

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 18th September 2017 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

Present: Cllrs Caroline Fairclough (*Chairman*), John Morris, Dean Christy, Howard Tohill, David Sharman, Wendy Bowler and Phillip Bowker. Also in attendance: Cty Cllr Morris and Maria James (*Clerk*) and Mr Keith Miles (*who left following consideration of Item 3.1*).

Prior to the start of the meeting Mr Keith Miles (*Agent for Applicant*) was granted opportunity to address Members and answer questions relating to Item 3.1 (*Application to divert footpath at Ty'n-y-Cae*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Colin Alford.

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

3. **Planning Matters:**

3.1 **Applications:**

- (i) **Highways Act 1980 – Section 119: Application to divert public footpath no 2** which currently lies just outside the curtilage of the dwelling at **Ty'n-y-Cae, Glangrwyney** to a largely parallel route next to the Grwyne Fawr River.

Members noted the reasons for the application to divert this footpath agreeing dogs straying is a big issue. Owners should control their dogs. It was also felt signage could be improved. Various discussions with residents concluded they would prefer to see the existing route maintained, ie the footpath to go up through the temporary road. Following debate a vote was called (5 against, 1 in favour and 2 abstentions). It was therefore **RESOLVED** to object to this application.

3.2 **Decisions/Other:** Nil.

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

- Meeting with Jo Lancey (Highways PCC) regarding the need for yellow lines in Crickhowell - a report is due to go before the Breconshire Committee on the 11th October.
- PCC has produced a tender document for the Day Centre in line with the Volunteer Bureau model. Cty Cllr Morris is not impressed by this tender and is suggesting reconvening a meeting. PCC now realise they need to do something to prevent closure.
- Nat West will not keep its ATM in the present location. It is hoped another company will install a cash machine elsewhere in the town.
- News of next year's budget is awaited.

Members reported the following highway issues: the pothole by the gate past the Neuadd is dangerous (nearly a foot deep). Llangenny Bridge hasn't been repaired - and has in fact been damaged again. Dip in road between Llangenny and Llanbedr remains in need of repair.

Cty Cllr Morris suggested writing to Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick regarding the highway repairs needed in this area or invite him to attend a meeting.

Ownership of the grass verges by the entrance to Dan-y-Gollen was questioned. It is understood they belong to Welsh Water. It was agreed to write to Welsh Water pointing out the safety implications and asking them to maintain these verges.

JGM left the meeting at 20:13

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1183 –1185] subject to a couple of typographical errors Cllr Tothill proposed the minutes of the 21st August 2017 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Morris and duly agreed.

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

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Date not yet arranged – ongoing.

7. **Llanbedr Allotments:** The tarmac has been laid. It appears to be a good job with adequate drainage provision. Cllr Alford has arranged for the area of path outside the allotments to be strimmed and will cut the weeds in the allotments within the next week or so provided the weather is dry. The allotment area currently looks a mess and it was agreed matters need to be progressed. It is hoped once the soil has been ploughed it will prove of adequate quality and the Allotment Society will take on the lease. WWHA are anxious to get the lease signed.

8. **Review of the BBNP Rights of Way Improvement Plan:** It was questioned whether the plan circulated was the most up to date version. Cllr Sharman reported the Local Access Forum had gone through this at its last meeting and produced a new draft. He also reported on requests for footpaths to change to cycle tracks/ bridleways although the response is for them to be left as they are. Comments concerning this need to be submitted to Richard Ball, BBNPA.

The Clerk will make enquiries regarding the plan circulated.

9. **WG Electoral Reform of Local Government Consultation:** Cllrs Fairclough and Morris offered to compile a response for circulation to Members prior to submission.

10. **Llanbedr School Competition:** It was suggested Llanbedr pupils be asked to use a medium of their choice (eg photographs/drawings/paintings) to illustrate “Seasons in the Vale of Grwyney”. Entries to be received by the 18th February and judged on the 19th. The winner to be announced on St David’s Day.

