

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 20th November 2017 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Caroline Fairclough (Chairman), John Morris, Dean Christy, Elaine Lusted and Phillip Bowker. Also in attendance: Cty Cllr John Morris and Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Wendy Bowler, David Sharman, Howard Tothill and Colin Alford.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Morris declared a personal interest in Item 3.1(ii) (applicant is neighbour) and took no part in the decision. The Clerk is related to the owner of the land referred to in Item 3.1(i).

3. Planning Matters:

3.1 Applications:

- (i) **17/15481/FUL:** The proposed installation of a 15m telecommunications mast accommodating three no. antennas 2 no microwaves dishes, together with pole mounted satellite dish, ancillary equipment cabinets and cabling, within a fenced compound at **Penwyrlodd, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LY**

It was RESOLVED to submit a response of No objection.

- (ii) **17/15413/FUL:** Conversion of traditional stables to extend the existing annexe ancillary to Gwrlodau for additional family accommodation. **Gwrlodau , Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SY**

It was RESOLVED to submit a response of No objection.

3.2 Decisions/Other:

- (i) Application 17/15152/FUL: Conversion of existing garage to annex/holiday let - Tregoeed, Llangenny Lane, NP8 1HD has been **permitted**.
- (ii) Applications 17/15349/FUL and 15/15350/LBC: Resurfacing of rear car park and installation of sewage treatment works. The Blue Bell Inn, Glangrwyney NP8 1EH have been **withdrawn**.

4. County Council Report: Cty Cllr Morris reported:

- Following the adverse report on children's services in Powys a review has been undertaken. Concerns were found to relate to senior management, the staff on the front line were found to be very good and exonerated. PCC has produced an action plan which has now been implemented. A briefing is due to be held next week.
- PCC is due to issue a press release detailing plans for reorganisation of waste, transport and highways to increase efficiency. Originally the Council was going to set up an "arms length" company however now plan to keep these services in house.
- PCC is currently undertaking patch repairs to roads in the area. Members were asked to report any areas in need of repair and inform Highways of blocked drains. Cllr Morris reported Skipper Lane – Neuadd as needing repair and suggested drains on Bont Lane are opened – Highways need to check all drains. Llangenny Lane down to Crickhowell needs repair (edges falling away). The road between Craig Y Bwla and Partrishow (past Celyn Farm) needs repair - edges falling away. PCC to be asked to provide an up-date on the request for "No MOD" signs with the suggestion the MOD is approached to supply these signs.

- Cllr Bowker questioned when the traffic calming measures will take place in Glangrwyney. The Clerk will make enquires.
- The proposal to put yellow lines on Bellfountain Road has been passed for consultation. The consultation was understood to have commenced in October, however the Council has not been notified. *Cty Cllr Morris will chase.*
- The suggestion PCC inform residents that parking vehicles on the corner by Llanbedr church obstructs gritting lorries was considered a good idea.

20.04 Cty Cllr John Morris left the meeting.

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1189 – 1191] Cllr Morris proposed the minutes of the 16th October 2017 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Bowker. All approved.

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

Page 1190 Item 14: MWTRA has referred this request to Welsh Government for consideration and response.

7. **Llanbedr Allotments:** WWHA reported the contractor had agreed to put down extra top soil and rotovate the soil. As no firm date had been fixed for ploughing [Page 1190 Item 7] this was considered to be the best course of action. The allotments have now been rotovated, the path repaired, fences erected around the nature garden and the parking area partly laid. A meeting is to be organised with Llanbedr Allotment Society to move this matter forward. Members were agreeable to the suggestion the Council fund the cost of hiring Llanbedr Hall for the initial meeting and support the Allotment Society in its initial set-up.
8. **Independent Review Panel - Call to Evidence:** The importance of responding to this review was emphasised. OWW is holding consultation events which Cllrs Fairclough and Sharman will attend. Cllr Fairclough will compile a report for circulation.
9. **Any Other Business:** *for information purposes only*

Planning training - 21st November: Cllrs Fairclough, Lusted, Christy and Bowker to attend.

