

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 21st November 2016 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs John Morris (*Chairman*), Colin Alford, Caroline Fairclough and Wendy Bowler. Also in attendance: Maria James (*Clerk*). **Absent:** Cllr Roger Llewelyn.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Lusted, Tothill, Sharman, Christy and Cty Cllr Morris.

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

3. **Planning Matters:**

3.1 Applications

- (i) 16/14121/CON to vary wording of conditions 2,4 and 13 pursuant to planning permission 15/13063/FUL **Gwern Y Bustach, Fforest Coal Pit Abergavenny NP7 7LT**

It was agreed to submit a response of no objection.

- (ii) 16/14150/CON minor material amendments to planning permission 16/13232/FUL for construction of a new firing shelter and associated improvements to the existing firing range. **Cwrt Y Gollen Training Camp, Cwrt Y Gollen, Crickhowell NP8 1TH**

It was agreed to submit a response of no comment on this amendment but reiterate objections previously submitted against the original application.

3.2 Decisions: None reported.

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris submitted a written report:

- Crickhowell Library will be handed over to Crickhowell High School on the 1st December.
- The Day Centre consultation received some good responses - should know more in December.
- Lloyds bank is closing next year. Cty Cllr Morris and Kirsty Williams AM plan to meet with the bank - Members expressed concern and stated they would like to be involved. *It was agreed to write to Lloyds Bank to oppose closure of their Crickhowell branch.*
- Members were asked to inform Cty Cllr Morris of any street lights not working.
- PCC is experiencing difficulty gritting in Llanbedr due to parked vehicles. *It was agreed to place a notice to this effect on the notice board in Llanbedr.*

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1146 – 1149]. Cllr Bowler proposed the minutes of the 17th October 2016 be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed.

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

Page 1146 Item 8: As resolved the working group met and compiled a response to the Day Care Activities for Older People Consultation. This has been submitted to PCC who confirm it will be included when they reach the analysis stage.

Page 1146 Item 4/11: BBNPA's consultation has been suspended temporarily due to OFCOM regulations requiring BT to consult with the local authority not planning authority. BT intend posting new notices in affected kiosks following which a new consultation will be opened.

Page 1146 Item 11: The OVW Finance training session hosted by Llangattock CC will take place on 18th January 2017 (6.30 to 9pm). *The Clerk to attend.*

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PCC is currently prioritising works needed in play areas being transferred to local communities. Once completed it will proceed with other works required, however reduction in budgets mean works which are not an H&S issue will be put back to the next financial year.

- 7. Llanbedr Allotments:** The report previously circulated was discussed. Due to the decision of WWHA to lease the ground rather than transfer the freehold it was felt it may prove beneficial for all parties if the lease was directly between the Allotment Society and WWHA, rather than the Council acting as a third party.

A copy of the lease has been sent to the Allotment Society for information. The Society wishes to hold a meeting in the village hall and asked the CC to fund the hire fee. Members agreed they should support the formation of the allotment society. Cllr Morris proposed the Council fund hire fees for the initial meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Alford and unanimously agreed.

The maintenance schedule was discussed. Members felt the area designated as a nature garden should be treated as such and questioned the maintenance stipulated. Cllr Alford suggested a site meeting be arranged to ascertain the level of works required. This was agreed - the Chairman, Cllr Alford and the Clerk to meet on Thursday.

Cllr Alford proposed the Allotment Society be offered the opportunity of leasing the allotments direct from WWHA. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and unanimously agreed.

Members were not adverse to the Allotment Society also taking control of the nature garden area should they desire, although it was noted this area is intended for the use of the whole community.

It was agreed these matters need to be discussed with the Allotment Society. The Clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting.

- 8. Planning Procedures:** Cllr Morris reported Cllr Christy has offered to draft a response to BBNPA's letter. Members expressed concern at the amount of retrospective planning applications received and agreed the problem needed addressing. Cllr Christy offer was accepted - Members asked for the draft to be circulated.
- 9. Grwyne Fawr Woodlands:** Michael Cresswell's (Land Management Officer NRW) response to the Council's letter regarding disabled access in Grwyne Fawr was reported. A site meeting has been arranged for 22nd November.

