

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 18th March 2019 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall

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

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

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllr D Sharman
2.	Declarations of Interest: The Clerk expressed an interest in Item 11 (related to applicant).
3.	Planning: 3.1 Applications: (i) 19/17160/FUL: Summerhouse in garden Henberllan, Llanbedr NP8 1SR No objection (ii) 19/17138/FUL: Proposed replacement dwelling/garage Croes Fach, Llanbedr NP8 1SU No objection 3.2 Decisions/Other: None received.
4.	County Council Report from Cty Cllr Morris: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The budget was passed on the second attempt. It will require cuts in services and staffing. The big financial drain is the cost of children's services and adult social care. Powys is spending more than other authorities. The council is desperately trying to get services to run more efficiently. A new funding formula for education has been introduced which does not support rural schools like the old formula - Crickhowell schools will have to reduce staff members. Council tax is to increase by 9.5%. Next year another £10 million of cuts will be required if no money is received from central government.• A series of meeting have been held regarding Crickhowell Day Centre. Volunteer and community groups are keen to proceed and things are moving along. Another meeting is due on 26th March in order to try and pull things together. <p><i>JGM left the meeting 20.04</i></p>
5.	Minutes [Pages 1249 - 52]: Cllr Morris proposed the minutes of the 18 th February 2019 meeting be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Bowker and duly approved.
6.	Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes: None.
7.	Nature Garden Opening Event: The Clerk reported Kirsty Williams AM has agreed to open the event on 10 th May and WWHA has been invited to sponsor refreshments. Estimates have been obtained for producing the signs for the nature garden - <i>it was agreed to allocate up to £150 for this.</i> Due to the time elapsed it was considered difficult to acknowledge all involved in this scheme however agreed the Rural Housing Enabler, Mr David James, should be invited. Posters will be

