bellfountain Road [Page 1177 Item 4] PCC officers are putting together a plan which, provided Crickhowell TC and the Vale of Grwyney CC are happy, will go out for consultation. This will need to go before the Breconshire Committee for approval.

Revenue raised from the car park in Crickhowell amounts to £93,000. Cty Cllr Morris has asked how much of this is spent in our area. He also reported PCC plan to reorganise the recycling bins which should provide an additional 8 to 10 parking spaces. The Portfolio Holder for Highways, Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick, is currently conducting a review into car parks. He is willing to meet with communities if so required.

Whilst the Crickhowell Day Centre process it is taking a long time it will not close in March. Cty Cllr Morris is waiting to hear what the present situation is.

Cty Cllr Morris has met with Allun Jones (PCC) to discuss various issues for roads in the area.

Members informed Cty Cllr Morris there is a pothole by The Neuadd, Llanbedr in need of repair; an overgrown hedge at junction of Great Oak Road with Standard Street needs trimming; a "No HGVs" sign needs to be erected by Penrhoel, Llanbedr; "No MOD Vehicles" signs required on road by Craig Y Bwla towards Partrishow - Cty Cllr Morris asked for the sites to be identified on a map. Cty Cllr Morris reported the damage to Llangenny Bridge has been scheduled for repair.

*19:57 JGM left the meeting.*

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1177 – 1179] Cllr Tothill proposed the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 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:

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Car park generates £93,000 income last financial year.

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A principal planning officer from BBNPA will attend - meeting to be organised for week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> October. Members of the Five Councils to be invited.

- 7. Llanbedr Allotments:** Permission has been granted for the Council to plough the ground. Cllrs Morris and Alford will liaise with contractor. The path outside the allotments was reported to be overgrown.

Residents' concerns regarding inadequate drainage for the access road were reported and discussed. It was noted the road is being inspected by highways who will doubtless require it to be constructed to the required standard prior to adoption.

***ACTION: Clerk to contact WWA to clarify maintenance responsibility for the overgrown path. Cllrs Morris and Alford to meet contractor regarding ploughing the ground.***

- 8. Glangrwyney Village Hall Grant Application:** *Standing orders were suspended in order to enable Mr Phillip Bowker to provide Members with background information relating to this item.*

Mr Bowker informed Members he had met one of the owners of the land and explained Glangrwyney Village Hall Committee's proposals [Page 1174 Item 9]. Whilst the owners are not minded to gift more land they have not discounted selling. Discussion ensued in which Members questioned what precisely Mr Bowker would like the Community Council to do. Mr Bowker explained the Village Hall Committee would like the Community Council to (i) appoint a representative to the working group (ii) write to the owners of the land regarding possible purchase of land. Several Members were of opinion Glangrwyney Village Hall Committee should make this approach direct. It was agreed Cllr Christy will attend the first meeting of the working group (on July 28<sup>th</sup>) as the Council's appointed representative. The working group to approach the owners regarding purchase of land.

*Mr Bowker left at this point.*

- 9. Bench below Hall Farm:** It was noted this is the second bench destroyed at this site within two years. It was felt a replacement bench could suffer the same fate and therefore it was agreed not to replace it. Due to the fact the Council has a spare bench and future insurance implications it was resolved not to claim under insurance.

Cllr Christy suggested the two spare benches currently stored by an ex-councillor should be held by a serving member of the Council. This was agreed. Cllr Alford offered to collect and store.

- 10. Community Council Vacancy:** The application received from Mr Phillip Bowker was considered. Cllr Morris proposed Mr Bowker be co-opted to serve the Glangrwyney & Llangenny Ward. This was seconded by Cllr Christy and unanimously agreed.

- 11. Any Other Business** *for information only.* Cllr Tothill reported he had witnessed "Speedwatch" operating in Glangrwyney and felt signs should be larger.

**12. Finance:**

- (i) Cllr Morris proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Alford and duly agreed: G James (Salary/Exp) £225, HMRC (Tax) £50, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (Llanbedr Water Trough) £16.04

- (ii) Donations: following consideration of requests received during the year it was unanimously agreed to donate £100 each to: Wales Air Ambulance, the three Village Halls and the three Churchyard Funds. £50 to be given as a prize for a Llanbedr School competition (details of which to be determined).
- (iii) Budget Report: the budget report for the first quarter was received and approved. In future budget reports will be provided monthly.

### 13. Highways: The following items were reported:

Potholes by Neuadd  
Great Oak Road Crickhowell - hedge needs trimming  
Pothole at bottom of Vicarage Hall – opposite Pendarren Lodge.  
Badger dips in road by Dyffryn, Llanbedr.

### 14. Reports on Meetings Attended:

Cllr Morris attended an One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting and reported: Dyfed Powys Police were due to attend, but didn't turn up. OVW is looking at setting up a limited company to look for more funding, but accountants won't let them. Mark Drakeford will be attending the conference in September.

Cllr Lusted attended a Llanbedr School Governors Meeting and reported: school now has some 40 pupils and an active play group. The good news for rural schools is that Kirsty Williams AM (Education Minister) is introducing new rules meaning such schools will get more protection against closure.

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

1. **OVW:** Welsh Government Workshops on higher activity radioactive waste management.
2. **One Voice Wales Bulletin** June 2017
3. **P Bowker:** Glangrwyney Hall bid.
4. **Newyddion Powys** Newslite
5. **E Heffernan:** broadband in Llangenny.
6. **OVW:** Consultation revised School Organisation Code:
7. **BBNPA:** PAROW meeting 18th July, 2017
8. **BBNPA / ROW:** Review of the BBNP Rights of Way Improvement Plan – *put on September agenda*
9. **P Bowker:** Community Councillor application
10. **Clerks & Council Direct:** Issue 112 July 2017
11. **PCC:** Invitation to reception at Royal Welsh Show (*Chair attending*)
12. **OVW:** Agenda 14<sup>th</sup> July & Minutes of Brecon & Radnor Area Committee Meeting

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

1. **R Miller:** request to sponsor bench outside Llangenny Village Hall – *as already allocated suggested Llangenny Church/Friends of Llangenny Playground be contacted.*

### 17. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda

- BBNP Rights of Way Improvement Plan - September agenda

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.26 pm

Signed: .....

**Cllr C Fairclough  
Chairman**