With reference to the request for a litter bin PCC state as the land belongs to Welsh Water or NRW they will not install a bin on this site.

- 10. Any Other Business:** None reported.

- 11. Finance:** Cllr Bowler proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed: G M James (Salary £200 /Exp £25) HMRC (Tax) £50; Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £34, Brecon & Radnor Express (Code of Conduct Advert) £50.64;

- 14. Highways:** Several complaints have been received about recently erected bollards in Llangenny below Hall Farm. These bollards have reflectors fitted however were considered confusing to drivers and therefore dangerous.

White lines at The Crossroads, Llangenny remain in the wrong position. The Clerk was asked to chase this up.

MOD vehicles still use the road to Partishow below Celyn Farm which in part is in danger of collapse. Permanent no access signs are required at both Five Ways and Craig Y Bwla.

Cllr Morris reported the situation with Bont Lane is ongoing. PCC has however agreed to provide drains which will prevent water running towards one residence.

- 15. Reports on Meetings Attended:** None.

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

1. **Crickhowell Archive Centre:** thanks for donation towards publication.
2. **OVW:** Vacancy - Electoral Commissioner, Wales
3. **BBNPA:** Suspension of current public payphone consultation.
4. **Kirsty Williams AM:** Ken Skates AM work in Glangrwyney is scheduled for 2017/2018.
5. **BBNPA:** 16/14121/CON (agenda)
6. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** circular – November 16
7. **OVW:** Wales Audit Office Newsletter
8. **PAVO:** Annual Conference & Meeting 8th November
9. **Friends of Crickhowell Library:** management to transfer to Crickhowell High School
10. **BBNPA:** weekly register – 14/10/16, 21/10/16, 28/10/16, 4/11/16
11. **OVW:** Details of consultancy services provided.
12. **Powys Community Health Council:** Local Committee Meeting 1st November 2016.
13. **OVW:** October news bulletin
14. **PCC:** Newyddion Powys Newslite
15. **OVW:** Review of the National Standards for Community Health Councils –
16. **OVW:** Ageing Well walking survey for neighbourhoods –
17. **PCC Electoral Services:** next year's elections/application for electoral register
18. **OVW:** Appointment of Vice-Chair and Independent Members to NHS Wales
19. **PAVO:** E-Briefing November 2016
20. **BBNPA:** Agenda for National Park Authority, Friday, 11th November, 2016
21. **OVW:** *Cymru'n Cofio* Wales Remembers 1914-1918's Programme 2017 appeal
22. **OVW:** Consultation on Welsh Government's new Welsh Language Strategy
23. **Michael Cresswell NRW:** disability access Mynydd Ddu
24. **BBNPA:** Agenda for PAROW - Tuesday, 15th November, 2016
25. **Powys CAB:** AGM/event to Celebrate 20 Years - 29th November
26. **PAVO:** Engagement parties to promote services.
27. **PCC:** Schools Service: Brecon & Gwernyfed High Schools
28. **OVW:** One Voice Wales Innovative Practice National Awards 2017
29. **CRiC:** Christmas tree decorating competition.

17. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence

1. **PCC:** consultation on closure of the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School.
2. **Powys Community Health Council:** Executive Committee Meeting 22nd November 2016
3. **Powys P & P Admin** – Event - 2 Dec 2016
4. **BBNPA:** Weekly planning register – 11/11/16
5. **D Snipe:** warning on procurement
6. **Cllr Bowler:** Llangenny Xmas Tree Festival & Events

18. Clerk's Report/ Items for inclusion in the next Agenda: The web site is in need of some tweaking and the Clerk requested permission to contact the web master. This was agreed.

Cllr Morris reported Black Mountain Graziers in conjunction with BBNPA and NRW have submitted a bid for funding (£934K) to undertake various projects in the Black Mountains. This will take place over a 10 year period and includes heather management, bracken control, peat management, footpaths, grip blocking for peat bogs. He asked the Community Council if it would send a letter in support of this. This was duly agreed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:20pm