

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

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

## **Glangrwyney Village Hall Consultation and Proposed Grant Application:**

Phill Bowker, Chairman of Glangrwyney Village Hall Committee, was welcomed to the meeting. He referred to his letter (previously circulated) and explained how the Village Hall Committee is now nearing the end of its consultation on ways to improve facilities at the hall. During this process a significant number of people reported difficulties with parking in the village and concern at the lack of a safe outside play area. As both these matters are outside the remit of the Village Hall Committee The Committee is approaching the Community Council, and Llangenny residents (which Glangrwyney Hall also serves), to ask if it will work with them to submit a combined community focused bid to fund not only improvements to Glangrwyney Hall but also the purchase of land to create a parking area and village green.

The Village Hall Committee is due to hold its AGM in June (date tbc) when feedback on improvements proposed for the hall will be presented and hopefully discussions will have progressed in relation to the community focussed bid.

Members noted Mr Bowker's remarks. It was suggested the first step should be to determine whether land is available for purchase. It was agreed to agenda the proposal for consideration at the May meeting. Mr Bowker was thanked for attending the meeting and explaining the proposal.

*Mr Bowker left the meeting at 19.53*

**2. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Wendy Bowler.

**3. Declarations of Interest:** Item 5.1(i) Cty Cllr Morris declared a personal interest (*related to applicant*). Cllr Sharman also declared a personal interest (*associated with LibDem Party*). *Both Cllr Sharman and Cty Cllr Morris withdrew from the table whilst the matter was considered.*

**4. Planning:**

### **4.1 Applications:**

- (i) 17/14620FUL: Proposed internal re-modelling of bungalow, living room and utility extension to facilitate applicant's spouse disability. Ty Graig, Llangenny Lane, Crickhowell NP8 1AN  
No objections.
- (ii) 17/14666/FUL and 17/14667/LBC: Proposed erection of new conservatory to replace existing and interior/exterior alterations to Moor Park. Moor Park, Llanbedr, NP8 1SS  
No objections.
- (iii) 17/14743/CON: Application for removal of agricultural occupancy Condition 2 of Application K6377. Certificate of lawfulness issued 16/13676/CPE rendering the condition now no longer necessary. Ger Y Mynydd, Glangrywney NP8 1EE  
Clarification requested as to why original agricultural restriction should be removed.
- (iv) 17/14763FUL: Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension. Blaen Nant, Partrishow, Powys NP7 7LP  
No objections.
- (v) 17/14747/FUL: Conversion of redundant barn to holiday let - Pen Coed Barn, Partrishow  
Agreed by majority to submit response of no objection – one abstention.
- (vi) 17/14768/FUL: Conversion of barn to form annex accommodation - 2 Ffawyddden, Fforest Coal Pit - No objections

**4.2 Decisions:** it the noted the following application has been permitted:

- (i) 17/14604/FUL: Llanbedr Wastewater Treatment Works - erection of 1 motor control centre kiosk.

5. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris informed Members a meeting to determine the structure of the Day Centre in Crickhowell is due to take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Morris was asked if he could investigate the various highway issues which remain outstanding despite requests for action. *The Clerk to email a list of these items.*

Cllr Alford asked Cty Cllr Morris to do something to prevent vehicles parking at the bottom of Bellfountain Road reporting he had received several complaints about this problem which is presenting difficulties for businesses in Llanbedr. The Clerk reported she had emailed Crickhowell TC to request a meeting. Crickhowell TC suggest this is arranged following the elections.

Cty Cllr Morris stated there was currently a moratorium on highway spending and the process required to install double yellow lines incurs advertising costs, possibly amounting to some £1,000. If this cost were met by Crickhowell TC with the Vale of Grwyney CC also making a contribution it may speed up the process.

***ACTION: a meeting to be arranged with Crickhowell TC following the elections.***

*Cllr Morris left the meeting at 20.29.*

6. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1164 – 1167]. Cllr Tohill proposed the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman. This was agreed subject to the spelling of PSCO Dunne's surname being corrected.

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

**P.1165 - Item 6:** The organiser states landowners were not informed of this event due to a breakdown in communication which has now been rectified and permission granted. He will donate £500 to the Black Mountains Land Use Partnership.

8. **Llanbedr Allotments:** The Clerk informed Members she is awaiting an up-date from WWHA however has visited the site and spoken to the Allotment Society. Whilst WWHA has provided some top soil this is very thin and doesn't cover the edges. The path hasn't been repaired. The Allotment Society would like these matters attended to prior to proceeding. The Clerk will speak to WWHA to ask if more top soil is to be provided.

