

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 20th June 2016 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

Present: Cllrs J Morris (Chairman), E Lusted (Vice Chairman), D Sharman, C Alford, D Christy and Cllr C Fairclough. **In attendance:** M James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr W Bowler, Cllr R Llewelyn and Cty Cllr J Morris

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Fairclough (Page 1133 Item: 3.1(2): Personal – neighbour) and Cllr Dean (Page 1133 Item: 3.1(2) Personal – ex-neighbour) Cllr Morris (Page 1133 Item: 3.1(2) Personal – neighbour)

3. Planning Matters

3.1 Applications:

1. **16/13560/FUL** – Retention of new gardener's shed and woodstore – **Neuadd, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SR**

Members were pleased to receive this application although disappointed it had not been submitted prior to the works commencing.

It was questioned whether planners would have requested further detailed information had an application been submitted prior to building work commencing, ie bat/ecology/tree surveys. Some Members were of opinion such blatant disregard of the planning system should result in fines being imposed.

It was agreed to write to BBNPA to ask it to clarify whether the procedures now being followed are the same as those which would have applied had an application been submitted prior to building work commencing. Only when this information is obtained can the Council submit its response.

2. **16/13583/FUL** – Retention of conversion of former dairy and dog kennel into annexe for additional ancillary living accommodation. **Cwm Farm, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SY**

Cllr Morris having declared an interest left the room. Cllr Lusted took the chair

It was noted this was also a retrospective application and therefore agreed to submit the same response as for Neuadd.

Cllr John Morris returned to the table.

3. **16/13589/LBC** – i. Change of cowl and installation of metal liner within the existing chimney flue. ii. Installation of extra bathroom facilities in the attic with new lighting and insulation. **White Hall, Glangrwyney, Crickhowell NP8 1EW** and **16/13585/FUL** – Insertion of metal liner within existing chimney flue and installation of cowl which projects above the roof line. **White Hall, Glangrwyney, Crickhowell NP8 1EW**

It was agreed to submit a response of no objection.

3.2 Decisions/Other:

(i) The following applications were noted to have been permitted:

1. **16/13374/FUL** – Single storey side extension. **The Old Mill, Llangenny**
2. **16/13232/FUL** – Construction of new firing shelter - **Cwrt Y Gollen Training Camp**

For future reference Cllr Sharman informed Members the period in which to register to speak at a PAROW meeting has been reduced. The deadline is now 10.00am the Thursday before the meeting.

- (ii) Cllr Christy queried the reply received from BBNPA regarding The Neuadd and requested permission to draft a response for consideration at the Council's next meeting. This was agreed.

4. Minutes of the Annual Meeting [Page 1130] It was proposed by Cllr Lusted, seconded by Cllr Christy that the minutes of the 16th May meeting be accepted as a true record. **Monthly Meeting** [Page 1131-1133] It was proposed by Cllr Lusted seconded by Cllr Sharman that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16th May be approved. This was duly agreed and the minutes signed by the Chairman.

5. County Council Report: Cty Cllr Morris was not present but submitted a report via the Clerk:

- PCC has to make another £10 million cuts from March 2017.
- Kirsty Williams is now Education Secretary. She plans to develop a Welsh Rural Schools Policy – to hopefully safeguard smaller schools whilst ensuring good standards of education.
- No news to report with regard to parking on Bellfountain Road.
- Change of polling station – Crickhowell residents voting in the EU referendum should be advised to go to the School Community Centre – not the Clarence Hall.

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

P1131 Item 10: Enquires reveal the path was repaired for a different occupant some 10 years previous and had therefore been subject to general weathering and age. It was considered unreasonable to request Care & Repair to repair work considered unsatisfactory after this length of time. Advice from Social Services is for the current occupier to request an occupational therapy assessment in order to find out what can be done now to improve the situation.

7. Llanbedr Affordable Housing: A meeting has been arranged for 1:30pm tomorrow with Jodine Bishop WWHA. It is anticipated she will bring the lease agreement for the allotments/nature garden. In response to the query as to whether the Council employ a solicitor to act on its behalf Members noted the decision to enter into this agreement had been agreed at a previous meeting and they were content with the lease which was relatively straightforward. Disappointment was again voiced as to the way WWHA has continually moved the goal posts – having originally proposed to transfer the land to the Community Council, not lease it.

8. IT Equipment: As requested at the previous meeting the Clerk reported she had spoken to PCC's IT Department, but not the person directly responsible. The IT Department believe in the past they have helped schools and other councils with the purchase of equipment. The person responsible is currently on leave and the Clerk was asked to phone back. The Clerk will follow this up.

9. Council Vacancy: Applications for the current vacancy were presented for consideration. Members were of opinion more specific information relating to why each of the applicants wished to become a Community Councillor would be beneficial. It was agreed the applicants should be asked to provide further information for consideration at the next meeting.

10. Police Commissioner for Wales: Cllr Morris suggesting inviting the new Police & Crime Commissioner to attend a Five Councils Meeting. This was agreed.

11. Traffic Calming Measures Glangrwyney: Members debated how best to control the speed of traffic travelling through Glangrwyney. Whilst traffic calming measures are scheduled to occur the earliest start date is stated as being 2017/18. Prior to writing to the new Minister it was agreed to write to MWTRA to determine what the current position is.

12. Any Other Business: *None reported.*

13. Finance

- 13.1 The following items were reported for payment: Clerk's salary £200/Exp £25; HMRC £50; Hire Charges: Llanbedr Village Hall £56, Llangenny School Hall £49 & Glangrwyney Village Hall £77; Welsh Water (Llanbedr Drinking Trough) £16.13

Cllr Fairclough proposed the above payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Christy and duly agreed.

