

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 17th August 2015 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs David Sharman (*Chairman*), John Morris, Caroline Fairclough, Dean Christy, Elaine Lusted and Wendy Bowler. **In attendance:** Maria James (*Clerk*) and one Member of the Public. **Absent:** Cllr Roger Llewelyn
Apologies for Absence: Cllr Colin Alford and Cllr Ian Mabberley

1. **Declarations of Interest:** Nil.
2. **Public Speaking Session:** No requests to speak were received.
3. **Planning**
 - 3.1 **Applications:** none received.
 - 3.2 **Decisions/Other:** It was noted the following applications have been PERMITTED:
 - i. 15/11739/LBC: Conversion of Barn - Forge House, Glangrwyney
 - ii. 15/12160/FUL: Two Storey & Single Storey extension etc - 38 Martell Way, Glangrwyney
4. **County Council Report:** As Cty Cllr Morris was not present no report was presented.
5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1095 – 1097] It was proposed by Cllr Christy and seconded by Cllr Fairclough that the minutes of the 20th July 2015 be accepted as a true record subject to Item 4 Page 1095 being amended to read "*rural parts of Llanbedr*". This was duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes for information purposes.** The Clerk reported the benches were ready for delivery. The supplier is contacting Cllr Llewelyn direct to arrange a suitable date. Cllr Llewelyn has offered to arrange installation once sites are agreed.
7. **Llanbedr School Competition:** Members resolved to invite pupils to draw or paint a building or structure located in the Vale of Grwyney with £50 prize money to be awarded to Llanbedr School - the decision on how it should be spent to be made by the Governors. Entries to be judged by the Council in age groups - Foundation Phase and Class 3. No felt tip pens to be used.

ACTION: Cllr Lusted (as Council representative) will speak to the head teacher.
9. **Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** A meeting has been arranged for the 27th August at 1:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall however as the Clerk is unable to attend Members were asked if they would prefer to alter the date or proceed as planned. It was agreed to continue with Cllr Lusted taking notes. In order for Members to be properly prepared Cllr Christy suggested further information be obtained from Wales & West Housing Association (WWHA) on the reason for meeting, etc.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact WWHA to request information on the allocation process etc.
10. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** The Clerk confirmed as instructed at the previous meeting a letter requesting BBNPA instigate Stage 2 of their complaints procedure has been sent.
11. **Any Other Business:** *for information only.* Cllr Bowler confirmed the Friends of Llangenny Playground were happy with the suggested wooden picnic table. Members noted the price to be slightly above that agreed (£119.99) but had no objection. The notice boards remain on order.
12. **Finance:**
 - 12.1 It was proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed to approve the following payments: G M James (Salary/Expenses) £225 HM Revenue & Customs £50; Mrs J Morgan (Notice board) £12; OVW Conference £75, Greenbarnes Benches (£1,840.90 - Big Lottery Grant)
 - 12.2 Other: As noted under Correspondence the Clerk reported BDO has raised one query. This has been answered and it is anticipated the External Audit will be completed soon.
13. **Highways:** Cllr Christy questioned what progress has been made regarding highway issues previously reported. The Clerk informed Members PCC has inspected the paving in Glangrwyney however do not consider it dangerous. The Clerk also inspected the paving reporting it to be unsightly and questioned whether a

community "clean up" could be affected. She had no further information to report.

Concern was expressed regarding lack of progress with reported highway issues ie signs are still required at the quarry, Grwyne Fechan and Gwrlodau Lane (no HGVs).

The proposed road closure in Llangenny was discussed. The Clerk will put notices up in the notice boards to make local residents aware of this.

Overgrown trees remain in need of attention in Grwyne Fawr, as does the road travelling between Craig Y Bwla and Cefn Farm, as well as the ongoing problem created by cars parking on Bellfountain Road (*which is within Crickhowell TC boundaries*).

Cllr Christy stated the Council has a moral responsibility to highlight these matters and PCC need to understand these things are pointed out for a reason although he accepted there are financial restrictions. It was resolved to invite Alun Jones (PCC) to attend a Council meeting.

