

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15th April 2019 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall. Keith Powell was welcomed to the Council.

Present: Cllr Caroline Fairclough (Chair)
Cllr John Morris
Cllr Phill Bowker
Cllr Colin Alford
Cllr Dean Christy
Cllr Elaine Lusted
Cllr David Sharman
Cllr Keith Powell

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

PCSO Billy Dunne was welcomed to the meeting. He relayed policing statistics for the area, reporting crime levels to be generally low. Police response to the recent rave in Grwyne Fawr had been quick. Initially there were not enough officers to deal with the amount of revellers however Gwent Police worked with Dyfed Powys throughout the weekend to control the situation. Three arrests were made for drink driving/drugs. PCSO Dunne will be patrolling the area this weekend as police intelligence suggests there may be another rave.

Rogue traders have been operating in Llangynidr (demanding money for not cleaning fascias, etc) and a variety of scams continue to present problems (ie HMRC/TV Licence/Sky) – please advise elderly friends not to give bank account details out – these companies will not ask for them - if in doubt give the police a shout! Whilst stock theft has been low PCSO Dunne emphasised the need for people to contact the police if they see a suspicious vehicle/stock travelling at night, etc. He asked people to let him know if there is a problem.

PSCO Dunne was thanked for his report. He left at 7:47pm, following which the meeting proper commenced.

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Colin Alford.
2.	Declarations of Interest: None declared.
3.	Planning: 3.1 Applications: None received 3.2 Decisions/Other: Application 19/17056/FUL has been permitted - Car Park at Coed Cefn, Llangenny.
4.	County Council Report from Cty Cllr Morris: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PCC is removing green waste bins from recycling centres and introducing a chargeable kerbside collection service. Concern is this will lead to fly-tipping.• The school funding formula has changed. This is supposed to be pupil-led however both primary and secondary schools are concerned it has decreased funding. Smaller schools appear to be proportionally better off receiving more funds than larger ones.• Not much news to report on Crickhowell Day Centre - a business plan has gone to council

	<p>and a meeting will be held at the end of April. The good news is the day centre will not close in April and will continue until at least September/October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCC Highways has been asked to re-paint the white lines below the Guddar Farm, Llanbedr. <p>Following discussions regarding removal of the recycling/waste bins Cllr Morris suggested the council consider running its own recycling centre in partnership with a private enterprise.</p> <p>Cllr Powell said he had discussed operating a recycling scheme/centre with people at Llanbedr School with the intention of raising proceeds for the school. Whilst he has a couple of sites in mind noise issues, particularly from glass bottles, will need consideration before selection.</p> <p><i>JGM left the meeting at 19:58</i></p>
5.	<p>Minutes [Pages 1253 - 56]: Subject to correcting the spelling of Cllr Bowker/PSCO Dunne's surnames Cllr Lusted proposed the minutes of the 18th March 2019 meeting be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Morris and duly approved.</p>
6.	<p>Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes: None reported.</p>
7.	<p>Nature Garden Opening Event: The Clerk reported WWHA has agreed to sponsor refreshments for the opening event (up to £100).</p> <p>Due to illness Llanbedr School has been unable to meet the deadline for the sign competition but state they will have entries ready following the Easter holidays. Contrary to this advice the school provided Cllr Lusted with entries which she brought to the meeting. As there were only a limited number it was suggested the deadline is extended to allow the school time to prepare. This delay means there is insufficient time to get the signs printed before the opening event and therefore it was agreed to postpone. The Clerk will contact Kirsty Williams to check her availability in June/July. This will allow time for work to be undertaken at the nature garden, which was reported to be in a poor state.</p> <p>It was resolved to set up a working group. Cllrs Sharman, Lusted and Morris volunteered to form part of this. A meeting will be arranged to assess the works required - a provisional date was suggested of Thursday, 25th April. The Clerk will email details.</p>
8.	<p>Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: The determinations set out in the IRPW's annual report were circulated prior to the meeting. The Council was asked if it wished to adopt the (non-mandatory) determinations.</p> <p>The Clerk reported she had spoken to HMRC concerning the need to register Members for PAYE in order to pay the communication allowance/chairman's allowance. HMRC referred her to its 480 rule, concluding this is not income and therefore non-taxable provided proof of expenditure is provided. OVW advise to the contrary stating allowances need to be paid via PAYE. The Clerk will make further enquires.</p> <p>Cllr Bowker proposed the Council adopt the determinations as set out in the IRPW's report. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman. It was RESOLVED by majority vote (5 in favour 2 abstentions) to adopt the determinations.</p>
9.	<p>Councillor Vacancy: Whilst the vacancy on the Llanbedr Ward has been filled by Keith Powell there remains a vacancy on the Glangrwyney & Llangenny Ward. This vacancy will continue to be advertised in the community and on the council's web site.</p>
10.	<p>Retrospective Planning: Although there is nothing new to report it was agreed this item needs to remain on the agenda. It was suggested retrospective planning be brought to the Five Councils</p>