***ACTION: Clerk to contact WWHA for up-date concerning the development and allotments.***

9. **Retrospective Planning Applications:** Enquiries with Llangattock, Llangynidr, Crickhowell and Cwmdru Community Councils reveal retrospective planning has not been of major concern in recent times.

It was suggested a representative from the BBNPA be invited to attend a council meeting to speak about this problem. It was agreed to delay discussion as to whether to ask the MP to investigate this to after the General Election.

***ACTION: This item will be placed on the agenda of the June meeting.***

10. **Vehicles Parking on Bellfountain Road:** This item was discussed under Item 6.

11. **Any Other Business:** *for information only:* The Clerk reported the web site is currently being updated to reflect current needs with improved archiving facilities.

12. **Finance:**

- (i) Cllr Lusted proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed: G James (Salary/Exp) £225, HMRC (Tax) £50, Data Protection £35:  
(ii) The amended Quarter 4 Budget Sheet was received and approved.

(iii) The internal auditor, Ms Bronwen Bermingham, will undertake the audit on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**13. Highways:** Cllr Lusted reported the white lines at The Crossroads in Llangenny have been now been re-positioned.

#### **14. Reports on Meetings Attended:**

Cllr Bowler submitted a written report informing she attended a meeting regarding proposed changes to Day Care facilities with Cty Cllr Morris and the CEO of Powys Health Board who is looking at a new model of delivering services to Crickhowell and surrounding areas. She expects if this does take place it will be a multi agency approach with Crick Centre at the heart of it. Another meeting is planned for May. She will keep the CC informed of developments.

Cllr John Morris attended an OVW area committee meeting. Lyn Cadwallader spoke concerning transfer of assets – emphasising the importance of consulting with the community before taking anything on. Membership has increased. The cost of external audits was also discussed with smaller councils reporting significant increases.

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

1. **PCC:** Powys CC will not provide code of conduct training for new councillors.
2. **OVW:** survey
3. **Natural Resources Wales:** gates installed at Blaen-y-Cwm.
4. **Kirsty Williams AM:** - <https://www.mycariad.org/community-defibrillators>
5. **OVW:** new version of Good Councillors Guide
6. **PCC Environmental Health:** query re dog bin Glangrwyney
7. **PC Craig Morgan:** neighbourhood police officers.
8. **OVW:** details of new councillor training
9. **E Jones:** localgiving.org
10. **BBNPA:** Weekly planning registers
11. **OVW:** E-petition cuts to funding for maintenance/ provision of Children's play areas
12. **OVW:** Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020.
13. **PCC:** Community Delivery Newsletter - Issue 3
14. **OVW:** latest news from One Voice Wales
15. **BBNPA:** Agenda National Park Authority meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> April
16. **PAVO:** PAVO E-Briefing.
17. **IRP:** Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Community and Town Council Report
18. **Crickhowell Library:** Survey and newsletter
19. **PCC:** new waste collection day arrangements to be delayed
20. **OVW:** Tree Charter: Become a Local Council Charter Branch
21. **ARWAIN;** Invitation: 'Farming for the future' roadshow
22. **OVW:** response to White Paper Reforming Local Government-Resilient & Renewed
23. **Channel 4:** TV programme: VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2017
24. **OVW:** Social Media Policy Template
25. **BBNPA:** agenda for PAROW meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> April
26. **WG:** Good Councillor's Guide
27. **BBNPA:** Applications: 17/14620FUL, 17/14666/FUL/17/14667/LBC, 17/14743/CON, 17/14763FUL and 17/14747/FUL (agenda)
28. **J Patterson PCC:** results of uncontested election
29. **OVW:** Brecon and Radnor Area Committee Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> April
30. **PCC:** change of primary admission age for Powys primary schools

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

1. **BBNPA:** weekly planning register – 7/04/17, 14/04/17
2. **OVW:** Motions for 2017 Annual General Meeting
3. **Cllr Bowler:** Vale of Grwyney Memory Events – 29/3<sup>0th</sup> April and 6/7<sup>th</sup> May
4. **Wales Audit Office:** letter from Anthony Barrett Assistant Auditor General
5. **Michael Cresswell – NRW:** report of camping in Grwyne Fawr
6. **Sion James:** OMM event – landowners have now given consent
7. **BBNPA:** 17/14604/FUL has been approved.

## **17. Clerk's Report/ Items for inclusion in the next Agenda**

- Llangenny Playground – request for grant to pay for ROSPA inspection

Cllr Morris proposed a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs Mary Taylor's family reporting she had previously served as Chairman on this Council.

Cllr Sharman proposed a vote of thanks to given to Cllr Roger Llewelyn who is retiring from the Council. This was unanimously supported. Cllr Llewelyn was thanked for all he has done for the Council during his years in office. Members wished him well for the future.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.03pm