

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 19th June 2017 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

Present: Cllrs Caroline Fairclough (*Chairman*), Dean Christy, John Morris and Howard Tothill. Also in attendance: Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs David Sharman (*who was attending Planning Training*), Wendy Bowler, Elaine Lusted, Colin Alford and Cty Cllr John Morris.

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

3. **Planning Matters:**

3.1 Applications:

(i) 17/14924/LBC : Glebe Farm House Llanbedr Crickhowell NP8 1SR - Interior reconfiguration of the residential space within the property, internal alterations and the demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension.

No objection.

3.2 Decisions/Other: The following applications were noted to have been **permitted**:

(i) 17/14747/FUL: Conversion of redundant barn into holiday let. Pen Coed Barn, Patrishow

(ii) 17/14768/FUL: Conversion of barn to annex accommodation to 2 Ffawydden, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LY

(iii) 17/14564/FUL: Proposed demolition of existing detached Pool House and erection of new replacement Pool House. Moor Park, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SS

The following application was noted to have been **refused**:

(i) 17/14743/CON: Application for removal of Condition 2 (agricultural occupancy condition) of planning permission K6377 (Variation/Renewal of Conditions) at Ger Y Mynydd, Glangrwyney, Crickhowell, NP8 1EE

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris was not present, but asked the Clerk to report he had met with Jo Lancey (PCC) to discuss the yellow line issues and has organised a meeting for 10:00am on Friday with Jo Lancey, representatives from Crickhowell TC and the Vale of Grwyney CC. PCC may also want to discuss the bins in the car park in order to release more spaces.

Cty Cllr Morris has met with Allun Jones to discuss highway issues. They have put in a bid for £20k for road repairs which will go some way to help. The council has also purchased a pothole repair machine that should make repairs swifter and more efficient.

Cllr Tothill questioned how much income was generated from the car park. *The Clerk will contact Cty Cllr Morris.*

5. **Minutes of the 15th May 2017 Annual Meeting** [Page 1172–1173] and minutes of the 15th May Ordinary Meeting 2017 [1175-1176]. Cllr Tothill proposed these 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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The landowner has been contacted and confirmed he is not prepared to sell at present – *the Clerk to inform Mr Bowyer.*

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Possible claim for a replacement bench to be placed on July agenda.

BT confirm error made in removing telephone service which will be rectified. PCC is aware and is monitoring the situation.

Confirmation has been received that the phone service in the grey phone box at Five Ways (in Crucorney CC's area) will be retained.

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Insurance has been purchased via Zurich.

- 7. Llanbedr Allotments:** Llanbedr Allotment Society is agreeable to the land being ploughed/rotavated. The Clerk has approached WWHA to ask for permission and is currently awaiting their response. The path remains in need of repair.

The apparent lack of drainage at the bottom of the road was discussed. It was suggested the Clerk write to WWHA to bring this potential problem to their attention.

The quality of the top soil provided on the allotment was noted to be inferior to that provided for the market housing.

ACTION: Clerk to write to WWHA concerning the above.

- 8. Retrospective Planning Applications:** Previous investigations [Page 1169 item 9] indicate retrospective applications in recent times have been more prevalent in the Vale of Grwyney than adjacent communities. It was resolved to invite a representative from BBNPA to speak on this problem at a meeting in September. The Five Councils to be invited.

ACTION: Clerk to write to BBNPA as outlined

- 9. Bellfountain Road/Standard Street** – this item was discussed previously [Page 1177 Item 4]. The Clerk will inform Cllr Alford of the meeting.

- 10. Recycling/Waste Collection:** Cllr Fairclough explained how the current waste collection service is proving inefficient. The new recycling lorry has insufficient capacity to complete its round, necessitating a return to the depot for emptying (with special equipment) before it can return to finish collecting. The collection day in Grwyne Fechan was reported to have changed without residents receiving notification. It was agreed the current service is deeply inefficient and agreed to write to Cty Cllr Morris to ask if there is anything which can be done to improve it.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Cty Cllr Morris

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

The Booking Clerk for Glangrwyney Village Hall, Mrs June Morgan, is retiring. Members applauded her years of service to the community and suggested the Clerk write to express the Council's appreciation.

- 12. Finance:**

- 12.1 Cllr Morris proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Tothill and duly agreed:

Clerk's Salary (£200/Exp £25); HMRC £50; Chairman's Expense Allowance £75 (Cllr Fairclough *(from now onwards this will be payable annually in advance)*); Friends of Llangenny Playground £100, Glangrwyney Hall annual fee £63, Llanbedr Hall annual fee £77, Llangenny School Hall annual fee £84

- 12.2 **Donations:** the Clerk was asked to supply a list of funding requests received during the last 3 to 4 years for consideration in the July meeting.

- 13. Highways:** PCC has investigated the request to move the 30 MPH signs. Speed strips show the average speed to be below the limit therefore they will remain in their current position. SLOW

ARAF will be painted and a further sign indicating sharp bend will be placed at end of village from Llanbedr direction.

The road by Dyffryn Farm, Llanbedr is sinking due to badgers.

Cllr Morris reported banks have been trimmed.

Cllr Fairclough reported she has spoken to Gwen Y Bustach regarding the hedge in Patrishow.

14. Reports on Meetings Attended: Cllr Morris attended the memorial service for Mrs Mary Taylor.

Cllr Fairclough attended the Health Focus Group reporting mental health services now in Powys. Enabled them to increase appts from 10 to 15 mins.

Cllr Morris reported fibre optic is available for connection in Grwyne Fechan.

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

1. **B Bermingham:** suggestion internal audit be conducted in Feb/March - agreed.
2. **OVW** Larger Councils and Innovative Practice Awards Conference: 5 July 2017.
3. **OVW:** Bulletin – May 2017
4. **OVW:** Training Programme
5. **PCC:** Community Delivery Newsletter - Issue 4
6. **A Thomas:** request to advertise in noticeboards
7. **BBNPA:** Planning registers.
8. **PCC:** Powys Newslite
9. **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service:** Survey.
10. **PCC:** Community Delivery Project: Stakeholder Feedback Report
11. **OVW:** National Business Crime Survey
12. **NRW:** Mynydd Du - Horse Removal
13. **Seafarers UK: Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day – 3rd Sept 2017**
14. **PCC:** T/Community Councillor to PCC Standards Community Sub Committee – *R Thomas*

16. Miscellaneous/Late Items *of correspondence*

1. The Pensions Regulator@autoenrol.tpr.gov.uk:

17. Clerk's Report/ Items for inclusion in the next Agenda: None reported.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm

Signed:

Cllr C Fairclough
Chairman