

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall

**Present:** Cllr Caroline Fairclough (Chair)  
Cllr John Morris  
Cllr Elaine Lusted  
Cllr Phill Bowker  
Cllr Colin Alford  
Cllr Dean Christy

**In attendance:** Cty Cllr John Morris and Maria James (Clerk)

1.	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr David Sharman
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None received.
3.	<b>Planning:</b>  <b>3.1 Applications:</b> None received  <b>3.2 Decisions/Other:</b> None received.
4.	<b>County Council Report from Cty Cllr Morris:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crickhowell Day Centre – PCC recently met with community groups (including representatives from the Vale of Grwyney CC and Crickhowell TC) to discuss the future of Crickhowell Day Centre. The centre costs approx £115,000 per annum to run and has 18 clients. To attend people have to be referred by Social Services however referrals have dropped in favour of alternative services. The day centre is unable to continue in its current form.  The Volunteer Bureau propose taking over the building at Maes-y-Ffynnon to provide activities for a wider range of people (who do not need referrals from Social Services) costing less to run. This proposal could provide a better service however to succeed community involvement and financial support (initially £30,000/40,000 pa) from PCC is crucial. PCC is looking at this proposal and will meet with the Health Board in the New Year to discuss.</li><li>• Budget – £14 million savings are required this year with another £14 million savings required in 2020. Services which the council does not have a statutory requirement to provide, ie leisure/highways/culture/arts will suffer. Further information should be available next month.</li><li>• PCC has appointed a new Chief Executive.</li><li>• Highways – the previously postponed meeting with Ian Mills to discuss MOD/HGV signage needs re-scheduling – Clerk to arrange.</li></ul> <p>Members reported the road between Llangenny and Llanbedr, where repaired previously, is sinking and a section of road between Partrishow Church and Dower House requires a barrier [see Page 1243 Item 14].</p>

	<p>Cllr Christy was invited by PCC to give a presentation on how Crickhowell won the Great British High Street award. At this event he spoke with an officer concerning parking problems in Crickhowell. Cllr Christy has joined a working group looking into this.</p> <p><i>As tackling parking problems in Crickhowell is on the agenda [Item 8] discussion was deferred.</i></p> <p><b>19.51 JGM left the meeting.</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Minutes [Pages 1237- 1241]:</b> Cllr Morris proposed the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 meeting be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly approved.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising (for information purposes):</b> A link for the Vale of Grwyney News &amp; Events newsletter is on the council web site. Members were asked to promote and invite people to submit articles for future publications. The Clerk will place advertising posters on the council's notice boards.</p>
6.	<p><b>Llanbedr Allotments/Nature Garden to receive up-date/sign licence.</b> Cllrs Fairclough, Lusted, Sharman and the Clerk attended a site meeting with WWHA concerning the nature garden (report circulated). It was questioned whether the plan attached to the licence agreement received from WWHA reflects the correct boundary.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to sign the licence agreement subject to the boundary being confirmed.</b></p>
7.	<p><b>Crickhowell Day Centre: to receive up-date on current position.</b> Reported previously [Item 4: County Councillor Report].</p>
8.	<p><b>Crickhowell Car Park: to discuss ways of tackling parking problems</b> Problems encountered with parking in Crickhowell were discussed. Lack of space together with the cost of parking for those working in the town was felt to contribute towards vehicles parking in residential areas. Additional parking sites were discussed. Whilst this is a Crickhowell issue as it affects surrounding communities it was felt this topic needs to be raised at the next Five Councils Meeting (to be hosted by the VoGCC).</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to place on the agenda of the next Five Councils meeting.</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Councillor Vacancy:</b> PCC Electoral Services has confirmed an election has not been called - the Council can co-opt a new member to fill the vacancy for Llanbedr Ward. There are now two vacancies – one for Llangenny &amp; Glangrwyney Ward and one for Llanbedr Ward.</p> <p>No applications have been received to date. Both vacancies will be advertised on the notice boards and web site.</p>
10.	<p><b>Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme:</b> The cost of purchasing community notice boards [Page 1238 Item 12] amounts to approximately £300/500 which does not fit the criteria of this scheme. It was suggested other funding sources are investigated.</p>
11.	<p><b>Retrospective Planning:</b> Retrospective planning continues to be a problem in the community. It was agreed to ask the Five Councils to work together to tackle this ongoing problem.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to place on the next Five Councils agenda.</b></p>

