

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 16th April 2018 at 7:30pm in Glangrywney Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Caroline Fairclough (Chair), John Morris, Howard Tothill, David Sharman, Elaine Lusted, Colin Alford and Phillip Bowker. In attendance: Maria James (*Clerk*).

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

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None declared.

3. **Planning Applications:**

- 3.1 (i) **18/15886/FUL** "Proposed porch extension to front of property: Sharuhen, Llangenny Rd, Glangrwyney NP8 1ET

RESOLVED to submit a response of no objection

- (ii) **18/15925/FUL:** Widening of entrance and creation of greater visibility. Ysgubor Newydd, Great Oak Road NP8 1SP

RESOLVED to submit a response of no objection

- (iii) **18/15912/REM:** Reserved matters application in respect of landscaping and layout for amenity and infrastructure phases of Application 12/08575/OUT and Partial discharge of Conditions 15,17,27 and 31. Cwrt Y Gollen, Glangrwyney

RESOLVED to submit a response stating the Council is unable to comment on the technical nature of the documents supplied and reiterate the importance of keeping the Council fully informed of developments.

- (iv) **18/15777/FUL:** "Replacement dwelling." Ty Phillip, Llanbedr, NP8 1SY

Queries raised [Page 1205 Item 4.1 (i)] have not been addressed - the Council is therefore unable to comment.

3.2 **Decisions/Other:**

- (i) **Application 18/15795/FUL** - Joint Services Hang Gliding Paragliding Centre, Mod Training Establishment, Deans Drive, Cwrt Y Gollen, Crickhowell, NP8 1TE has been **PERMITTED**.
- (ii) **Footpath at Ty'n-y-Cae, Glangrwyney** – up-date requested on proposed diversion.

3.3 **Planning Breaches:**

Following a reported breach of planning regulations it was **RESOLVED** to write to BBNPA to ascertain the position.

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr J Morris was not present therefore no report was presented.

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1205–1208] Cllr Fairclough thanked Cllr Morris for deputising for her. Cllr Tothill proposed the minutes of the 19th March 2018 be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly approved.

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

Page 1205 Item 4.3: The cost of a projector is circa £280/£300

Page 1207 Item 17.23: The Clerk reported residents are interested in attending a Welsh Hearts CPD and defibrillator training session. Cllr Bowler offered Glangrwyney Village Hall as a venue (free of charge). Date to be arranged.

- 7. Llanbedr Allotments/Nature Garden:** The allotment agreement has now been signed by Llanbedr Allotment Society. The Clerk will contact the Society to ask it to notify the Council of future meetings so the Council's representative (Cllr John Morris) can attend. The allotment sheds have not been delivered (to date) – the Clerk will make enquiries.

WWHA is currently speaking with its architects to find out if they are able to assist Llanbedr School with its planning application.

The land allocated as a nature garden was found to be in poor condition and in need of considerable work before it can be assigned to the Council. WWHA will ask its ecologist if a small area can be turfed (for a bench). Currently planning specifies the ground is planted as wildflower grassland with four crab apple trees. WWHA will provide further detail in due course.

- 8. Glangrwyney Village Hall Consultation Report:** Cllr Bowker informed no meetings have taken place therefore he had no news to report.
- 9. Community Council Vacancy:** It was **RESOLVED** by majority vote to co-opt Mr Jonathan Wassall onto the Council to serve the Llangenny & Glangrwyney Ward. The Clerk was instructed to thank the unsuccessful candidate and recommend she re-apply should a future vacancy arise.
- 10. Community Newsletter:** The proposal to produce a newsletter was favourably received. It was suggested this be created electronically with paper copies left at public venues for people with no internet access. Prior to proceeding it was felt the Council first needs to generate interest in its web site.

It was **RESOLVED** to place posters on the notice-boards promoting the web site as well as advertising in the church magazine. Web site statistics to be reported at the following meeting.

- 11. Rural Theft:** Following the spate of thefts in the community it was suggested police notices be placed on notice boards advising people to be security conscious and links to Dyfed Powys and Gwent Police placed on the web site. Cllr Fairclough reported it is hoped CCTV will be installed in the Grwyney Fawr valley.
- 12. General Data Protection Regulation:** Advice from OVV recommends the council focus on completing the actions outlined in the toolkit and hold off appointing a DPO for the time being as MPs are being lobbied to make a change to the Data Protection Bill to address the implications of the DPO requirement on smaller public bodies. Further guidance will be issued.

