

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Dean Christy and David Sharman.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Fairclough declared an interest in Item 9 (Member of Steering Committee).

3. **Planning:**

3.1 Applications:

- (i) **18/16696/FUL:** extension and adaption of dwelling, including single storey rear extension and first floor side extension **Ty Llangenau Barn Llangenny NP8 1TB**
The Council RESOLVED to support this application suggesting consideration be given to using finishes in keeping with adjoining stone buildings.
- (ii) **18/16699/TPO:** Proposed works detailed in the tree condition survey dated 25 Sept 18. **Cwrt-y-Gollen Camp Crickhowell NP8 1TH**
No objection.
- (iii) **18/16761/CON:** Variation of planning permission 11/06837/FUL to incorporate changes to approved plans (Condition 2). **Land South Of St Peters Close Llanbedr NP8 1SQ**
No objection.

3.2 **Decisions/Other:** The following applications have been permitted:

- (i) 18/15912/REM: Cwrt Y Gollen, Glangrwyney
- (ii) 18/16527/FUL: Pentwyn Farm, Llanbedr
- (iii) 18/16537/TPO: The White House, Llangenny

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris reported:

- PCC is interviewing for a new chief executive on the 20th November.
- Budget – whilst austerity is officially over the situation remains dire – another £17 million of savings are to be found - more information should be available next month.
- Brexit – the council has been asked to prepare for Brexit. Risks include labour force for social care, agriculture and the economy.
- Christmas dinner for schools has been reinstated following complaints over the decision to offer an alternative.
- The yellow lines in Bellfountain Road have made the road safer to use, however complaints are now being received about vehicles parking outside residents' homes.

Parking problems in Crickhowell were discussed. As lack of affordable parking for people working in the town was considered a contributing factor it was questioned whether PCC could look at introducing a discounted parking permit specifically for the town's workers?

In response to a further request to remove the time restrictions from Crickhowell's lay-bys Ken Skates AM has reiterated he is not prepared to remove them.

Cllr Lusted reported the Lloyds Bank van has difficulty finding a large enough parking space in Crickhowell car park – it cannot open unless there is sufficient space around it.

Cllr Tothill referred to the consultation to remove the green waste bins and asked why PCC has purchased a new lorry specifically designed for emptying these bins (at a cost of £150K) when it looks like they are going to be removed?

Cty Cllr Morris stressed the importance of responding to the consultation and urged everyone to write in.

20.12 Cty Cllr John Morris left the meeting.

5. Minutes of 15th September 2018 Meeting [Page 1233 - 1236]. Subject to a minor typographical error Cllr Morris proposed the 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:

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HMRC is yet to respond to the query regarding the communication allowance.

7. Llanbedr Allotments/Nature Garden: Mr Grant Prosser of WWHA is available to meet on Thursday, 6th December to discuss the nature garden - Members suggested meeting at 12 o'clock.

8. Crickhowell Day Centre: A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, 12th December in the Health Centre Boardroom. Cllrs Sharman, Fairclough and Lusted to attend. The Clerk will circulate details.

9. Pen Y Cae, Grwyne Fawr: The Council was asked to write a letter in support of proposals to lease and renovate Pen-y-Cae (a building situated in the Mynydd Ddu Forest) for community use. (Cllr Morris provided photographs of the building). Members considered this a worthwhile project and following a proposal by Cllr Lusted, which was seconded by Cllr Morris, the Council RESOLVED to write a letter of support. *Cllr Fairclough as a member of the steering group took no part in the decision.*

10. Community Newsletter: Cllr Fairclough confirmed she has spoken to Rev Bowler and the church is willing to work in conjunction with the community council to produce a community newsletter. Together they plan to produce the first edition prior to Christmas. It will contain information relating to the village halls, school, pubs, local events, etc and be produced quarterly. Contributions should be submitted to vogpaper@gmail.com before 1st December.

Whilst it is intended to produce the newsletter electronically (available to download from the council's web site - www.valeofgrwyney.org) paper copies will also be available, particularly during its infancy, distributed in pubs, halls, etc. Cllr Tothill proposed the council make a donation of £50 towards the initial printing costs. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and carried by majority vote.

11. Councillor Vacancy: Leaflets advertising the current vacancy have been distributed within the community by Cllrs Tothill and Bowker. Whilst interest has been expressed no official applications have been received. The Clerk was instructed to ensure the previous applicant is aware of the vacancy.

12. Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme: Cllr Tothill informed Members the Civic Society is looking at getting a skate park in Crickhowell and whilst it won't be possible to submit a bid before the January deadline they have submitted a letter of interest.

Cllr Fairclough suggested making a bid to fund the purchase of display boards for use in the community. Cllr Lusted proposed the Council register for the scheme. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly agreed. The Clerk to obtain costings.

