

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

**Present:** Cllrs Caroline Fairclough (Chair), John Morris, Howard Tothill, Phill Bowker and Elaine Lusted. **In attendance:** One member of the public and Maria James (*Clerk*). **Absent:** Cllr Colin Alford

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Dean Christy, David Sharman, Jonathan Wassall and Cty Cllr Morris

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Bowker - Item 10 (Chairman - Glangrwyney Village Hall)

### 3. **Planning Matters**

#### 3.1 **Applications:**

- (i) **18/16250/FUL:** Proposed porch on main elevation fronting highway **Sharuhen, Llangenny NP8 1ET**

**RESOLVED:** to submit response of no objection.

- (ii) **Pre-application Consultation:** Proposed Emergency Services Telecommunications base station installation at EAS0501E – **Pentwyn Farm, Llanbedr NP8 1SY**

**RESOLVED:** to submit response supporting this proposal requesting pressure is applied on phone operators to provide commercial mobile phone coverage.

#### 3.2 **Decisions/Other:**

- (i) The following applications were noted to have been PERMITTED:

18/15971/FUL - **Brynteg, Llangenny, NP8 1HE**  
18/16112/FUL - **Llanbedr Church in Wales School Llanbedr NP8 1SR**  
18/15920/FUL and 18/15921/LBC - **Dyffryn Farmhouse, Llanbedr, NP8 1ST**  
18/16216/FUL: **Ty'n-y Cae, Glangrwyney NP8 1EZ**

- (ii) BBNPA inform change of use [18/16216/FUL] is only required for land by stable block (inside red line on location plan) not the whole field.

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris was not present but asked the Clerk to inform Members he is still chasing a date for the yellow lines going down in Crickhowell.

5. **Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Meeting** [Page 1218- 1221] . Cllr Lusted proposed the above minutes be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Tothill and duly approved.

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

- Following Council's approval the annual return was submitted to the external auditors by the agreed date.

7. **Llanbedr Allotments/Nature Garden:** The Clerk is awaiting a response from Wales & West Housing Association regarding the car park planning application [Page 1219 Item 7].

Cllr Tothill asked if the fenced off curb stones left on site could be removed and questioned responsibility for maintenance of the strip of land down the side of the allotments – whilst this is understood to rest with PCC the Clerk will enquire. The garden waste bin has not been provided - the Clerk to enquire with Cty Cllr Morris.

8. **Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme:** Community projects which require funding were discussed; suggestions included Wi-Fi in village halls and a community newsletter. In order to ascertain interest it was suggested a working party be set up to meet interested parties in September to discuss submitting a community bid.

***It was RESOLVED to write to hall committees/churches and place notice on the web site inviting interested parties to meet with the Community Council with a view to submitting an application to meet the autumn deadline round of funding.***

9. **Retrospective Planning Applications:** It was suggested financial penalties need to be implemented to encourage people to comply with the planning process however agreed to defer discussion to a future meeting when Cllr Christy is present.
10. **Glangrwyney Village Hall:** The consultation report previously circulated was noted. Members agreed to offer its support to the hall's bid for funding noting the Council should not forget there are two other village halls in the community.

Following a proposal by Cllr Lusted seconded by Cllr Tothill it was **RESOLVED** by majority vote (1 abstention) to send the letter of support (as previously circulated).

*Cllr Bowker having declared an interest as Chairman of Glangrwyney Village Hall answered questions but did not vote.*

11. **Internal Auditor:** It was agreed to continue to employ Ms Bermingham as the Council's internal auditor – the Clerk to confirm terms of engagement for approval.
12. **Model Standing Orders 2018 (Wales):** The NALC Model Standing Orders have been updated to reflect legislative changes which have occurred since 2013. Subject to agreed modifications it was **RESOLVED** to adopt these standing orders.

***ACTION: The Clerk to circulate a finalised copy to Members.***

13. **Any Other Business for information only:** The reported obstructed right of way in Llangenny has been referred to the Rights of Way Officer for investigation.

14. **Finance:**

- (i) Cllr Lusted proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed:

Staff (Salary/Exp) £267.07, HMRC (Tax) £49.40, Donations: £100 to Patricio, Llanbedr & Llangenny Churchyard Funds; £100 Wales Air Ambulance; £100 to Glangrwyney, Llanbedr & Llangenny Village Halls; £72 Friends of Llangenny Playground (ROSPA inspection).

