

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 18th February 2019 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall

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

In attendance: Maria James (Clerk)

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Sharman
2.	Declarations of Interest: None received.
3.	Planning: 3.1 Applications: (i) 19/17056/FUL: Resurfacing and minor extension of car park at Coed Cefn, a Woodland Trust woodland in Crickhowell. Car Park at Coed Cefn opposite Ty Celyn, Llangenny Crickhowell No objection 3.2 Decisions/Other: (i) Application 18/16935/LBC: Installation of new flue Ty Llangenny, Llangenny NP8 1TB has been PERMITTED (ii) BBNPA LDP Consultation Exercises: Cllr Fairclough will attend the 14 th March session. Cllr Morris provisionally agreed to attend the 28 th February session - <i>Cllr Sharman will be asked if Cllr Morris is unable to go.</i>
4.	County Council Report from Cty Cllr Morris: (<i>JGM arrived at 7:40</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget: the budget goes to full council this Thursday - another £12 million of cuts this year. The Cabinet is proposing a number of cuts to services. Council tax is expected to rise by 9.5%. It has been suggested the Council looks into using its capital assets to put into revenue (<i>WG state this is permissible if monies raised are put into services</i>).• Crickhowell Day Centre – the Volunteer Bureau and PCC have held discussions. It is hoped the day centre can be used as a community building. <p>Cllr Christy asked Cllr Morris if he knew what was happening with the development at Cwrt Y Gollen. Cllr Morris offered to make enquiries.</p> <p><i>19.50 JGM left the meeting</i></p>
5.	Minutes [Pages 1245 - 1248]: Cllr Morris proposed the minutes of the 18 th January 2019 meeting be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Bowker and duly approved.
6.	Matters Arising (for information purposes): None reported.
7.	Local Development Plan: Several members attended the Planning Aid Wales training on the LDP reporting it had been extremely informative.

	<p>The training emphasised the importance of referring to policies when responding to planning applications. Material considerations must be considered. Emotional responses do not work.</p> <p>The BBNPA consultation exercises referred to earlier [Page 1248 3.2 (ii)] should clarify procedures.</p>
8.	<p>BBNPA Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan: The Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan is now out for consultation. Comments are invited by 17th March 2019. Members were asked to look at the response form circulated previously and forward comments to the Clerk for submission. The Clerk will ask Cllr Sharman if he wishes to comment.</p>
9.	<p>Llanbedr Nature Garden Opening Event: In response to the query as to whether the Council can plant a dwarf cherry tree (or similar) in the nature garden WWHA confirm they will accept additional planting provided neighbours and drainage runs are considered and the garden remains a nature garden supporting local wildlife.</p> <p>The Clerk has asked WWHA to consider contributing towards the cost of the opening event and is currently awaiting a decision. It was suggested WWHA sponsor refreshments and/or a gift for the children participating in the signage competition. Kirsty Williams AM will be invited to open the event. The Clerk will ascertain her availability in May before setting a date.</p> <p>Llanbedr School will be asked to design three signs. One to welcome people to the nature garden, one asking owners to pick up after their dogs and one asking people not to litter. Powys CC will be asked to provide a bin by the allotments to deter littering.</p> <p>Cllr Alford has collected the lottery funded benches and offered to install one bench in the nature garden – he will meet with Cllr Morris to agree positioning. (<i>Cllr Alford will store the second bench until a suitable site has been agreed</i>).</p>
10.	<p>Five Councils Meeting: Crickhowell Civic Society has been invited to speak however is in the process of arranging a meeting with the Police Commissioner and therefore considers it more effective for representatives of the Five Councils to attend this and report back to their councils - Cllrs Christy and Bowker offered to represent the Vale of Grwyney CC.</p> <p>Agenda items for the Five Councils have been received from Llangattock CC and Crickhowell TC. Llangynidr CC will respond following its February meeting. PC Lee Garret and PCSO Dunne will give a policing up-date. The Clerk will draft an agenda and circulate for approval.</p>
11.	<p>Councillor Vacancy: Ongoing - no applications to date.</p>
12.	<p>Retrospective Planning: Ongoing - nothing to report.</p>
13.	<p>Community Projects: It was suggested residents are asked to submit ideas for projects to enhance their community and RESOLVED to allocate £1,000 towards this.</p> <p>The closing date for submissions will be the 1st May 2019. Posters inviting expressions of interest will be displayed on the notice boards, on the web site and in the newsletter.</p>
14.	<p>Any Other Business for information only: The second edition of the Vale of Grwyne Newsletter is due to be distributed in March. Articles for inclusion should be submitted to Cllr Fairclough asap.</p>
15.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>13.1 Cllr Lusted proposed the following items be approved for payment, this was seconded by</p>

