

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 21st August 2017 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs John Morris (*Acting Chairman*), Colin Alford, Dean Christy, Howard Tothill, Wendy Bowler and Phillip Bowker. Also in attendance: Cty Cllr Morris and Maria James (*Clerk*). **Absent:** Cllr David Sharman. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Phill Bowker to the Council.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Caroline Fairclough.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Bowker declared a personal interest in Item 3.1 (agent is related).
3. **Planning Matters:**

3.1 Applications:

- (i) **17/15130/DISCON:** Discharge Conditions 6 (programme of building recording and analysis, 10 (details of proposed parking area and 11 (drainage strategy) pursuant to planning permission 17/14768/FUL – Conversion of barn to form annex accommodation, approved 6/6/17. **2 Ffawydden Fforest Coal Pit, Abergavenny NP7 7LY**

No objection.

- (ii) **17/15152/FUL:** Conversion of existing Garage into Annex/Holiday Let. **Tregod, Llangenny Lane, Crickhowell NP8 1HD**

No objection.

- (iii) **Pre-application consultation:** Telecommunications - Police Mast: **Penwyrlodd, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LY.**

No objection – Members supported the proposal.

3.2 Decisions/Other:

The following applications were noted to have been permitted:

- (i) **17/14924/LBC:** Glebe Farm House, Llanbedr NP8 1SR.
- (ii) **17/15026/FUL:** Land adjacent to The Alders, Llangenny NP8 1ET

4. County Council Report:

Cty Cllr Morris reported:

- PCC has provided an explanation of drainage requirements for the Llanbedr site (circulated).
- The road in Llangenny (by Bron-y-Coed) will close on 25th August to enable a water connection to be made (details previously circulated); the Glangrwyney to Llangenny Road will be closed for erection of telephone poles (details to be circulated).

Cllr Tothill arrived

- Cty Cllr Morris met with Crickhowell TC to discuss installing yellow lines on Great Oak Road and Llanbedr Road. A report will go before the Breconshire Committee on 11th October recommending this go out to consultation. Crickhowell TC want to include the release of the lay-bys however this would delay matters therefore it has been decided to proceed without doing so.
- NatWest plan to close the ATM in Crickhowell. Kirsty Williams AM and Cty Cllr Morris met with Crickhowell TC and NatWest last week when they agreed to review this decision.
- As the planning authority BBNPA collect commuted sums from developments/conversions in The Park however now instead of handing this money over to PCC the BBNPA plan to control where it is distributed. The total of commuted sums amounts to some £1,000,000 (some £500,000 from Cwrt Y Gollen). This money could be spent anywhere in The Park, not necessarily in this area.

Whilst there is nothing the Vale of Grwyney can do at present this may need challenging further down the line to ensure money is spent in our area. Discussion ensued wherein it was suggested genuine need for affordable housing in the area needs to be demonstrated and new sites identified.

Cllr Tothill informed Cllr Morris the pothole by The Neuadd remains in need of repair.

Cllr Morris left the meeting at 20.13

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1180 – 1182] Cllr Tothill proposed the minutes of the 17th July 2017 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Christy and duly agreed.
6. **Matters Arising from the above Minutes** *for information purposes.*

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A meeting with BBNPA has been arranged for Monday 9th October at 6:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall. The Five Councils have been invited.

7. **Llanbedr Allotments:** WWHA inform the overgrown path outside the allotments will be adopted by the local authority [Page 1181 Item 7] although not for the first 12 months. The path inside the allotments will be gravelled. The nature garden will be put right once Welsh Water has finished.

The allotment land was noted to have become overgrown. Discussion ensued as to the most effective way of treating this. It was suggested weeds should be cut prior to ploughing/harrowing. Cllrs Morris and Alford offered to look into this in September.

Cllr Tothill reported the developer's site agent has met with PCC and confirms the road is prepared to the required specification.