- 13.2 Donations: Following consideration Cllr Sharman proposed donations are made in line with previous years, ie £100 be granted to each of the churchyard funds and £100 to each of the village halls (as agreed in January) with £100 granted to the Wales Air Ambulance. Members also suggested the Council allocate £50 towards a worthwhile cause - with the suggestion of organising a competition for Llanbedr School. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed.

- 13.3 Other Financial Matters: The Clerk reported the external audit form has been despatched to the external auditor.

14. Highways:

- Cllr Sharman reported Millbrook Bridge (damaged as a result of a MOD tree falling on it) has not been repaired and suggested CADW be contacted to ask if they can help.
- Cllr Alford - signage by lane from Craig Y Bwla and Patricio should have "NO access to Military Vehicles".
- Cllr Lusted – white lines still haven't been altered to give right to way to other direction at Llangenny crossroads.
- Cllrs Morris and Lusted reported the road from Llangenny to Llanbedr – where recently repaired has sunk – nasty bump.
- Cllr Morris reported pothole by Sunnybank, Llanbedr.

15. Reports on Meetings Attended:

Cllr Fairclough reported she was unable to attend the last health meeting. Cllr Morris suggested Cllr Bowler, who expressed an interest in being involved previously, be asked to attend if Cllr Fairclough was unavailable. Cllr Morris reported being informed one of the main complaints raised at this meeting was the lack of aftercare for people once they leave hospital. Some are released with no care plan in place.

16. Correspondence *the following items were received and discussed as appropriate:*

1. **OVW:** Larger Councils Conference 6/07/16.
2. **PAW:** Planning Training, Welshpool 19/07/16
3. **BBNPA:** 16/13374/FUL has been permitted.
4. **B Bermingham:** receipt
5. **PAVO:** E-Briefing
6. **Llangattock CC:** proposal to host OVW finance training – Clerk to attend.
7. **Chairman of PCC:** Invitation to Reception at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show 2016
8. **Crick TC:** has the VoGCC been asked to take part in Depot at Turnpike Llangattock consultation – *Members agreed they wished to be involved.*
9. **Llanbedr Hall Association** – receipt for donation towards Queen's Birthday celebration
10. **16/13560/FUL** – Retention of new gardener's shed and woodstore – **Neuadd, Llanbedr**
11. **16/13583/FUL** – Retention of conversion of former dairy etc **Cwm Farm, Llanbedr NP8 1SY**
12. **16/13589/LBC** – i. Change of cowl and installation of metal liner etc **White Hall, Glangrwyney**
13. **16/13585/FUL** – Insertion of metal liner, etc **White Hall, Glangrwyney, NP8 1EW**
14. **Welsh Water** – invoice for Llanbedr water trough
15. **BBNPA:** - Weekly planning lists
16. **PCC:** waste collection dates

17. **BBNPA:** PAROW agenda – 24/05/16
18. **Arwain:** Rural Community Development Fund (RCDF) EOI open until 30th June 2016
19. **OVW:** Future Generation Growers Conference 8-9 July
20. **I Mitchell:** – application
21. **Crickhowell Open Studios:** Big Weekend of Art (28 – 30 May)
22. **BBNPA** ENF/15/01580/ODP2 – response re The Neuadd, Llanbedr
23. **BBNPA:** planning application now received in relation to The Neuadd
24. **OVW/SSLC:** Pay Scale for Clerks
25. **PCC** digital newsletter
26. **BBNPA:** Minutes for PAROW, Tuesday, 24th May, 2016, 2.00 pm
27. **Community Health Council:** Interested in being a volunteer.
28. **PCC:** informal public drop in session at Crickhowell Library
29. **Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for Wales** - looking for two new members
30. **Campaign Group & Governor Consultation Responses** highlight concerns of community and the Gwernyfed High School governors.
31. **Planning Aid Wales:-** Annual General Meeting – 20th June in Cardiff
32. **PAVO:** PCC want to engage with third sector organisations re future of youth services
33. **PCC:** plastic waste up-date
34. **The Community Health Council (CHC)** - 'Putting Things Right' leaflet review & survey
35. **BBNPA;** agreed new proposals to secure future of the BBNP Visitor Centre .
36. **BBNPA:** 16/13232/FUL has been permitted
37. **PCC:** Powys Archives Summer Newsletter
38. **OVW:** requirement for Councils to publish/report annually to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales on allowances/expenses payable to t/community councillors by 30/9 each year (IRPMailbox@wales.gsi.gov.uk).
39. **Theatr Brycheiniog** - Friends and Patrons Scheme - friends@brycheiniog.co.uk

17. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence

1. **Mr Tothill** – application (Circulated)
2. **BBNPA** – weekly planning register (Circulated)
3. **Powys Community Health Council** – AGM/ Council Meeting 22 June 2016 (Circulated)
4. **OVW:** Green Growth Wales
5. **OVW:** Revised Code of Practice on Workforce Matters (Circulated)
6. **OVW:** details of One Voice Wales Larger Councils Conference 6 July 2016
7. **OVW:** Official : Appointment of Members to the Arts Council of Wales
8. **OVW:** The Auditor General for Wales & Wales Audit Office Annual Plan 2015/16 (Circulated)
9. **PCC:** Powys War Memorials Project (Circulated)
10. **WWHA:** application for Llanbedr Low Cost Home Ownership properties to be opened 16th June.

18. Clerk's Report/ Items for inclusion in the next Agenda

- IT equipment
- Traffic Calming
- Councillor Vacancy

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:27pm.