

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 21st September 2015 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs David Sharman (*Chairman*), John Morris, Caroline Fairclough, Colin Alford, Elaine Lusted (*who arrived at 7:40pm*). **In attendance:** Maria James (*Clerk*), six Members of the Public and Cty Cllr John Morris. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Wendy Bowler, Cllr Dean Christy and Cllr R Llewelyn

1. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Mabberley and Cllr Fairclough declared a personal interest in Item 3.1 (ii). Cllr Colin Alford declared an interest in Item 3.1 (iv).
2. **Public Speaking Session:** No requests to speak were received.
3. **Planning**

### 3.1 Applications

- (i) 15/12590/FUL: **The Bungalow, Llangenny NP8 1HE** - Proposed alterations and extension to existing bungalow to provide living accommodation and improved thermal performance. A response of no objection was proposed by Cllr Mabberley. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and unanimously agreed.
- (ii) 15/12541/FUL: **Gwern Y Bustach, Fforest Coal Pit** - renovation of dilapidated dwelling including extension into an adjacent store by converting attached barns (*sui generis*). A response of no objection was proposed by Cllr Mabberley. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and unanimously agreed.

7.40 Cllr Lusted arrived.

- (iii) 15/12579/REM: **Springfields Llangenny NP8 1HA** - Reserved matters application with details relating to appearance/landscaping/layout/scale pursuant to planning permission 13/08809/OUT for 5No houses. Following considerable debate Cllr Lusted proposed Members arrange a site visit. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed. The Clerk to contact the applicants to make the necessary arrangements.
- (iii) 15/12615/OUT: **Lands around Pen-y-bont Llanbedr NP8 1ST** - New rural enterprise dwelling with access, landscaping, layout and scale to be considered (*Cllr Alford took no part in the discussions*). Members considered the application noting in principal the idea is good - anything which brings work into the area is to be encouraged. This however is a Greenfield site and reservations were expressed as to its suitability. Cllr Mabberley suggested the Council approve the outline planning consent as long as full detailed plans are submitted and the application is not approved under reserved matters. This was proposed by Cllr Lusted and seconded Cllr Sharman.
- (iv) 15/12394/FUL: **The Stables, Pendarren Park, Llangenny** - Application for temporary permission to retain three storage containers. A response of no objection was proposed by Cllr Lusted. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and unanimously agreed.

**3.2 Decisions/Other:** the following matters were noted:

- (i) Application 15/12419/FUL: **Tyn-Y-Pwll, Llangenny NP8 1EY** has been permitted
- (ii) Application 15/12388/FUL: **Ty Wen Llangenny NP8 1HA** has been withdrawn

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

- PCC need to save 27 million over the next 3 years. The Council has a 3 year plan cutting funding which will have huge effects on highways, adult social care and education. A huge sum on top of the 40 million already cut. In 5 years time PCC will do a lot less than in previous years - anything they don't have to do they won't.

Cllr Fairclough proposed the Council submit a statement of protest to the Leader, Mr Barry Thomas. This was seconded by Cllr Mabberley and duly agreed.

- Road repairs in Llangenny have now been completed. Cllr Sharman reported the work looks well done.
- NatWest is closing its Crickhowell branch in November. Kirsty Williams AM and Cty Cllr Morris have arranged a public meeting in Crickhowell on the 28th Sept.

- In response to the ongoing problem with cars parking on Bellfountain Road Cllr Morris suggested the Council report the problem to the police who can book people for dangerous parking.

*Cllr Morris and three Members of the public left at this stage.*

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1098 – 1100] It was proposed by Cllr Morris that the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly agreed. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes** *for information purposes.*
  - Cllr Lusted reported she had not yet had opportunity to speak with the Head regarding the Llanbedr School competition but will endeavour to do so.
  - The Clerk informed Members she had reserved a wooden picnic bench for Llangenny Playground from Robert Price however the delivery charge £10 increases the total cost to £129.99. Cllr Alford informed Members a bench could be obtained from the Skirrid Garage for £100. Cllr Maberley will investigate the costs involved.
  - The Clerk reported Mr Alun Jones of Powys CC has provisionally agreed to attend the October meeting.
  - At the previous meeting it was questioned whether the car park in Crickhowell had been limited to a 4 hour stay. The Clerk reported this is not the case - the sign is considered misleading.
7. **Benches:** The Clerk reported four "manmade timber" benches (funded via a grant from the Big Lottery Fund) have now been delivered to Cllr Llewelyn. One bench is scheduled to replace the memorial timber bench on Bellfountain Road. Suggestions for where to site the other benches were invited - Members suggested: Llangenny playground, the lay-by by "Scutts bungalow" and the Community Orchard in Llanbedr. Cllr Llewelyn has kindly offered to install the benches. The Council were advised installation costs should be anticipated. Cllr Alford offered his assistance with installation.
8. **Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** A meeting was held with Wales & West Housing Association (WWHA) on the 27th August. WWHA has subsequently been asked to supply information regarding the allocation process and to provide dates for the suggested meeting with the contractors however this information has not been provided to date. Cllr Morris repeated his concerns regarding the changes WWHA are making to the scheme.
9. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** BBNPA has written asking the Council to specify why Tracy Nettleton's letter in response to the Council's complaint has not satisfied the Council. Cllr Sharman reported he is in the process of composing a response.
10. **Any Other Business:** *for information only*

NatWest Bank is due to close its Crickhowell branch this November. Following a meeting with Kirsty Williams AM it was suggested the Five Councils meet with NatWest to discuss their closure plans. A provisional date has been set for the 6th October with a venue to be agreed.