<p>12.</p>	<p><b>Any Other Business (for information purposes):</b>                  Cllr Bowker reported Glangrwyney Village Hall’s application to the Big Lottery Fund has been unsuccessful. The hall may still be eligible for a 50/50 grant from Powys County Council.</p> <p>Members acknowledged the work undertaken by Cllr Bowker in preparing this bid and expressed disappointment at the decision.</p>										
<p>13.</p>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>13.1 Cllr Lusted proposed the following items be approved for payment, this was seconded by Cllr Christy and duly agreed:</p> <table data-bbox="284 595 1246 763"> <tr> <td>G James (Salary £242.07/Exp £25)</td> <td>£ 267.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (Tax)</td> <td>£ 49.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G James - Stationery/postage (12/17-12/18)</td> <td>£ 82.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Welsh Water - Llanbedr Water Trough)</td> <td>£ 17.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newsletter Printing Costs</td> <td>£ 50.00 – <i>payment deferred</i></td> </tr> </table> <p>13.2 <b>Finance Report:</b> Received and noted.</p> <p>13.3 <b>Determining Precept:</b> Deferred to January meeting.</p> <p>13.4 <b>Other:</b> None.</p>	G James (Salary £242.07/Exp £25)	£ 267.07	HMRC (Tax)	£ 49.60	G James - Stationery/postage (12/17-12/18)	£ 82.53	Welsh Water - Llanbedr Water Trough)	£ 17.50	Newsletter Printing Costs	£ 50.00 – <i>payment deferred</i>
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<p>14.</p>	<p><b>Highways:</b>                  Cllr Alford referred to an incident on the road between Dower House and Patrishow Church which resulted in a vehicle reversing off the road above a steep dingle – he asked for a barrier to be erected urgently to prevent a serious accident. Cllr Fairclough will investigate.</p> <p>The hedge belonging to Gwern y bustach (on the road to Patrishow Church) needs cutting (reported previously)</p> <p>Road drains have been cleared but roads were not cleaned – consequently drains are now full again.</p>										
<p>15.</p>	<p><b>Reports on Meetings Attended:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Llanbedr Nature Garden: Cllrs Fairclough, Lusted, Sharman and the Clerk attended a meeting with WWHA – reported on previously.</li> <li>• Five Councils: Cllr Fairclough attended. Notes have been circulated together with copies of emails from the Five Councils regarding green waste, Llangynidr Bridge and policing.</li> </ul>										
<p>16.</p>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Llandrindod Wells TC:</b> objection to relocation of Ariel Lift Platform Llandrindod Fire Station</li> <li>2. <b>Llanbedr Allotment Society:</b> receipt for donation</li> <li>3. <b>BBNPA:</b> weekly planning registers</li> <li>4. <b>WG:</b> Section 137 Discretionary Expenditure Limit for 2019/20 is £8.12 per elector.</li> <li>5. <b>OVW:</b> December 2018 News Bulletin</li> <li>6. <b>Powys CHC:</b> Full Council Meeting 5th December</li> <li>7. <b>Powys Teaching Board:</b> Final Powys 111 and OOH Stakeholder Bulletin</li> <li>8. <b>Powys Teaching Board:</b> Minutes &amp; Agenda 4<sup>th</sup> December - <b>cancelled</b></li> <li>9. <b>Cllr Rosemarie Harris:</b> response to Crickhowell TC.</li> <li>10. <b>Crickhowell TC:</b> letter re green waste sent to PCC (Lee Evans)</li> </ol>										

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<b>17.</b>	<b>Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>WWHA</b>: licence agreement</li><li>2. <b>BBNPA</b>: weekly planning register (7/12/18)</li><li>3. <b>OVW</b>: Christmas Wishes</li><li>4. <b>OVW</b>: First Minister's new Cabinet announced</li><li>5. <b>OVW</b>: Natural Resources Bulletin - Issue 34 - December 2018</li><li>6. <b>OVW</b>: 2019-20 National Pay Agreement</li><li>7. <b>BBNPA</b>: 'Waterfall Country' Public Consultation#</li><li>8. <b>PCC</b>: Notice of Casual Vacancy</li><li>9. <b>OVW</b>: Connecting Communities in Wales Newsletter</li></ol>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Items for inclusion in the next Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Precept</li><li>• Consider supporting plans to develop the Clarence Hall</li></ul>

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.05 pm

Signed: .....  
Chairman