

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs C Fairclough (Chairman), J Morris, H Tohill, P Bowker, D Sharman, E Lusted and C Alford.  
**In attendance:** Mr K Miles, Mr S Hindmarsh and M James (*Clerk*),

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs D Christy and Cllr Cty J Morris
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Public Speaking Session:** Mr Hindmarsh and Mr Miles addressed the meeting. Mr Hindmarsh explained he wished to have the footpath at Ty'n y Cae diverted due to problems encountered with dogs, as well as to improve security. He informed Members the new route would prove more scenic and allow both walkers and himself more privacy. The footpath would be fenced and provided with gates rather than stiles.
4. **Applications/Consultations:**

**4.1 Proposed Diversion of Footpath No 2 - Ty'n y Cae, Glangrwyney:** Two emails and a petition containing some 75 signatures have been received opposing the diversion of this footpath. Whilst the petition was noted to contain signatures from people living outside the Vale of Grwyney these were noted to be mainly from neighbouring town/villages with the majority of signatures received from those resident in the Vale of Grwyney. It was questioned whether the problem of dogs straying could be resolved by the installation of gates. A vote was called. 4 votes were received against the diversion, 2 in favour and 1 abstention.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend the proposed diversion be rejected.

*Mr Hindmarsh and Mr Miles left the meeting at this point (20:05).*

**4.2 Decisions/Other:** None reported.

**4.3 Retrospective Planning:** A copy of a letter from the enforcement department at BBNPA was read to Members. Investigations into a report of unauthorised building reveal a planning application has not been submitted however BBNPA do not intend to pursue the matter. Members were concerned once again to hear procedures are being ignored.

5. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris was not present, but emailed to say he was unhappy with the response from the portfolio holder for highways, Cllr L Fitzpatrick, concerning the yellow lines and had requested the matter be returned to the Breconshire Committee.
6. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1195 – 1197] Cllr Tohill proposed the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Morris and duly approved.

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

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Llangattock CC confirm the next Five Councils Meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> January. Cllrs Fairclough, Morris and (possibly) Bowker will attend.

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Grit bins have been filled

8. **Llanbedr Allotments:** The lease agreement for the allotments and licence agreement for the nature garden have not been received. The Clerk will make enquiries with WWHA.

**9. Independent Review Panel - Call to Evidence Response:** A working group will meet early February to consider response. Date to be agreed.

**10. Any Other Business:** *for information purposes only*

- PCSO Dune will attend the Council's February meeting
- Several quad thefts have occurred. People are asked to be vigilant and also report off-roaders.

**11. Reports on Meetings Attended:** None reported.

**12. Finance:**

12.1 Cllr Sharman proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly agreed: G James (Salary/Exp) £225, HMRC (Tax) £50

12.2 The Finance Report was received and noted.

12.3 Precept 2018/19: A statement itemising receipts/expenditure incurred in the current year, as well as projected figures for the forthcoming year was circulated to assist in determining the budget. The recommendations contained in the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' (IRP) draft report were noted to have implications on the budget (ie communication allowance (£150 per member per annum); care allowance (£403 max per month) although it would not be known whether these payments would be mandatory until the final report is issued towards the end of February. It was agreed the Council budget towards community projects and increase the Clerk's salary (£500 per annum) from April 2018.

Cllr Morris proposed the precept remain at £7,500. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and unanimously agreed.

**13. Highways:**

- Salt bin required in St Peter's Close – *halfway down against allotment fence*
- Roads need sweeping
- Gritting needs improvement between Craig-y-Bwla and Llanbedr.

**14. Reports on Meetings Attended:** None reported.

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

1. **OVW:** Review of the Community and Town Council Sector (Circulated)
2. **BBNPA:** Extraordinary General Meeting - 23/01/2018 (Circulated)
3. **OVW:** December 2017 News Bulletin (Circulated)
4. **OVW:** Training (Circulated)
5. **BBNPA:** Weekly planning registers (Circulated)
6. **Powys Newslines:** circular (Circulated)
7. **BBNPA:** Consultation notice of Review of LDP (Circulated)
8. **Cllr W Bowler:** resignation letter – *Clerk to forward letter of thanks*
9. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** circular

**14. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence:**

1. **OVW:** The Council Meeting - Training – Builth Wells 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – 6.30 – 9.00
2. **OVW:** Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 Section 8: Local Toilets Strategies – Consultation Document on Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities – ends 4 April 2018:  
<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/local-toilets-strategies-statutory-guidance-local-authorities> (on agenda)
3. **Llangattock CC** – agenda for 5 Councils Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January (Circulated)

4. **Powys Teaching Board:** Major Trauma Network for South and West Wales and South Powys consultation closes in three weeks (Circulated)

**15. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda**

- Glangrwyney Hall Consultation Report – *Cllr Bowker to circulate report.*
- Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 Section 8: Local Toilets Strategies – Consultation
- Call to Evidence Review response.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:05 pm

Signed: .....

Cllr C Fairclough, Chairman