8. **Glangrwyney Village Hall Grant Application:** Cllr Bowker reported the working group has held its first meeting. The group has written to Mr Winstanley [Page 1181 Item 8] who has agreed to give the offer serious consideration. He will notify his brothers and report their decision in due course. The working group is due to meet with Llangenny Hall Committee in September and hope to speak with the Friends of Llangenny Playground. Cllr Bowker was informed The Friends is a "virtual group" set up under the umbrella of the Church to raise funds for new play equipment. This project is now complete therefore rather than forming part of the bid The Friends could help by sharing their experiences. It was suggested Rev Chris Bowler be contacted. Cllr Bowker identified a number of projects which could be pursued for the benefit of the community, ie satellite broadband/solar panels for the village hall, and pointed out involvement from different organisations will help strengthen the bid.
9. **Llanbedr School Competition:** Cllr Lusted will speak with the head, Mrs Green, when the school returns from the summer holidays to discuss what type of competition to hold.
10. **Any Other Business for information purposes only.** None reported.
11. **Finance:**
 - (i) Cllr Lusted proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Christy and duly agreed: G James (Salary/Exp), HMRC (Tax), J Morgan (Care of Noticeboard) £12. Donations: Llanbedr Village Hall £100, Llangenny School Hall £100, Glangrwyney Village Hall £100; Llanbedr Churchyard Fund £100, Llangenny Churchyard Fund £100, Patricio Church Churchyard Fund, £100, Wales Air Ambulance £100
 - (ii) The Finance Report for August was received and noted - queries relating to surplus monies for community projects were answered.

- 12. Highways:** Cllr Alford reported speaking with Cty Cllr David Jones (County Councillor for Crucorney) who has agreed to look into the need for a No MOD sign at Five Ways. Cllr Bowker reported residents have cleared weeds from the pavement by the phone box in Glangrwyney and cut grass by Dan-y-Gollen. It was agreed the Council should write to thank them for their efforts and write to PCC regarding responsibility for grass cutting. Cllr Tothill reported the pothole by the Neuadd Llanbedr needs repair and Cllr Morris reported bracken on the junction with Great Oak Road needs cutting.
- 13. Reports on Meetings Attended:** The Clerk reported Cllr Fairclough attended the Powys reception at the Royal Welsh Show and found it to be a useful occasion.
- 14. Correspondence:** the following correspondence was received and discussed as appropriate:
1. **Consumer Council for Water:** Annual Review 2016/17
 2. **M Cresswell:** meeting re Mynydd Ddu *Cllrs Alford, Morris and Tothill to attend. Cllr Fairclough and Mr I Maberley to be informed.*
 3. **BBNPA:** 17/14924/LBC – permitted
 4. **BBNPA:** 17/15026/FUL – permitted
 5. **BBNPA:** Planning Register – 14/07/17, 21/07/17, 28/07/17, 15/08/17
 6. **OVW: WG** consultation on electoral reform - responses to be received by 10/10/17 - *agenda* <https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/electoral-reform-local-government-wales>
 7. **BBNPA:** Agenda - National Park Authority , 28th July, 2017
 8. **OVW:** Older Peoples Commissioner for Wales 2017 Summer Newsletter
 9. **OVW:** Summary of Responses - consultation on proposals to ban plastic microbeads in cosmetics/personal care products in the UK
 10. **OVW:** June 2017 News Bulletin
 11. **OVW:** Conference and AGM – 30/09/17 - JM to attend (DS and CF?)
 12. **OVW:** revision of British Standard BS 5709, Gaps, Gates & Stiles.
 13. **PCC:** Newyddion Powys Newsline
 14. **OVW:** The Ombudsman's Casebook - Issue 29
 15. **PCC:** Temporary Road Closure - C0123, Llangenny – 25/08/17
 16. **Norton:** grass cutting at Dan-y-Gollen
 17. **Planning Aid Wales:** Planning training for clerks/councillors (PB, DS and EL to attend (CF?))
 18. **Asbri Planning:** Proposed construction of a new high school, access, parking & associated works on land off Cerrigochion Road, Brecon, Powys, LD3 9SR
 19. **J Parker's Wholesale Catalogue::** Autumn 2017
 20. **Brecon Advice Centre:** Report and Accounts – funding request
 21. **Chris Davies MP** – invitation to visit Palace of Westminster – dates suggested 13th or 14th Nov – Clerk to make enquiries.

15. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence

1. **OVW:** FCFCG Wales Newsletter August 2017
2. **OVW:** Environet Cymru E-Newsletter - August 2017
3. **Savills:** Telecommunications Pre-Application Consultation - Penwylodd, Fforest Coal Pit
4. **OVW:** Cymraeg 2050 Grant scheme:
5. **OVW:** Rural England CIC (the not-for-profit research body) survey about digital potential
6. **I Maberley** – response circulated re telecommunications pre application consultation – FCP
7. **BBNPA:** Weekly planning register 11/08/17
8. **OVW:** Heritage Impact Statements in Wales

16. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda

- Training for Clerk
- Response to review of the BBNP Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Cllr Lusted invited members to the official opening of Llangenny Playground on 3rd September by Kirsty Williams AM.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:17pm