Cllr Bowler stated she had been informed the car park in Crickhowell has been restricted to a 4 hour stay and questioned whether this was correct.

Cllr Christy requested highway issues remain in the minutes/agenda until actioned. The Clerk suggested matters are listed in table format for circulation with the Council papers. The Councillor responsible for reporting the matter could then check and report whether the matter had been resolved or remained outstanding.

ACTION: Clerk to invite Alun Jones to a meeting and enquire regarding the car park.

14. Reports on Meetings Attended: None reported.

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

1. **WG:** The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015 Statutory Guidance (Circulated).
2. **PAVO:** Information Events - the Rural Development Plan in Powys (Circulated)
3. **OVW:** Recruitment of Chair of Natural Resources Wales (Circulated)
4. **OVW:** Survey for the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales re member allowances/expenses (Completed) Notification of requirement to publish all payments to Councillors as well as requirement to notify the Independent Remuneration Panel (on web site)
5. **OVW:** The 2016 Natural Resources Wales Competitive Grant
6. **PCC:** Refuse collection - no set plans to collect all the streams using just the one vehicle (Circulated)
7. **Cwmdu CC:** Notes on Five Councils Meeting (Circulated)
8. **PCC:** Fields in Trust & the Royal British Legion are commemorating sacrifices made during World War I through dedication of parks/open spaces to be known as Centenary Fields.
9. **Wales Air Ambulance:** receipt.
10. **Powys Community Health Authority:** agenda (Circulated)
11. **BDO:** Audit query re increased staff costs – referred to work undertaken re Cwrt Y Gollen.
12. **WG:** Responses to Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People White Paper Consultation, (Circulated)
13. **Dyfed Powys Police Commissioner:** newsletter/survey (Circulated)
14. **BBNPA:** Geopark questionnaire (Circulated)
15. **PCC:** consultation on 3 week collection for general waste (Circulated and put on web site/notice boards)
16. **Cwmdu CC:** response to questions raised re Maes-y-Ffynnon at the 5 Councils Meeting (Circulated)
17. **PAVO:** members briefing August 2015
18. **PCC:** Small Scale Project Funding Applications 2015-16 (Circulated)
19. **BBNPA:** Applications 15/11739/LBC and 15/12160/FUL have been Permitted (agenda)
20. **Brecon Advice Centre:** Annual report and funding request.

16. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence:

1. **OVW:** Care Home Review Statement -
2. **OVW:** The 2016 Natural Resources Wales Competitive Grant
3. **Cllr Geraint Hopkins Chair – Geopark Scrutiny Panel Chair:** Review of the Geopark designation
4. **OVW:** Legal Topic Note from NALC on Procurement – Public Contracts Regulations 2015 – impact on standing orders/financial regulations adopted by councils

5. **PAVO:** surgery to help organisations interested in accessing European Structural Funds
6. **J MacIlroy:** questions regarding planning determination - *concern was expressed at the content - however the information requested was not available as a recorded vote was not called.*
7. **PCC:** Welsh Government "Support Your High Street" campaign
8. **Friends of Crickhowell Library:** nominate a "library champion" - *Cllrs Fairclough and Bowler volunteered.*
9. **OVW:** consultation on the Draft Directions to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission Wales.
10. **PCC:** Smoke free playgrounds - vote for winning poster online – this will be created into official signage.
11. **OVW:** Finance Committee - consulting on the Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Bill.
12. **OVW:** Public Appointments Opportunity – Commissioner
13. **PCC:** Urgent Temp Road Closure – Llangenny (*Circulated*)

17. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda /Clerk's Report: The Clerk questioned the necessity for printing all correspondence received. Currently correspondence is listed and electronically circulated (if considered appropriate) to Members. The Clerk then prints a paper copy for distribution at the meeting if required. To save on printing costs the Clerk asked Members whether it would be acceptable to print copies of correspondence not circulated only on request. Members confirmed they were agreeable to this proposal.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:39pm