*8.55 one Member of the Public left.*

The notice boards are due to be delivered within the next week or so.

## 12. Finance:

- 12.1 It was proposed by Cllr Fairclough the Council approve the following payments. This was seconded by Cllr Maberley and duly agreed: G M James (Salary £200/Exp £25) HM Revenue & Customs £50; Llanbedr Hall Association (hire WWHA meeting 2 hrs £14; Greenbarnes (Notice boards) £3164.81 (Big Lottery Grant), Greenbarnes Benches (£1,840.90 Big Lottery Grant) BDO (Audit) £210
- 12.2 The external auditors, BDO, have confirmed there are no matters arising which they wish to draw to the attention of the Council. Cllr Fairclough proposed the annual return be accepted and approved. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly agreed. The Clerk confirmed the notice of conclusion of audit has been displayed in the notice boards.

- 13. Highways:** PCC has responded to the request to clarify their policy relating to trading out of lay-bys by confirming it tolerates such trading where there are no safety or amenity issues.

There were no additional matters to be added to the Highways Schedule previously circulated to Members. The items listed remain outstanding.

**14. Reports on Meetings Attended:**

**WWHA:** Cllrs Sharman, Fairclough, Morris and Lusted attended reporting another meeting is proposed in a month's time.

**Health Focus Group:** Cllr Fairclough attended reporting Maesyfynnon is still rumbling on - PCC has not attempted to do anything.

**LAF:** Cllrs Sharman and Mabberley attended reporting on the current green paper consultation - improving opportunities for access and how access is going to be managed in Wales in the future. Cllr Mabberley will send link to consultation.

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

1. **Powys Community Health Council:** Full Council Meeting - 23rd Sept.
2. **OVW:** Wales Audit Office - Newsletter
3. **OVW:** Grants Newsletter August 2015
4. **PAVO - 2015 Conference and AGM** 12 Nov
5. **PAVO:** Sept 2015 edition of PAVO E-Briefing
6. **BBNPA:** autumn courses (circulated)
7. **Friends of Crickhowell Library:** newsletter (circulated)
8. **Powys County Archives Office:** newsletter (circulated)
9. **CRiC:** news and diary dates (circulated)
10. **WG:** Draft Statutory guidance for the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (circulated)
11. **OVW:** Proposed changes to Planning Policy Wales Chapter 10 and Technical Advice Note 4: Retail Centre Development (circulated)
12. **PCC:** Humanitarian Assistance & Community Resilience Conference Carmarthen on 15th Oct. (circulated)
13. **BBNPA:** Information about new Food Business Investment Scheme - Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020 (circulated)
14. **OVW:** Public Appointments Opportunities (circulated)
15. **M Jones** – offer to answer questions regarding planning application (circulated)
16. **Powys People Direct** - single point of access for enquiries for adults children's services across Powys
17. **PCC:** Universal Credit Training Sessions in Powys- Sept/Oct 2015 (circulated)
18. **PAVO:** PAVO Stakeholder Feedback 2015
19. **A Corbett:** request for contact details for Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust Ltd. (circulated)
20. **SSLC:** information on being a member.
21. **BBNPA applications/decisions:** (on agenda).  
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22. **Llangenny Churchyard Fund:** thank you for donation.
23. **BDO:** Annual return – no matters arising and fee note.
24. **Play for Wales:** Issue 45
25. **BBNPA:** response to request for Stage II complaint (circulated)
26. **PCC:** response to letter regarding trading from lay-bys.
27. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** Issue 101

**16. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence:**

1. **OVW:** Statement by Minister for Finance & Government Business: Responses to consultations on Landfill Disposals Tax and Land Transaction Tax - (circulated)
2. **BBNP Tourism** - Invitation to Beacon Beacons Tourism Meeting – 22nd September 2015. (circulated)
3. **BBNPA:** Information relating to 15-12579-REM Springfields, Llangenny (circulated)
4. **Powys Community Health Council:** meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015
5. **OVW Ambulance Services** NHS Trust Annual Public meeting - 29<sup>th</sup> September. (circulated)
6. **PAVO:** Annual Conference & General Meeting - 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 - **One Powys - Turning the Tables**

7. **BBNPA:** agenda for National Park Authority, Friday, 25th September, 2015. (circulated)
8. **BBPNA:** - **15/12394/FUL** - temporary permission to retain three storage containers – The Stables, Pendarren Park, Llangenny.
9. **Greenbarnes:** Invoice for notice boards - £3,164.81

**17. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda /Clerk's Report:** None reported.

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