	when the proposed meeting regarding the LDP is held.						
11.	<p>Community Project Up-date: Cllr Lusted has received several suggestions from the community. These include: floral displays; restoring Llangenny Fountain; a number plate recognition camera. Cllr Bowker suggested providing baby changing facilities in the village halls.</p> <p>Llangenny Fountain was reported to originally have been served by a spring water supply however over time this supply had been lost. A new mains supply will be necessary to comply with purity/consistency standards. It was suggested enquiries are made with Welsh Water to ascertain connection costs.</p> <p>The closing date for applications remains 1st May.</p>						
12.	Any Other Business for information only: Nothing to report.						
13.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(i) Cllr Sharman proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Morris and agreed:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Staff (Salary/Expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£281.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 35.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ICO (Data Protection)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 40.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>(ii) The finance report was received and noted.</p> <p>(iii) The internal auditor is due to sign the annual return on the 23rd April 2019 when she finalises the audit.</p> <p>(iv) Bank signatories were asked to sign a letter asking the bank to supply the Clerk with a statement detailing the balance of the reserve account as at the 31/03/19 for audit purposes.</p>	Staff (Salary/Expenses)	£281.07	HMRC	£ 35.80	ICO (Data Protection)	£ 40.00
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14.	<p>Highways:</p> <p>Grit box on Bellfountain Road has disappeared – enquiries are to be made to ascertain original position before requesting a new box.</p> <p>Llangenny – fence by river remains in need of repair.</p> <p>Road from Llanbedr to Llangenny (repaired previously) has subsided again.</p> <p>Druids Alter - potholes.</p> <p>Grwyne Fawr: Gwern y bustach Pitch - water on road (opposite tin hut) - ditches need clearing. Whilst a few potholes have been filled the road surface is deteriorating.</p>						
15.	<p>Reports on Meetings Attended:</p> <p>Cllrs Fairclough, Alford, Morris and Lusted attended the Five Councils Meeting. Notes to be circulated. Three police officers attended and relayed details of crime statistics/scams, etc. It was suggested the Five Councils meet to discuss LDP.</p> <p>Cllr Sharman attended a Local Access Forum (LAF) meeting reporting the ROWIP consultation has now ended. Eleven responses were received (three from the National Park). Everything recommended was rejected. ROWIP will go before committee for adoption in July. The National Park Authority (NPA) has agreed to notify LAF of any application which has a footpath running through it – suggested this go into the LDP. Due to lack of funds the NPA is now only going to maintain stiles which have two steps not one. Two Black Mountain rangers have been appointed.</p> <p>The Clerk reported Cllr Colin Alford met with MCC regarding continuity signs by Five Ways (not suitable for HGVs/Military). He was informed signs would be erected before the summer.</p>						

16.	Correspondence: The following correspondence was received and discussed as appropriate. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. WWHA: sponsorship of refreshments for nature garden opening (circa £100)2. BBNPA: weekly planning registers (15/03/19, 22/03/19, 29/03/19)3. PCC: Blue Badge On-line Applications4. Planning Aid Wales: Responding to Planning Applications – Llangynidr5. PAVO: training – quick start to social media6. OVW: National Assembly for Wales: proposals to amend the Public Audit (Wales) Act 20137. BBNPA: Agenda for National Park Authority, Tuesday, 9th April, 2019, 1.00 pm8. BBNPA: Supplement: Single Integrated Assessment to National Park Authority meeting9. BBNPA: 19/17056/FUL Car Park at Coed Cefn, Opp Ty Celyn, Llangenny – permitted10. PCC: funding/delivering library service meeting – 8th May11. BBNPA: Local Access Forum – agenda 11th April12. Keep Britain Tidy: Great British Spring Clean - 22 March - 23 April 201913. PCC: Green waste bins to be removed14. OVW: One Voice Wales/SLCC Joint Event – 15 May 201915. Grant Thornton: annual return16. Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales: review of electoral arrangements for Powys – final proposals- <i>clerk to scan map and circulate</i>
17	Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. OVW: News Bulletin2. S Roberts: Abermule Recycling Facility3. Crickhowell Civic Society: meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner 24th May4. WG: Planning Officers' Society for Wales (POSW) – survey for clerks.5. BBNPA: weekly planning register (05.04.19)6. Clerks & Councils Direct: newsletter7. Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day – 3rd September 2019
18.	Items for inclusion in the next Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Web site access legislation.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:30 pm

Signed:
Chairman