

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs John Morris (*Chairman*), Colin Alford, Elaine Lusted (*Vice Chairman*), David Sharman, Caroline Fairclough, Dean Christy, and Howard Totill. Also in attendance: Maria James (*Clerk*) and PCSO Dunne who arrived at 19:58

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs R Llewelyn, W Bowler and Cty Cllr J Morris
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Planning Matters**
  - 3.1. Application 16/13877/FUL: Proposed menage - land at Llangenny Stables, Glangrwyney. It was unanimously resolved to subject a response of no objection.
  - 3.2 Application 16/13763/FUL Single storey flat roof garden shed/outbuilding - Hemberllan, Llanbedr was noted to have been permitted:
4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris was unable to attend, but asked to be informed of any issues.
5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1140 – 1142]. It was proposed by Cllr Lusted that the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Tothill and agreed. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes** *for information purposes:*

**Page 1140 Item 4:** Cllr Tothill reported the area of ground by the garages in Llanbedr has been added to the contractor's schedule and the road below St Peter's Close swept.
7. **Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** Enquiries reveal the Community Council, as a local authority, benefits from certain development rights meaning it is likely the sheds [Page 1140 Item 7] would be classed as ancillary buildings to the allotments and therefore permitted development. WWHA has been informed and state they could gift some flat pack domestic sheds for the Council to erect. It was noted bases will be needed and suggested WWHA be asked to provide these.

The Clerk has now received the lease agreement for the allotments and nature garden which WWHA wish the Council to sign and return.

***The meeting was adjourned at 19:53 due to the arrival of PCSO Dunne.***

PCSO Dunne was welcomed to the meeting. He spoke of a number of incentives currently being promoted. These include Community Speed Watch, a scheme whereby volunteers are trained in operating a speed gun for use in areas where speed is an issue. Presented with sufficient evidence "Go Safe" may then provide funding for the installation of electronic speed lights/signage. Members reported the Council has tried for years to get flashing speed lights in Glangrwyney where speeding has proved a real problem and agreed to give their support by whatever means possible. PCSO Dunne will provide leaflets for distribution within the community. The scheme will also be promoted via the Council's web site/notice boards.

Neighbourhood Watch and Farm Watch are also being re-launched to help tackle the number of burglaries of dwellings and sheds undertaken within the last six months. Rural thefts were noted to be of particular concern, ie quads/landrovers/trailers. PCSO Dunne encouraged Members to register, and promote, the Dyfed Powys Community Messaging Scheme (DPCM.com) which aims to make people aware of any suspicious activity in their community.

Problems with scam phone calls were also discussed with Councillors reporting receiving these despite registering with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS). Whilst it was agreed registering

with TPS does help it does not stop all nuisance calls. PCSO Dunne informed Members of the web site ActionFraud.com whereby cyber scams can be reported. He advised people never to give personal and financial information out – just put the phone down. As PCSO Dunne is due to attend the high school Cllr Lusted suggested he tell the kids of the HMRC scam currently circulating.

PCSO Dunne stated he was happy to operate a regular “surgery” in a community venue, ie village hall, to allow members of the public to drop in and have a chat, just let him know if this is required. Members thanked PCSO Dunne for attending, following which he left the meeting.

## ***The meeting reconvened at 20.36***

### **7. Llanbedr Affordable Housing** *(Continued)*

Members agreed the situation with the sheds needs to be resolved prior to the lease being finalised. As the Allotment Society was formulated some years ago it was agreed enquiries should be made to ensure its current position now the allotments are nearing completion.

It was noted the affordable houses are due to be occupied on the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

The Clerk had contacted the school regarding the invoice for the I-pads and had been informed Rev Chris Bowler is dealing with this however is away until the end of the month.

***Action: it was resolved members of the previously formulated allotment society be contacted to determine the society’s present position.***

**8. Planning Procedures:** Members resolved to consider the draft [Page 1141 Item 8] hard copies of which were circulated at the previous meeting (electronic copies to be circulated) and submit comments to Cllr Christy within one week. The final letter to then be submitted to BBNPA.

**9. Powys CC Day Care Consultation:** The report provided by Cllr Bowler was received. As the deadline for comments was noted to be 9<sup>th</sup> November it was suggested this be discussed further when Cllr Bowler was present. Members were also encouraged to submit individual responses.