	<p>Cllr Morris and duly agreed:</p> <table data-bbox="284 255 1043 360"> <tr> <td>Staff (Salary/Exp)</td> <td>£316.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WWHA (annual licence for nature garden)</td> <td>£ 1.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One Voice Wales (subscription)</td> <td>£127.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>13.2 Finance Report: the finance report was received and accepted.</p> <p>13.3 Donations: funding requests [detailed on list previously circulated] received between July 2018 and February 2019 were considered. Cllr Lusted proposed the Council donate £50 to the Crickhowell Pretty Pins Leg Club. This was seconded by Cllr Christy and duly agreed.</p> <p>13.4 Other: Nil.</p>	Staff (Salary/Exp)	£316.67	WWHA (annual licence for nature garden)	£ 1.00	One Voice Wales (subscription)	£127.00
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<p>16.</p>	<p>Highways: Cllrs Morris, Alford, Sharman and the Clerk met with PCC officers to discuss signage at the Craig-y-bwla junction to deter MOD vehicles using the road to Partrishow. PCC agreed to install a sign stating the road was not suitable for lorries, together with a sign to the right directing traffic to Grwyne Fawr, suggesting Monmouthshire CC is asked to install a continuity sign at the 3 way junction by Brynawel to direct drivers to Five Ways. If MCC decline PCC has designed a sign which could be erected just before the bridge on the Powys side of the border.</p> <p>Cllr Alford reported the hedge on the road to Partrishow church needs cutting (reported previously).</p> <p>White lines urgently need re-painting by the three corner wood in Llanbedr – an accident occurred recently at this junction when a cyclist failed to stop and hit a vehicle.</p> <p><i>Members agreed to suspend standing orders at 9:30pm to allow time for the business of the meeting to be continued.</i></p>						
<p>17.</p>	<p>Reports on Meetings Attended:</p> <p>Planning Aid Wales LDP Training: Cllrs Christy and the Clerk attended the Pandy session and Cllrs Fairclough attended the Gilwern session.</p> <p>Highways: Cllr Alford, Morris, Sharman and the Clerk attended. Reported on previously.</p>						
<p>18.</p>	<p>Correspondence: The following correspondence was received and discussed as appropriate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BBNPA: weekly planning registers (11.01.19 18/01/19, 25.01.19, 01.02.19) 2. BBNPA: 18/16696/FUL has been permitted 3. L Wallace: Is driven grouse shooting driving away jobs as well as Wildlife? 4. Wales Audit Office: Financial Management and Governance and Internal Audit Arrangements – <i>put on next agenda</i> 5. Cllr David Hugh Jones: support of sign advising road unsuitable for MOD. 6. BBNPA: Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee - 1st February, 2019 7. Crickhowell & District Civic Society: Community Crime Stats and Trends Meeting 8. PCC: Powys Local Toilet Strategy 9. OVW: Wales Audit Office Fee Scheme 2019-20 10. OVW: September 2018 News Bulletin 11. Sunshine Gym: Active spaces. 12. Glangrwyney Village Hall: Update on Big Lottery Fund application. 13. BBNPA: 18/16935/LBC has been permitted 14. BBNPA: Agenda for National Park Authority, Tuesday, 12th February 15. OVW: : Egni Co-op 16. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation Letter 19/17056/FUL 						

	<p>17. Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod: funding request</p> <p>18. BBNPA: Invitation to LDP2 meeting - Thursday 28th February 4:30-7:30pm</p> <p>19. OVW: renewal of membership – individual fees to be posted</p> <p>20. Crickhowell Pretty Pins Leg Club: Funding request</p> <p>21. Air Ambulance: funding request</p> <p>22. OVW: Membership £127</p>
17.	<p>Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:</p> <p>23. Ian Mills (PCC): proposed signage – need to liaise with Monmouthshire CC.</p> <p>24. BBNPA: Meeting cancelled - 19/02/2019</p> <p>25. OVW: Presentation from Wales Audit Office</p> <p>26. OVW: Presentation from Wales Audit Office to a meeting of the larger Councils Committee</p> <p>27. OVW: Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill to introduce Votes at 16</p> <p>28. BNNPA: Invitation to attend LPD consultation exercise on 14th March.</p> <p>29. Powys Teaching Health Board: Health Focus Group Meeting Dates</p> <p>30. B Bermingham: internal audit – beginning of March</p> <p>31. IRPW: Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2019</p> <p>32. BBNPA: Planning register – 08.02.19</p> <p>33. OVW: Welsh community solar power – <i>Clerk asked to find out more information</i></p>
18.	<p>Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wales Audit Office: Financial Management and Governance and Internal Audit Arrangements

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.37pm

Signed:
Chairman