13. Retrospective Planning: Cllr Tothill referred Members to previous discussions regarding the reported breach of planning regulations [Page 1233 Item 13.2] stating if BBNPA visited the site (as reported) we are legally entitled under planning legalisation for the matter to be investigated. He asked the Council to make an official complaint to BBNPA. Following discussion it was decided to vote on this request.

Cllr Tothill proposed the Council write to BBNPA to make a complaint and ask why no official action was taken. This was seconded by Cllr Bowker. 2 in favour, 3 against - Not carried.

Following the vote Cllr Tothill resigned from the Council and left the meeting.

Discussion ensued in which it was agreed reported concerns cannot be ignored and must be investigated. In order to do this however the Council must first have concrete written evidence.

It was agreed the Council needs to adopt a policy on dealing with reported planning breaches. The Clerk will prepare a draft.

14. Any Other Business for information only

- Public at council meetings - policy to be prepared.
- Ex-councillor Wendy Bowler laid the wreath in Llangenny on behalf of the Community Council in Llangenny. The Chair laid the wreath in Crickhowell.

15. Finance:

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

G James (Salary £242.27/Exp £25) £267.27, HMRC (Tax) £49.40, OVW (training) £40; RBL Poppy Appeal (wreath) £34; Llanbedr Allotment Society (donation) £50, J Morgan (Care of Notice board) £12, S D Caddick (domain mapping) £25, D Sharman (travelling exp) £33.30.

- (ii) The Finance Report was received and noted.

- (iii) Communication Policy to be prepared.

16. Highways the following matters were reported:

- Bluebell wood access – *chase Cty Cllr Morris for meeting.*
- Request for Monmouthshire CC to grit Gwern-y-bustach pitch – *report to Crucorney CC.*
- Cleaning of leaves/mud throughout the Vale required.
- Road from Llanbedr to Llangenny – dip where repaired previously
- Druids Altar pitch - full of potholes.

17. Reports on Meetings Attended: Cllr Bowker attended an OVW training session on GDPR and presented a verbal report – the Clerk to circulate information on GDPR electronically.

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

1. **BBNPA:** 18/16527/FUL - Pentwyn, Llanbedr has been permitted
2. **BBNPA:** LDP - call for candidate sites
3. **BBNPA:** Agenda - Planning, Access and Rights of Way - 23rd October 2018
4. **BBNPA:** Agenda - National Park Authority - 23rd October 2018
5. **BBNPA:** 18/16537/TPO - permitted
6. **BBNPA:** Planning Application 18/16699/TPO
7. **OVW:** Information Management (Inc. GDPR) Training - 24th October
8. **OVW:** Training - **Code of Conduct** training - Undy - Monday 29th October 2018
9. **Powys Teaching Health Board:** latest edition of 111/OOH Stakeholder Bulletin.
10. **BBNPA:** weekly planning lists (12/10/18, 19/10/18, 26/10/18, 3/11/18)
11. **BBNPA:** Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee, 26th October, 2018, 10.00 am
12. **DWP:** Support the Armed Forces Community through a covenant promise.
13. **BBNPA:** Planning Application 18/16696/FUL - agenda
14. **OVW:** November Bulletin
15. **Crickhowell TC:** copy of letter to PCC Leader

16. **OVW:** Free Event: Building a Co-operation Between Wales and the Basque Country
17. **BBNPA:** 18/15912/REM - permitted
18. **OVW:** Veterans in Wales – survey
19. **OVW:** encourage use of the *Cymru'n Cofio* Wales Remembers 1914-1918 website
20. **BBNPA :** Planning Application 18/16761/CON - agenda
21. **OVW:** Understanding Welsh Places
22. **PCC:** Crickhowell Day Centre meeting -12th December
23. **OVW:** One Voice Wales Innovative Practice & National Awards Conference 2019
24. **Crickhowell TC:** details of Remembrance Service.
25. **OVW:** Natural Resources Bulletin - Issue 33
26. **Welsh Hearts:** Powys T/Community Councils – location of defibrillators – done
27. **PCC:** Funding from National Resources Wales to improve local public rights of ways
28. **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal:** invoice £34
29. **OVW:** Information Management (Inc. GDPR) Training – invoice £ 40

19. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:

1. **S Caddick** – invoice for Wordpress domain mapping – 2 years - £25
2. **Abermule (with) Llandyssil Community Council:** request for support regarding proposed recycling development at Abermule
3. **Welsh Government News** – November 2018
4. **OVW:** Job Vacancy - Mid & West Wales Development Officer
5. **OVW:** request to take place in Tree Charter Day, taking place on 24 November 2018
6. **OVW:** Audit General for Wales - Councils need to think and act differently to sustain services
7. **BBNPA:** planning register – 09/11/18

20. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda

- Car parking in Crickhowell

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.00pm

Signed:

Chairman