The cost of up-grading the web site therefore removing adverts was reported to be £36 per annum. Cllr Sharman proposed the Council up-grade the web site, This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly agreed.

- 13. Review of County Electoral Arrangements for Powys:** The recommendation for Cwmdu and Tretower wards of the community of Cwmdu and District combine with Crickhowell and the Vale of Grwyney was noted. It was **RESOLVED** to write in support of this proposal.

14. Any Other Business for information only:

- The draft response compiled by Cllr Fairclough regarding the Community Council Review was received – subject to some amendment this will be submitted to the Panel.
- Chris Davies MP has made enquiries regarding broadband and will get back to us once a response has been received.

15. Finance:

- (i) Cllr Lusted proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and unanimously agreed: G James (Salary/Exp) £242.27/Exp £25, HMRC £49.60; ICO £35 (Data Protection)
- (ii) The Finance Report was received.
- (iii) Prior to agreeing the level of councillor's expenses/allowances it was agreed to ascertain HMRC requirements in relation to reporting allowances/expenses.
- (iv) The Internal auditor recommends consideration is given to recording payments against the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972. This was agreed.
- (v) The Council was asked to sign a letter addressed to the bank asking it to provide the Clerk with the balance of the deposit account as at 31st March 2018.
- (vi) Cllr Sharman proposed the Council purchase a projector at a cost of up to £300 to aid presentation of planning applications. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and unanimously agreed.

16. Highways: Ian Mills (PCC) confirms the request for a "No MOD" sign by Craig-y-Bwla/Five Ways is ongoing.

Members reported the following:

- Bont Lane, Grwynefechan - ongoing problem due to tarmac not laid correctly initially – *resident has to use sand bags to stop water entering property.*
- Sunnybank, Grwynefechan – potholes and side of road falling away
- Bellfountain Road, Crickhowell - salt bin requested
- Llanbedr - top road by Neuadd is deteriorating - in need of repair
- Street Light in Llanbedr out – *Cllr Tothill will report*
- Missing fence by river bank in Llangenny – *this is highways responsibility.*

Traffic calming works by Dan-y-Gollen in Glangrwyney were reported to have been completed although it is not currently known how effective they will prove.

17. Reports on Meetings Attended: Cllrs Fairclough, Morris, Sharman and the Clerk attended the Allotment Meeting on the 22nd March 2018 as reported previously [Page 1210 Item 7].

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

1. **PCC:** Newyddion Powys Newline
2. **OVW:** WG Strengthening Local Government – Delivering for People Consultation
3. **OVW:** "Tackling the plastic problem: Using the tax system/charges to address single-use plastic waste".
4. **OVW:** Powys LDP – Inspector's Report
5. **OVW:** Report on Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group Meeting
6. **BBNPA:** weekly planning registers
7. **Wales Audit Office:** reminder to complete survey
8. **OVW:** Fields in Trust - Active Spaces Grants Programme
9. **OVW:** Joint OVW/SLCC Conference – 16th May 2018
10. **OVW:** March 2018 News Bulletin
11. **PAVO:** membership renewed for 2018
12. **S Green:** Access Certificate Petition
13. **OVW:** Response to Community and Town Council Review
14. **OVW:** The importance of external audit

- 15. **OVW:** Report from Age Cymru - Showcasing tackling loneliness
- 16. **OVW:** One Voice Wales Innovative Practice National Awards 2018 Winners
- 17. **OVW:** Vacancy for up to 10 Brexit Interns in Welsh Government
- 18. **OVW:** Membership has been renewed - request to notify OVW of nominated councillor/s

19. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence

- 1. **Zurich:** insurance policy premium - £250.22
- 2. **OVW:** WG support for setting up of joint arrangements around core themes of community engagement, increasing citizen participation and engagement in local democracy, and clustering, available for 2018-19.
- 3. **BBNPA:** Single Integrated Assessments to agenda for National Park Authority.
- 4. **PCC:** Review of Community/Town Council Sector – workshops for local authorities
- 5. **PCC:** request for details of cemetery and child burial fees
- 6. **BBNPA:** 18/15920/FUL (deferred to next month)
- 7. **BBNPA:** weekly planning register – 06/04/18
- 8. **ICO:** invoice for data protection registration £35
- 9. **HMRC:** changes to way in which VAT126 is claimed – new reference number

20. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda

- Promotion of web site

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

Signed:
Chairman