

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 19th February 2018 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Caroline Fairclough (Chairman), John Morris, Howard Tohill, Phillip Bowker, David Sharman, Elaine Lusted and Colin Alford. **In attendance:** Cty Cllr John Morris, PCSO Billy Dune and Maria James (Clerk).

Policing Up-date from PCSO Billy Dunne: In recent months this area has been hit with what is classified “rural crime” with several burglaries, shed and quad thefts. The Farm Watch scheme has however proved extremely successful with one quad recovered before it was known to have been stolen and the police have managed to catch and imprison a couple of perpetrators. The importance of locking sheds and being vigilant was emphasised. The community’s assistance is vital in helping police combat criminal behaviour. This was demonstrated recently when a report of suspicious behaviour meant both Dyfed Powys and Gwent Police were able to respond swiftly to control a rave in Grwyne Fawr.

Technology such as automatic number plate recognition cameras (ANPCs) is used to combat criminal activity in surrounding areas however this does mean areas without cameras get targeted. Plans to install an ANPC in this area were abandoned last year due to lack of funds however additional funds have recently been released by the Police & Crime Commissioner which may make it possible to install one. Members thanked PCSO Dunne for his report, following which he left the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Dean Christy

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr E Lusted [Page 1203 Item 11] Personal Interest - related to entrant.

3. **Applications/Consultations:**

3.1 **18/15678/FUL:** “Minor Development – External works associated with the reconfiguration and extension of an existing car park within Cwrt-y-Gollen Training Camp. No change of use.” **Cwrt Y Gollen Training Camp , Crickhowell, NP8 1TH**

No objection.

18/15703/FUL: “Proposed 2 Storey extension to the rear to the existing dwelling” **Little Pengilfach, Llangenny, Crickhowell NP8 1HF**

No objection.

18/15777/FUL: “Replacement dwelling.” **Ty Phillip, Llanbedr, Crickhowell Powys NP8 1SY**

This item was received following publication of the agenda therefore Cllr Morris proposed it be deferred to the next meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman who also proposed a site meeting be conducted. This was seconded by Cllr Tohill. The Clerk will contact BBNPA.

18/15795/FUL: “Proposed Prefabricated/modular stand-alone Gymnasium building. No Change of Use”. **Joint Services Hang Gliding Paragliding Centre, Mod Training Establishment, Deans Drive Cwrt Y Gollen, Crickhowell NP8 1EH**

As this application was received following circulation of the agenda it was agreed to defer discussion to the following meeting.

3.2 The following applications have been PERMITTED:

17/15348/ADV: 1no. Pictorial sign with Bell detail and applied vinyl wording. Lit by trough light from below. 2no. Amenity boards, lit by spot light. 1no. Individual built up letters. lit by trough light. 2no. Amenity boards, with applied vinyl wording. 1no. Brass menu case. 1no. Car park sign. 1no.

A-Board with 2no. Clip frames 3no. Black lanterns 4no. Black up/down lighters. 1no. sign with applied vinyl. 1no. Double sided car park sign in existing position: **The Blue Bell Inn, Glangrwyney, Crickhowell NP8 1EH**

17/15351/LBC: External alterations including advertisement: **The Blue Bell Inn, Glangrwyney, Crickhowell NP8 1EH**

4. County Council Report: Cty Cllr Morris reported:

- The consultation on yellow lines in Crickhowell is now open. Whilst it is understood Crickhowell TC supports this proposal the Civic Society has raised concerns over loss of parking. Members were urged to write to demonstrate individual support, in addition to the council's support.
- PCC holds its annual budget meeting on Thursday. A balanced budget has been produced with a 5% increase in council tax.
- Change in bin collection dates – letters should have gone out today.
- It was suggested the Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick be invited to a future meeting to discuss highway issues.

JGM left the meeting at 20:21

5. Minutes of Meeting [Page 1198 – 1200] Cllr Morris proposed the minutes of the 15th January 2018 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Tohill and duly approved.

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

- Salt bucket hasn't been delivered to St Peter's Close.
- Roads remain in need of sweeping.

7. Llanbedr Allotments: The allotment lease has still not been received. Llanbedr School was reported to have asked WWHA for assistance with its car park application but was told WWHA could not help (despite initial offers of assistance). The Clerk has contacted Eleanor Foxwell (WWHA) who will investigate.

WWHA suggest meeting following circulation of the lease agreements in order to sort any queries and ensure maintenance obligations are clear. It was suggested this be arranged on the 7th March when the positioning of the sheds could be agreed, as well as if chickens are permitted.

8. Glangrwyney Village Hall:

8.1 Cllr Bowker explained the consultation report was behind schedule, but should be available by the end of March. When finalised it will be forwarded to the Community Council, church and other community organisations for feedback .

8.2 The Council's Glangrwyney Village Hall representative was confirmed to be Cllr D Sharman. The representative's role is that of an observer – with no voting rights. It was questioned whether the Council's representative should be entitled to vote however noted this would require a change in the committee's governing document and therefore not practical.

Cllr Bowker's request for Glangrwyney Village Hall to become a regular item on the agenda was debated. It was pointed out that "Reports on Meetings Attended" provides opportunity for reports to be submitted concerning the hall therefore a regular agenda item was not considered necessary.

9. Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 Section 8: Local Toilets Strategies Consultation:

Noted. It was suggested members submit individual responses.

10. Independent Review Panel - Call to Evidence: The draft response prepared by Cllr Fairclough was reviewed. Amendments will be incorporated and circulated prior to discussion at the next meeting.

Problems with poor broadband were noted to be a factor in how effectively the Council can operate - the Clerk was asked to obtain an up-date on situation from Chris Davies MP.

It was suggested the Council consider producing a five year plan.

11. Vale of Grwyney “Seasons in the Vale” Competition: Winning entries were selected from Class Three and the Foundation Phase of Llanbedr School. The winners to be presented with a certificate/medal and all pupils rewarded for participating (*maximum budget £30*). The school to receive a cheque for £50. The presentation to be held on St David’s Day.

12. Council Vacancy: An election has not been called therefore the Council is free to co-opt a new Member. Notices to be displayed within the community and on the web site inviting applicants to apply by the 16th March.

13. Any Other Business: *for information only*

The internal auditor is due to visit on the 6th March prior to year end.

14. Finance:

14.1 Cllr Lusted proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly agreed: G James (Salary/Exp), HMRC (Tax), OVW £121 subscription.

14.2 The Finance Report was received and noted.

14.3 Risk Assessment: In line with governance requirements the Council was asked to review the effectiveness of internal controls. The Risk Assessment Schedule as previously circulated was discussed and adopted.

15. Highways:

- Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick to be invited to attend a meeting.
- Road below Celyn and Llwynon Partrishow remains in need of repair due to water damage – request meeting for Cllr Alford with Allun Jones (PCC).
- Roads need sweeping
- Potholes in Grwyne Fawr valley.
- Traffic calming in Glangrwyney - when is work starting – the clerk to make enquiries.

16. Reports on Meetings Attended:

Cllr Morris attended an OVW Area Committee Meeting with Lyn Cadwallader – a new development officer has not yet been appointed. The Police & Crime Commissioner was due to attend but cancelled. Members are urged to make representations to the Review Panel. The importance of attending training was emphasised.

Cllrs Morris and Fairclough and the Clerk attended the Five Councils meeting hosted by Llangattock CC - notes have been circulated.

Cllr Lusted reported Llanbedr School is now classified as a “Green” school.

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

1. **BBNPA:** Weekly planning registers (Circulated)

2. **OVW:** request for copy of council's response to council review
3. **OVW:** Proposals to tackle crime and poor performance in the waste sector (Circulated)
4. **BBNPA:** Agenda for PAROW meeting 23/01/18 (Circulated)
5. **PCC:** details of general dispensations (Circulated)
6. **BBNPA:** Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee, 26th January, 2018 (Circulated)
7. **PCC:** Powys Archives (circulated)
8. **OVW:** Bulletin (Circulated)
9. **M Jones:** enquiry re housing survey (No longer required)
10. **Powys LDP Team:** link to <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/planning-building-control/local-development-plan/ldp-examination/> and request for contact details (sent) (circulated)
11. **OVW:** Future Generations Commissioner: Future Generations Framework (Circulated)
12. **OVW:** FCFCG Wales Newsletter January 2018 (Circulated)
13. **PCC Electoral Services:** Notice of Casual Vacancy
14. **PCC:** Powys Newslines (Circulated)
15. **OVW:** advice to budget for members allowances (circulated)
16. **Llangattock CC:** notes of Five Councils Meeting (circulated)
17. **BBNPA:** Agenda for National Park Authority, 9th February, 2018 (circulated)
18. **OVW:** End to local government fees for child burials
19. **OVW:** The Ombudsman's Casebook - Issue 31 (Circulated)
20. **OVW:** Welsh Language Commissioner Business Survey
21. **OVW:** Women's Suffrage Centenary Celebrations – details of grants (Circulated)
22. **PCC:** request for copy of electoral register (posted)
23. **OVW:** Welsh Government Public Appointment Vacancies (Circulated)
24. **Crickhowell TC:** A40 Elvicta Layby: Closure. Historic perspective (Circulated)
25. **PCC:** copy of Various Streets Crickhowell) (Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time) Order 2018
26. **18/15678/FUL:** Cwrt Y Gollen Training Camp , Crickhowell, Powys NP8 1TH (agenda)
27. **18/15703/FUL:** Little Pengilfach, Llangenny, Crickhowell Powys NP8 1HF (agenda)
28. **British Red Cross:** funding request
29. **OVW:** renewal of membership - £121

18. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:

1. **OVW:** Engagement Event Invitation from the Review Panel (Circulated)
2. **BBNPA:** Applications 18/15777/FUL and 18/15795/FUL (Agenda)
3. **OVW:** Tax policy work plan 2018 and developing new taxes in Wales (Circulated)
4. **OVW:** Innovative Practice Annual Awards Ceremony 2018 (Circulated)
5. **OVW:** General Data Protection Regulation (Circulated)
6. **PCC:** electoral register

19. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda

Deferred Planning applications.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.48pm

Signed:

Cllr C Fairclough, Chairman