	<p>displayed within the community inviting residents.</p> <p>Councillors suggested pupils are asked to perform (ie sing) at the opening.</p> <p>The deadline for the signage competition is 10th April. Due to time restrictions when entries have been received Members will be emailed to ask if they are available to judge the winners prior to the next Council meeting.</p>										
8.	<p>Local Development Plan: Cllr Morris and the Clerk attended the BBNPA consultation exercise on the 28th February 2019. Community/Town Councils will be consulted on candidate sites and asked to hold consultation events during June/July 2019. The deposit plan should be available in July 2020, the Inspector's report – March 2022 and the LDP adopted in May 2022. Communities need to submit evidence of housing need. The Clerk will circulate copies of papers received during this exercise.</p>										
9.	<p>Five Councils Meeting: The agenda has been circulated – PCSOs Billy Dunne and Lee Garrett will provide a policing up-date. Refreshments to be provided.</p>										
10.	<p>Financial Management & Government & Internal Audit Arrangements: A report into the findings of the Wales Audit Office was previously circulated in which it was reported over 340 councils received a qualified audit mainly due to a failure to adhere to the statutory timetable for the accounts and audit. To combat these findings the Auditor General has this year issued an audit timetable.</p> <p>Councillors noted the content of the report and thanked the Clerk for her work in ensuring compliance with many of the issues raised.</p>										
11.	<p>Councillor Vacancies: An application has been received from Mr Keith Powell. The Clerk is related to the applicant and therefore left the room while the matter was discussed. The Clerk returned to be informed the Council had co-opted Mr Powell to the Council. The Clerk will inform him his application has been successful and invite him to the next meeting.</p>										
12.	<p>Retrospective Planning: Nothing to report</p>										
13.	<p>Community Projects: The Clerk reported the £1,000 grant has been advertised on the web site and signs inviting bids have been placed on notice boards.</p> <p>Cllr Lusted has received suggestions which include an ANPR camera and flower tubs.</p>										
14.	<p>Any Other Business for information only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMRC has failed to confirm whether the communication allowance is taxable. • The Vale of Grwyne Newsletter should be ready within the next couple of days. 										
15.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(i) The following items were approved for payment:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Staff (Salary/Exp)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£281.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (Tax)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 35.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wales Audit Office (External audit)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£204.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pretty Pins Leg Club (Donation)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B Bermingham (Internal Audit)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£114.75</td> </tr> </table> <p>(ii) Finance Report: the finance report was received. It was agreed to vire £5 from office expenses to subscriptions and £22 from contingencies to donations to cover end of year deficits.</p>	Staff (Salary/Exp)	£281.03	HMRC (Tax)	£ 35.80	Wales Audit Office (External audit)	£204.25	Pretty Pins Leg Club (Donation)	£ 50.00	B Bermingham (Internal Audit)	£114.75
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	<p>(iii) Risk Assessment: In line with governance requirements the Council reviewed the effectiveness of its internal controls. The Risk Assessment Schedule (previously circulated) was discussed and adopted. It was suggested a log sheet is kept to record inspections of the nature garden.</p> <p>(iv) Internal Auditor's Report/Letter of Engagement: the Internal Auditor's Report was noted. Members confirmed they were happy to continue to employ Ms Bermingham as their internal auditor and agreed the terms of engagement set out in her letter of the 16th February 2019.</p> <p>(v) Other Financial Matters: None reported.</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>Highways: the following matters were reported:</p> <p>Llanbedr - lanes need cleaning – drains blocked – particularly on Bont Lane. Road is giving way above Tredomen. White lines haven't been re-painted on junction below Guddar Farm.</p> <p>Partrishow – big pothole on road below Llwynon / Celyn Farm.</p> <p>Cllr Alford reported Cllr David Hugh Jones has offered to meet to discuss the signs required by Five Ways (Monmouthshire) – Cllr Colin Alford and Caroline Fairclough to attend.</p> <p>Cllr Bowker reported fly-tipping just past Halfpenny Bridge towards Gilwern (within Llanelly Fawr CC's area).</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Reports on Meetings Attended: Cllr Morris and the Clerk attended the BBNPA LDP meeting – reported previously (Item 8).</p>
<p>18.</p>	<p>Correspondence: The following correspondence was received and discussed as appropriate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WWHA: job vacancies 2. Pomegranate Creative: quote for signs 3. WG: support for setting up of joint arrangements - closing date - 12 April 2019. 4. Pam Bell: Rights of Way: Restoring the Record 2026 free training days. 5. Powys Teaching Board: Health Focus Group Dates 2019 6. BBNPA: weekly planning registers (15/02/19, 22/02/19, 01/03/19) 7. Planning Aid Wales: Introduction to Planning Enforcement – Llangollen 8. Crickhowell & District Civic Society: BMX/Skateboard Representative/s - <i>Cllr Bowker</i> 9. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation Letter 19/17138/FUL 10. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation Letter 19/17160/FUL 11. Powys Teaching Health Board: Crickhowell Health Focus Group Agenda & Minutes 12. RK Powell: community councillor application 13. Powys CHC: Powys CHC Full Council Meeting 12th March 2019 – Notice 14. Calor Rural Community Fund: details of grant funding – up to £5,000 15. Jill Evans MEP: No Underground Nuclear Waste Dump in Wales 16. BBNPA: LDP (Adopted Dec 2013) Consultation - Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance 17. BBNPA: Local Housing Market Assessment 2019 for Mid and South West Wales 18. B Bermingham: internal audit report and invoice 19. OVW: March 2019 News bulletin
<p>17</p>	<p>Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BBNPA: Agenda for National Park Authority, Friday, 22nd March, 2019, 9.30 am 2. PCC: Planning Aid Wales Event - Llandrindod Wells 21st March, 18:30 - 9pm 3. Crickhowell Civic Society: Community Crime Stats and Trends meeting organised for 24th May – <i>Cllrs Bowker & Christy to attend.</i>

	<p>4. Planning Aid Wales: Planning your Places - 21st March, Llandrindod Wells - free events.</p> <p>5. Brightpay Pay Role: introducing fee for use (£49).</p> <p>6. Powys CHC: Notice of Powys CHC Services Planning Committee Meeting 19th March</p> <p>7. Powys CHC: Notice of Powys CHC Executive Meeting 19th March</p> <p>8. B Bermingham: Internal Audit Report - 5 March</p> <p>9. BBNPA: weekly planning register (08.03.19)</p> <p>Cllr Fairclough informed Members she had received an email concerning anti-littering signs/bins erected in the community of Cruorney (which adjoins Grwyne Fawr). It was felt there were too many signs and peoples need to be encouraged to take rubbish home instead of providing bins.</p>
18.	Items for inclusion in the next Agenda: None.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.30 pm

Signed:
Chairman