

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs John Morris (*Chairman*), Caroline Fairclough, Howard Tothill, David Sharman, Wendy Bowler, Colin Alford, Elaine Lusted, Dean Christy and Roger Llewelyn. Also in attendance: PCSO Billy Dunne, Cty Cllr John Morris and Maria James (*Clerk*).

PCSO Dunne was welcomed to the meeting. He submitted PC Cheryl Rudge's apologies explaining she was unable to attend, and proceeded to up-date Members on the various initiatives currently running.

Four volunteers from Glangrwyney have received training for the Community Speed Watch scheme and will be seen in the village soon. The level of interest from adjacent communities has also been good with a number of people currently being trained. More people have volunteered in Crickhowell area than the whole of Powys - although none from Llangynidr at present. If anyone else is prepared to take part in this scheme PCSO Dunne asked they contact him.

Speeding has been reported on the road into Llangenny village from Llanbedr and a meeting is being arranged with PCSO Dunne and Powys CC to discuss pushing the 30mph signs back in order to slow vehicles down before they enter the village.

The importance of registering with the Dyfed Powys Community Messaging Service was emphasised. This service proves an effective tool in fighting crime, however people must always remain vigilant and lock sheds, etc. PCSO Dunne plans to re-launch Neighbourhood Watch and has organised a meeting later this week in the Clarence Hall. He aims to get as many as 20 different schemes running in the Crickhowell area.

Members were asked to notify PSCO Dunne of any matters requiring attention within the community and referred to the Dyfed Powys Police web site which can be used to set policing priorities.

The Chairman and Members thanked PSCO Dunne for this time, following which he left the meeting. Members appreciated PSCO Dune's enthusiasm and commitment to service. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Not applicable.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Planning Matters:**

### 3.1 Applications:

- (i) 17/14604/FUL Erection of 1no motor control centre (MCC) kiosk 4.9m x 2.7m x 3m. **Llanbedr Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) Maes y Ffynnon Road, Llanbedr NP8 1SQ**  
No objections.
- (ii) 17/14564/FUL: Proposed demolition of existing Pool House and erection of replacement Pool House. **Moor Park Llanbedr NP8 1SS**  
No objections.
- (iii) 17/14643/FUL: To erect an agricultural steel frame building designed to BS5502 agricultural specification. 18.28m long x 10.5m wide x 4m to eaves and 5.2m to ridge to be used as a hay barn and seasonal lambing shed. **Ty Cerreg, Llangenny NP8 1HA**  
No objections
- (iv) 17/14644/FUL: Retention of existing agricultural building (tractor/lambing shed) 14.5m long x 6.1m widest x 3.8m to highest and 3.2m to lowest. Designed to BS5502 agricultural specification. **Ty Cerreg, Llangenny NP8 1HA**  
No objections.

As discussed previously [P.1161 Item 10] the number of retrospective planning applications appear to be escalating. The Clerk has emailed the Clerks to the Five Councils to ask if their

communities are also experiencing this. It was agreed to agenda this matter for discussion in the April meeting.

3.1 **Decisions/Other:** No decisions were reported.

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

- Budget: the budget has been set with a 3.9% increase - more money will be put into schools and social care.
- Local Health Board and Powys Adult Social Care: PCC is looking at ways they can work together. Three models are currently under consideration: (i) the Local Health Board provide adult social care; (ii) the current position remains with a closer relationship developed with shared staff; (iii) an arm's length board be set up to manage adult social care for both organisations.
- White paper – reforming local government - regional working. Consultation currently on web site. Move to reduce number of county councillors. Thinking of splitting Wales into four areas of co-operation. Powys with Ceredigion, Swansea and Neath Port Talbot and Pembrokeshire – huge area – concern is Powys will be overwhelmed by the South and Swansea. PCC would prefer to have a more rural Mid Wales body. Whichever way is decided they will look at economy of area as a whole, as well as planning – but have not said they will take planning away from National Parks.
- BT Payphone Consultation: an objection to the removal of the telephone service in Glangrwyney village and Llangenny has been submitted.
- Crickhowell lay-bys: Kirsty Williams AM is to speak with Ken Skates AM regarding amending/removing parking restrictions.
- Recycling/Waste collections: PCC's policy of reducing soft plastics collection is causing huge problems - and incurring additional cost. There will be further discussion regarding this following the elections.

*Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting at 20.39.*

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1160 – 1163]. Cllr Tothill proposed the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly agreed.

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

**P.1157 Item 8:** Chris Morgan BBNPA has apologised on behalf of the authority for not keeping the Council informed regarding the Section 106 Agreement.

**P.1161 Item 10:** The Clerk did not have opportunity to report this at the Five Councils Meeting however has written to the Five Councils asking if they have experienced an increase in retrospective planning.

**P.1161 Item 12:** Reforming local government consultation – ongoing – deadline is 11<sup>th</sup> April

**P.1161 Item 6:** Orienteering Event. It is understood land-owners have not been informed of this event despite information to the contrary. The Clerk was asked to write to National Resources Wales and the National Park to query this and object to the numbers involved.

7. **Llanbedr Allotments/Community Orchard:** The remedial work requested for the allotments will be completed towards the end of the month when the weather improves. Cllr Tothill expressed concern at how long this development is taking.

It was agreed to write to WWHA to ask (i) when they plan to complete the build; (ii) supply i-pads and to express concern at the way this appears to be dragging on.

The Council debated whether to lease the area designated for a community orchard. Whilst acknowledging this will incur maintenance obligations (as itemised in the maintenance schedule) the level of cost involved was not considered excessive and the area will prove an asset which the whole community can enjoy.