The application to divert the right of way at Ty'n y Cae Glangrwyney was reported to have been withdrawn – although no official notification received. The Clerk will make enquiries regarding this, with reference to stabling erected.

Llangenny School Hall has been double booked on the 18th December. Rather than change the date it was agreed the Council's December meeting would be held in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

10. **Finance:**

- (i) Cllr Lusted proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Morris and duly agreed: G James (Salary/Exp) £225, HMRC (Tax) £50, Audit General (External Audit) £209.25
- (ii) The Finance Report was received and noted.
- (iii) Brecon CAB funding request: Crickhowell TC has questioned whether a combined donation should be made. It was agreed this should be considered at the next Five Councils Meeting (to be hosted by Llangattock CC – date tbc).

11. **Highways:** *reported under Item 4.*

12. **Reports on Meetings Attended:**

Cllrs Morris, Christy and Tothill attended a tour of Parliament with Chris Davies MP. They reported it

to be an excellent meeting – very positive. Amongst other issues they discussed the need for broadband in rural communities. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks.

Llanbedr School Governors meeting – Cllr Lusted attended.

Cllr Fairclough took Cllrs Bowler and Tothill on a tour of the Grwyne Fawr Valley.

Cllr Fairclough laid the wreath at the Remembrance Service. Cllr Morris also attended.

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

1. **Wales Audit Office:** audit invoice
2. **M Cresswell (NRW):** summary of meeting at Blaen Y Cwm.
3. **OVW:** Boundary Commission for Wales: Revised Proposals Report 2018 Review
4. **BBNPA:** Agenda for Planning, Access and Rights of Way, 24th October, 2017
5. **BBNPA:** Weekly Planning Registers 13/10/17, 20/10/17, 27/10/17, 3/11/17
6. **OVW:** Burial charges for children
7. **BBNPA:** Application 17/15152/FUL permitted (agenda)
8. **OVW:** Town and Village Greens – consultation
9. **OVW:** views on proposed amendments to Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (Wales) Regulations 2003
10. **OVW:** Competition by The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)
11. **OVW:** The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee of the National Assembly for Wales consultation - **Local Approaches to poverty reduction: The Well-Being of Future Generations Act and public service boards:**
12. **Llanbedr School:** Llanbedr School Aviva Award Nomination
13. **OVW:** October 2017 News Bulletin
14. **OVW:** Welsh Government News: Scheme to promote closer working with local government
15. **PCC:** Newyddion Powys Newsline
16. **OVW:** One Voice Wales Innovative Practice National Awards 2018
17. **OVW:** Review of Community and Town Council Sector - Consultation Events
18. **BBNPA:** Agenda for National Park Authority, Friday, 10th November, 2017
19. **Crickhowell TC:** Suggestion for combined CAB donation
20. **BBNPA:** 17/15349/FUL and 17/15350/LBC The Blue Bell Inn Glangrwyney response
21. **OVW:** The Ombudsman's Casebook - Issue 30
22. **OVW:** Flanders/Wales: A First World War Symposium
23. **OVW:** Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust Information Event November 20, 2017
24. **OVW:** NHS appointments
25. **OVW:** training course – the council meeting
26. **BBNPA:** Agenda for Brecon Beacons National Park LAF - 16th November 2017
27. **OVW:** Kirsty Williams AM – Written Statement: 21st Century Schools and Education Programme
28. **BBNPA:** Application 17/15481/FUL (agenda)
29. **BBNPA:** Application 17/15413/FUL (agenda)

14. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence:

1. **Mid and West Wales Service Stakeholders** – review of contact details
2. **BBNPA:** Bell Inn Application has been withdrawn.
3. **OVW:** C&TC Review Consultations - CEO's speech to OVW National Conference – Howey 04/12 and Cwmbran 5/12

15. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:

- Footpath No 2 – Ty'n-y-Cae, Glangrwyney

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25 pm

Signed:
Cllr C Fairclough, Chairman