### **10. Any Other Business:** *for information only*

The Clerk reported there is a requirement for Councillors to demonstrate they have adopted the revised Code of Conduct, as well as a requirement to publish the fact the Council has adopted the revised code in a local newspaper. To minimise costs it was agreed the Five Councils combine to publish a shared notice.

### **11. Finance**

11.1 It was proposed by Cllr Fairclough the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Tothill and duly agreed: G M James (Salary £200/Exp £25) £225; HMRC £50; Grant Thornton Audit £277.20.

11.2 Funding requests received from Llangattock Scout Hall and Crickhowell Archive Centre were considered.

The request by Llangattock Scouts was not supported as it was considered out of area.

The request by Crickhowell Archive Centre for the publication of the book “Young Men, to Arms” was fully supported. Cllr Lusted proposed £25 be donated, this was seconded by Cllr Sharman. A further motion by Cllr Tothill, seconded by Cllr Christie, proposed this sum be increased to £50. The first proposal was withdrawn. It was unanimously agreed to donate £50.

11.3 The Auditor General has issued the Council an unqualified audit report however draws the following items to the Council's attention:

a) Internal Auditor Engagement Letter; b) In year budget monitoring; c) Inter Company Transactions. Members noted these points.

The cost of the audit was noted to have increased significantly. The Clerk was asked to write to ask for a breakdown prior to payment.

11.4 Bank balances were reported.

**12. Highways:** Cllr Lusted questioned whether repairs have been assessed for the dropped gully in the road between Llanbedr/Llangenny considering it has now rained heavily? The Clerk to enquire.

**13. Reports on Meetings Attended:** Cllr Bowler attended a meeting of the Crickhowell Health Forum - her report was discussed previously [Page 1144 Item 9]

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

1. **Arwain** - The new LEADER Programme in Powys – e-bulletin
2. **Duke of Edinburgh Organisation:** will inform leaders to resolve issues reported.
3. **OVW:** Audit Office - Consultation on fee rates/fee scales 2017-18
4. **OVW:** Planning Policy Wales - online questionnaire
5. **Zurich Insurance:** Insurance Premium Tax 10% from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.
6. **Dept of Economy & Infrastructure:** Traffic calming through Glangrwyney to be developed next financial year at the earliest.
7. **OVW:** Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee Consultation
8. **Citizens Advice Powys:** Newsletter Aug 2016
9. **PCC:** Consultation Reports Brecon/Gwernyfed/Builth/Llandrindod High Schools
10. **BBNPA:** 16/13763/FUL has been permitted (agenda)
11. **Natural Resources Bulletin** - Issue 8 - August 2016
12. **PAVO:** September 2016 edition of the PAVO E-Briefing
13. **BBNPA** –16/13877/FUL: Proposed menage on land at Llangenny Stables, Glangrwyney
14. **Grant Thornton:** Audit Form
15. **BBNPA:** Agenda for Planning, Access and Rights of Way, 23rd August, 2016
16. **Police and Crime Commissioner:** Police and Crime Plan
17. **BBNPA:** The Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Community Update
18. **BBNPA:** Planning Register – 12/08/16, 19/08/16, 26/08/16
19. **Crickhowell & Llangattock Scouts:** funding request
20. **Cty Cllr Morris** - Daytime Activities for Older People (including Day centres)
21. **Powys County Archives Office:** Autumn Newsletter
22. **Crickhowell Archive Centre:** funding request
23. **S Walker:** Grwyne Fawr woodlands – public and disabled access. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Sharman the Council write to Natural Resource Wales questioning disabled access and PCC to ask for a litter bin to be installed. This was seconded by Cllr Tothill and agreed.
24. **OVW:** training sessions
25. **WG:** Be a Councillor Workshop hosted by Welsh Government
26. **GoSafe Public Opinion Survey** 2016
27. **OVW:** *Cymru'n Cofio* Wales Remembers 1914-1918

**15. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:**

1. **Arwain** - The new LEADER Programme in Powys – Roadshow (Circulated)
2. **OVW:** Response to proposal on mergers of Local Justice Areas in Wales (Circulated)
3. **OVW:** Community Asset Transfer/Assets of Community Value (Circulated)
4. **Powys Community Health Council:** Meeting to be held 21/09/16 (Circulated)
5. **BBNPA:** Weekly register (9/9/16) (Circulated)
6. **PCC:** Consultation for Review of Day Time Activities for Older People (Circulated)
7. **Boundary Commission for Wales:** 2018 review of parliamentary constituencies

**16. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:** Individual adoption of revised code of conduct

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:50pm.