11. **Any Other Business:** *for information purposes only*

Cllr Morris reported a resident had been turned away from the waste depot because he drove a Landrover – although not a farmer or commercial user. The lack of garden waste collection service, as well as three weekly collections was noted to be problematic – encouraging fly-tipping. The suggestion from Llangattock CC that a new recycling centre be sited in Llangattock was met favourably. It was suggested rubbish and recycling be included in the next Five Councils meeting (due to be hosted by Llangattock CC) and a representative from PCC be invited to attend.

It was agreed the retrospective planning meeting on 9th October be structured, ie questions submitted to Mr Greaney prior to the event in order for him to obtain facts/figures. The Clerk to contact the other councils to ask if they have any questions.

12. **Finance:** Cllr Lusted proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Bowler and duly agreed: G James (Salary/Exp), HMRC (Tax), OVW (Conference) £80.

- (i) The finance report for September was received – (*salaries budget to be amended to 1650*)
- (ii) The Annual Audit Return has been returned from the external auditors. No issues arising. The requisite notice has been placed in notice boards.

13. **Highways:** the following matters were reported:

- Cllr Tothill - potholes by the Neuadd remain in need of repair (as discussed previously).
- Cllr Sharman - Millbrook Bridge has been repaired with wooden fence. Although PCC has seemingly created a “footpath” where there is none! He is contacting PCC direct.

- Cllr Morris - the road dug up by Welsh Water some years ago (Skipper Lane up to Llanbedr) is getting very rough – worse opposite pothole by the Neuadd – needs attention. This has been repaired previously but now needs doing again.
- Cllr Bowler - dip in the road from Llangenny to Llanbedr where repaired following the landslip needs attention (as reported previously).
- Cllr Lusted - potholes by Pendarren Lodge.

The Clerk reported Mr Ian Mills (PCC) has to obtain approval from Monmouthshire County Council before he can put a “No MOD Vehicles” sign up – he also needs Welsh Government’s approval of the design. He will look into the request for No HGV signage.

14. Reports on Meetings Attended:

Cllr Lusted attended a Llanbedr School Governors meeting – first one of the year.
Cllr Sharman attended the Local Access Forum meeting (as reported earlier)
Cllr Morris attended a Land Partnership meeting.

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

1. **The Pensions Regulator:** reminder to complete declaration by 2 October 2017
2. **V Walker:** receipt/thanks for donation - Llangenny Churchyard Fund
3. **WWHA:** up-date on allotment agreement and request to finalise issues.
4. **BBNPA:** Planning Register – 18/08/17, 25/08/17, 01/09/17
5. **Llangattock CC:** suggested use of former salt depot as recycling centre?
6. **OVW:** Latest news and stories from Natural Resources Wales
7. **OVW:** What's Stopping You From Being an AM?
8. **OVW:** Event Opportunities in Wales
9. **PCC:** Newyddion Powys Newslite
10. **OVW:** One Voice Wales News Bulletin August 2017
11. **OVW:** Reform of Data Protection Legislation
12. **OVW:** Consultation on proposed Autism (Wales) Bill
13. **OVW:** National Development Framework for Wales Newsletter
14. **BBNPA:** Agenda for PAROW
15. **OVW:** Plant a Tree Charter Legacy Tree
16. **Grant Thornton:** Annual Return
17. **PCC:** Powys LDP - notice of public consultation on matters arising changes

16. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence

1. **BBNPA:** Weekly planning register (01/09/17, 08/09/17)
2. **BBNPA:** - Agenda for National Park Authority - 22nd September, 2017
3. **OVW:** Letter from Jayne Bryant AM and Loneliness Roundtable Report
4. **Maitland-Jones:** receipt/thanks for donation - Patricio Churchyard Fund
5. **G Chambers:** receipt/thanks for donation - Llanbedr Churchyard Fund
6. **Keith Miles:** agent re footpath division - offer to answer questions
7. **PCC:** notice of PCC LDP Matters Arising Changes Public consultation
8. **NatWest:** cheques to be cleared quicker (within 2 working days)

17. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda

Cllr Bowler suggested problems with broadband be included in the next agenda. Cllr Fairclough referred everyone to legalisation making the provision of broadband a legal entitlement – and urged everyone to write to their MPs to make it happen.

Llangenny telephone box still not connected.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:30pm