*[Approved in June meeting: Members Communication Allowance £150 - Cllrs Christy, Tothill, Sharman and Bowker; Chairman's Allowance £300 - C Fairclough]*

- (ii) The finance report was noted. It was agreed to vire £225 from Members Allowances to cover the deficit in the Chairman's Allowance.
- (iii) NatWest Bank is unable to set up a direct debit due to the two signatory requirement. The Clerk will set up a direct debit (for which she will be reimbursed).

15. **Highways:** The following items were reported:

- A No HGV sign has been erected by Pen yr Heol – *Cllr Morris to check position.*

- The request for a No MOD sign has been declined. It was RESOLVED to pursue this matter with Cty Cllr Morris.
- Road by Neuadd in Llanbedr is rough where road has subsided due to water pipe laid some years ago.
- Grwyney Fawr - numerous potholes –one on road just past Gwern y Bustach – road surface in valley generally degrading.
- Glangrwyney – Cllr Tohill referred to a village which had a cut out sign of police/car which was considered effective in reducing speeding. It was questioned whether a Speed Sign could be funded (*via the Landfill Grant Scheme*). The Clerk to ask NMWTRA if they would permit such a sign.
- Llangenny Lane – pothole on Llangenny Lane road (*just past Graig Barn Farm*).
- Llangenny/Glangrwyney junction – hedges need trimming on both sides to improve visibility on entering the A40.
- Glangrwyney – weeds in centre of Glangrwyney have been removed by residents – can pavements be repaired/sprayed to prevent weeds re-occurring?

## 16. Reports on Meetings Attended:

Cllr Morris: OVW Area Meeting - new officers elected – Police Crime Commissioner invited but didn't turn up – plans to hold a special meeting with the Police Superintendent/Police Commissioner to discuss policing in community. It was questioned whether the “adopt a tree” scheme would create insurance liabilities for councils. OVW considering a charter with PCC.

Cllr Lusted: Llanbedr School Governors Meeting – approx 45 pupils on roll.

## 17. Correspondence: the following correspondence was noted and discussed as required:

1. **BBNPA:** weekly planning registers 08/06/18, 15/06/18, 22/06/18
2. **OVW:** Welsh Government Finance Trainee Graduate Scheme
3. **CTC Review:** June Newsletter
4. **Powys Teaching Health Board:** Meeting 26th June 2018
5. **WG:** Workshop for CTC s and PSBs to help delivery of local well-being plans.
6. **Crickhowell TC:** copy of letter to BBNPA opposing electronic planning notifications
7. **OVW:** June 2018 News
8. **BBNPA:** Agenda for PAROW - 10th July, 2018
9. **PCC:** Community Day, Dering Lines
10. **BBNPA:** Former Mid Wales Hospital, Talgarth – Development Brief
11. **OVW:** Summer Newsletter Older Peoples Commissioner for Wales
12. **BBNPA:** LDP Consultation - Delivery Agreement and Review Report – *put on August agenda*
13. **OVW:** Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter
14. **OVW:** Circular 008/2018 – Planning requirement - of private sewerage in new development
15. **OVW:** Is there is tree in your community you would like to champion?
16. **BBNPA:** Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee 13th July, 2018
17. **Powys Teaching Health Board** – Invitation to AGM - 18 July 2018
18. **LexisNexis:** 10<sup>th</sup> Edition - Charles Arnold Baker (£53) – *consider future purchasing*
19. **OVW:** Conference and AGM Saturday 29th September 2018 - *JM and CF*
20. **PCB:** Notice and Agenda - Local Committee meeting 12th July
21. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** Issue 118 – July 2018
22. **OVW:** agenda 13<sup>th</sup> July meeting, minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and AGM 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017
23. **Crickhowell & District Archive Centre:** funding request towards exhibition to commemorate centenary of the WWI Armistice — *agreed to donate £50.*

## 18. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:

1. **BBNPA:** Planning Register 29/06/18, 6/07/18
2. **PCC:** Powys War Memorials Project: Grants of up to £5,000 for World War 1 memorials
3. **Cwmdu CC:** agenda for 5 Councils Meeting (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July)

- 4. **Crickhowell and District Civic Society:** request to join working group to review policing in community - *Cllr Tothill to attend*
- 5. **OVW:** Achieving our low-carbon pathway to 2030 - Decarbonisation Newsletter
- 6. **BBNPA:** 18/16216/FUL - Ty'n-y Cae, Glangrwyney, Powys, NP8 1EZ has been permitted.

**19. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:** None reported.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:33 pm

Signed: .....  
*Chairman*