Following discussion Cllr Fairclough proposed the Community Council sign the lease agreement. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman. A vote was taken with 7 in favour and 2 abstentions. It was therefore RESOLVED the Council sign the lease agreement for the community orchard.

8. **Llangenny/Glangrwyney Telephone Kiosks:** PCC has compiled a draft response to BT based on responses received. Any additional comments need to be submitted by the end of March. It was questioned whether to object to the removal of the phone service in the layby opposite Cwrt Y Gollen entrance and also the listed kiosk at Five Ways, Fforest Coal Pit (which is within Crucorney CC boundaries but close to the boundary with the VoGCC). As there is mobile phone signal at the kiosk in Glangrwyney it was agreed not to object to its removal, however as the kiosk at Five Ways is situated in a rural area popular with tourists with no mobile phone service it was agreed to object.
9. **Crickhowell Community Plan Supplementary Planning Guidance:** It was suggested Members forward comments (if any) to the Clerk by the 1<sup>st</sup> April.
10. **Register of Members Interests:** Members were asked to ensure their register of interests is up-to date.
11. **Powys Electoral Review:** Cllr Morris and Fairclough attended. The review aims to balance the number of county councillors with electors with the aim of achieving a ratio of 1:2000 by the 2022 elections. The Five Councils will retain three county councillors.
12. **Any Other Business:** None reported

### 13. Finance:

- (a) Cllr Sharman proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed: G James (Salary £200/Exp £25) £225, HMRC (Tax) £50, Llangattock CC: OVW Finance Training £26.04
- (b) As the budget sheet circulated was noted to contain errors it was withdrawn - a revised sheet to be circulated.
- (c) The Clerk reported on the requirement to adopt remuneration allowances prior to the start of the municipal year and asked Members which of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' determinations in relation to remuneration of members allowances would they like to adopt (if any).

It was RESOLVED the Chairman receive an expense allowance of £75. Individual Councillors to receive £20 communication/printing expenses.

14. **Highways:** Cllr Bowler reported the road from Llangenny (which had subsided and been repaired once previously) has not been repaired and is sinking further. Cllr Fairclough reported hedges and gullies have been done in Grwyne Fawr. Cllr Tohill reported a large pothole by Neuadd on road from Llanbedr towards Crickhowell and one on straight run before junction with Llanbedr Road (Cty Cllr Morris has been informed).

Cllr Alford stated Ian Mills of Powys CC was not aware of a request for signs stating "No MOD" vehicles on road by Craig Y Bwla towards and Partrishow Church by Five Ways. The Clerk informed this request had been submitted to PCC but will send a reminder.

15. **Reports on Meetings Attended:** The Clerk attended the Clerks' Briefing in Brecon which provided information regarding the election process. Nomination papers were distributed.
16. **Correspondence** the following correspondence was discussed as appropriate:

1. **ICO:** Data renewal notification – 21/04/17
2. **The Pensions Regulator:** details of preparations for staging date

3. **Wales Air Ambulance:** funding request
4. **Citizens Advice Powys:** Work Place Pensions - how part time workers are losing out.
5. **PAVO:** request to renew free membership (renewed).
6. **PAVO:** PAVO Annual Conference Report
7. **Powys Community Health Council:** 14th March 2017 meeting.
8. **BBNPA:** Agenda for Planning, Access and Rights of Way - March 14
9. **OVW:** Dementia: What could the NHS do better to support people living with dementia?
10. **BBNPA (C Morgan):** apology for not keeping the council in touch regarding the Section 106 certificate.
11. **BBNPA:** weekly registers – 24/02/17, 17/02/17, 10/02/17, 03/03/17
12. **Crickhowell TC:** Five Councils Report
13. **PCC:** Press release - Monday waste collections to be binned.
14. **Llangattock CC:** Advice to Community and Town Councils on Working with Young People
15. **Cty Cllr Morris:** Draft Decision Consultation: BT Programme of payphone removal – (agenda)
16. **Wales Audit Office:** details of webinar link - Financial Management and Governance in Community Councils <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-7VQ2YU5Yc&t=179s>
17. **OVW:** IRP Annual Report 2017
18. **PAVO:** Members ebriefing March 2017
19. **OVW:** Consultation on draft circular for the planning of gypsy, traveller and showpeople site
20. **PCC:** Report re merging Llandrindod and Builth Wells High Schools
21. **PCC:** Powys Newslines/link for subscription
22. **OVW:** One Voice Wales February 2017 Bulletin
23. **OVW:** Consultation on changing the name of the National Assembly
24. **PCC:** The Cabinet has approved recommendation to merge Llandrindod and Builth Wells High Schools
25. **BBNPA:** 17/14604/FUL
26. **BBNPA:** 17/14564/FUL
27. **Clerks & Council Direct:** newsletter
28. **Grant Thornton:** audit pack
29. **Boundary Commission for Wales:** 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – secondary consultation period – 28/02/17 – 27/03/17 – [www.bcw2018.org.uk](http://www.bcw2018.org.uk)
30. **PCC:** annual inspection of children's playgrounds (£60 plus VAT)

## 17. **Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence**

1. **K O'Sullivan:** Looking for community groups/householders willing to discuss energy needs and use
2. **Allun Jones PCC:** A40777 Nights road closure 27/03/17 to 31/03/17 (Circulated)
3. **PCC:** Statutory Notice published on proposal to close Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School from the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. Objection Period will end on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
1. **Powys Archives Newsletter:** <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/archives/find-archives-local-records/archives-newsletters/>

## 18. **Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:** None submitted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:05 pm