

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 18th January 2016 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs David Sharman (*Chairman*), John Morris, Ian Maberley, Caroline Fairclough, Roger Llewelyn and Colin Alford. Also in attendance: Cty Cllr J Morris and the Clerk.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Dean Christy, Wendy Bowler and Elaine Lusted.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Nil.

## 2.1 Applications:

- (i) **15/13063/FUL** and **15/13064/LBC** – The extension of a dwelling into an adjacent store/barn. A new corner infill extension, new openings provision of bat mitigation within a neighbouring ancillary domestic structure and demolition of a concrete block store. **Gwern-Y-Bustach, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LT**

Following consideration Cllr Sharman proposed the Council ask the planning authority if an asbestos survey is required. Cllr Fairclough questioned whether this was necessary? Following a vote it was RESOLVED by majority to write to the BBNPA to ask whether such a survey has been obtained.

## 2.2 Decisions/Other: Members noted the following applications have been PERMITTED:

- (i) 15/12894/FUL – Steel frame building – land adj to Ty Llangenny, Llangenny
- (ii) 15/12856/FUL – 2 storey side and rear extension – Ty Wen, Llangenny - Cllr Sharman asked the Clerk to inform Simon Crowther (PCC) the above application has been permitted subject to drainage recommendations as outlined in the Decision Notice(Condition 8).

3. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris reported:

**Budget:** there is light at the end of the tunnel regarding the 4.1% budget cut - opposition groups in the Assembly have jointly said they will not support the local government settlement unless there is a rural stabilisation grant for Monmouthshire, Powys and Ceredigion. 50/50% chance the budget will get through – will know by end of January.

**Car Parking - Bellfountain Road:** Cty Morris is due to meet with Crickhowell TC tomorrow and will ask whether it is happy for the VoGCC to arrange a meeting - as outlined in the December meeting. This problem was considered to have materialised due to time restrictions imposed in two lay-bys in Crickhowell (restrictions which WG stated could be reviewed after a year). Cty Cllr Morris suggested such a review be requested.

**Highways:** Road between Llangenny/Glangrwyney – there has been a slip on one side. Allun Jones (PCC) is looking into this. Although PCC carried out a lot of work to cure the problem with flooding on the Sugarloaf side down into Llangenny (Vicarage Pitch) it has been overwhelmed and with look at this again.

**Waste Collection:** PCC now has a page on its web site which allows you to enter your post code to find out collections dates in your area.

Cllr Maberley queried why PCC is considering closing Llangattock Depot – which is believed to cost £20,000 – to cut costs - when moving machines from Brecon to here will cost £19,000. Cllr Sharman reported whilst attempting to clear blocked drains between Hall Farm Lane and Millbrook Lane (renewed several years ago) he noted the pipes have sludged up and need sucking out. Cllr Alford asked why the road between Llanbedr and Craig Y Bwla is not gritted sufficiently yet Llanbedr is over gritted? Whilst accepted this is because of the school Cllr Alford questioned why was it necessary to grit twice on Saturdays? Cty Cllr Morris stated there is no perfect answer, there is no money (highways budget has been cut by £2 million). Whilst he will do as much as he can he suggested it may be worth lobbying MPs. Cllr Sharman thanked Cty Cllr Morris for his report. *Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting at 20.01*

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1112 – 1115] It was proposed by Cllr Maberley and seconded by Cllr Llewelyn that the minutes of the 21st December be accepted as a true record. This was duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes** *for information purposes:* None reported.

7. **Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** The Clerk reported Mrs Foxwell of MMHA has been ill and wishes to forward her apologies to the council for not responding to the queries submitted. She will report back shortly. The Clerk to follow this up.

8. **Any Other Business:** The village halls were confirmed to have been booked for the forthcoming year. Members were informed the Council's February meeting will be held in Glangrwyney due to a booking in Llanbedr.

Cllr Mabberley reported the Vale of Grwyney Community Interest Company has been successful in obtaining a £10,000 grant from the Welsh Government to improve barriers at top of the valley to stop off-roaders. They are working with Natural Resource Wales.

9. **Five Councils Liaison Meeting:** It was agreed to host this on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April. The Chief Executive of One Voice Wales to be invited to speak.

## 10. Finance:

10.1 Cllr Morris proposed the following payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed: G M James (Salary /Exp) £225, HMRC (Tax) £50.

10.2 A statement itemising receipts and expenditure for the current year was distributed in assist in determining the 2016/17 precept. Following discussions Cllr Mabberley proposed an increase of £1,000 to £8,000. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough. Cllr Morris proposed the precept remain at £7,000. This was seconded by Cllr Alford. A vote was taken in which 4 voted in favour of the precept remaining at the same level with 2 against. It was therefore RESOLVED by majority vote to keep the precept at £7,000. It was also unanimously agreed to transfer £1,000 from the current account into the business reserve account.

10.3 The Clerk informed Members of the current bank balances.

11. **Highways:** On behalf of Cllr Bowler the Clerk informed Members the water leak in the road by the church wall in Llangenny is due to be repaired next week. Cllr Morris arranged to meet Allun Jones (PCC) this Thursday to discuss the Bont Lane. The Clerk to confirm.

12. **Reports on Meetings Attended:** None reported.

## 13. Correspondence:

1. **PAVO:** January 2015 edition of the E-Briefing
2. **Resource Efficient Wales** Advice and information on energy, waste and water (Circulated)
3. **PCC:** Refuse collection week changes (Circulated)
4. **Wales Audit Office** Newsletter (Circulated)
5. **Friends of Crickhowell Library** - newsletter, online archive, and party invitation (circulated)
6. **OVW:** Guide to Taking Part - The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons - 21st April 2016 - it was suggested this be put on the agenda for discussion next month.
7. **PAVO:** PAVO Conference Report - Turning the Tables
8. **PCC:** Details of the Chairman of PCC Charity Dinner. (Circulated)
9. **Brecon Beacons Sustainable Destination Partnership:** Tourism in the Park 2016 (Circulated)
10. **OVW:** First World War Partnership Day 2016 – 28<sup>th</sup> January in Aberystwyth University (Cllr Fairclough attending)
11. **CTC:** Information on TV programme showing Crickhowell traders protesting against large companies not paying UK tax. (circulated)
12. **Powys Archives Winter Newsletter** (circulated).
13. **BBNPA:** Application 15/13064/LBC– agenda
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15. **BBNPA:** Application 15/12856/FUL has been permitted
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17. **Clerks & Councils Direct** – Circular Issue 103 – January 2016

## 14. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence

1. **BBNPA:** automated response to state CYG application had been amended (write to John Cook BBNPA to ask what has been amended).
2. **WG:** level of Section 137a expenditure is £7.42
3. **WG:** Business Advice, Information, Funding and Financial Support (Circulated)
4. **OVW:** Natural Resources Bulletin - Issue 3 - January 2016 (Circulated)

## **15. Clerk's Report/Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:**

- Risk Assessment.
- Beacon for Queen's Birthday Celebrations
- Five Councils

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.43 pm