

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2019 at 7:50pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Caroline Fairclough
Cllr John Morris
Cllr Phill Bowker
Cllr Colin Alford
Cllr Elaine Lusted
Cllr David Sharman
Cllr Keith Powell

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

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Dean Christy.
2.	Declarations of Interest: Cllr E Lusted - Agenda Item 13 – related to entrant. and Cllr K Powell – Agenda Item 13 – related to entrant.
3.	Planning: 3.1 Applications: None received 3.2 Decisions/Other: The following applications have been permitted: (i) 19/17160/FUL - Hemberllan, Llanbedr, Crickhowell, Powys, NP8 1SR (ii) 19/17138/FUL - Croesfach, Llanbedr, Crickhowell, Powys, NP8 1SU.
4.	County Council Report from Cty Cllr Morris: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PCC will stop leasing Crickhowell Day Centre in October. The 16 people currently using it will have the option of travelling to Brecon. The Volunteer Bureau wish to operate a variety of activities and social events from the building although the £13,000 rent is a stumbling block. Wales & West Housing Association, who own the building, has however agreed to charge on the basis of use rather than demanding an annual rent. A business plan is currently being prepared which may involve support from the Five Councils.• Powys CC has set its schools budgets for next year. Llanbedr School has been given an unlicensed budget – which should not be the case (according to the figures provided).• The ECO2 scheme intended to give people in fuel poverty a new boiler free of charge has resulted in Powys residents being targeted by firms telling them they qualified for this scheme when they did not. Some 12% of residents had boilers installed despite not meeting the criteria. PCC was supposed to vet applications, however did not. Anyone concerned should contact Cty Cllr Morris.• Dawnus, a firm with contracts to build schools for PCC, has gone into liquidation. As Dawnus had only just started building one school and converting another the loss is not great. PCC is now looking to use local companies. <p>The Clerk questioned who she should report highways issues to as several matters reported have not been attended to, in particular the white lines required below the Guddar Farm.</p> <p>Cllr Powell referred to a junction further up this lane by Penyrhoel which is considered dangerous. Following discussion it was suggested visibility could be improved by replacing the existing hedge with a fence. Cllr Powell will speak to the owner and report back.</p> <p><i>JGM left the meeting at 20.15</i></p>

5.	<p>Minutes [Pages 1257 - 60]: Cllr Morris proposed the minutes of the 15th April 2019 meeting be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly approved.</p>
6.	<p>Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes:</p> <p><u>Page 1258 Item 4</u> Cllr Powell has spoken to Jenny Parry (Friends of Llanbedr School) regarding the recycling scheme but needs to speak to the church concerning a possible site. This matter will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Page Item 1259 Item 14</u> Grit boxes are required in three places on Bellfountain Road:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At junction with road entrance to Wern Butler Farm 2. Near top of hill by Bluebell Wood 3. Half way down road by Money Monkey puzzle tree.
7.	<p>Standing Orders & Financial Regulations Review: To comply with governance procedures the Council was asked to review its financial regulations and standing orders. It was agreed the wording of Page 16 Item 15 (b) 1 bullet point 2 should be amended to include "or serve electronically".</p> <p>Due to time restrictions it was suggested this is considered in more depth at a future meeting.</p>
8.	<p>Policies: Due to time restrictions it was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting.</p>
9.	<p>Nature Garden Opening Event: Cllrs Sharman, Lusted and Morris and the Clerk held a meeting on site on Thursday, 25th April. Details of which have been circulated. It was suggested another meeting is held on Friday, 31st May at 5:30pm to discuss works required, with a further meeting on Thursday 6th June at 11:00am.</p>
10.	<p>Web Site Access legislation: The deadline to publish an accessibility statement was noted to be 23 September 2020. It was suggested guidance is sought from One Voice Wales to determine precisely what is required in order to ensure compliance with this legalisation.</p> <p>Cllr Bowker questioned whether the web site should be in Welsh. Whilst the Council has a duty to correspond or provide documents in Welsh if requested the Clerk was unaware of a requirement for the whole site to be in Welsh. She will make enquiries and suggested a banner is displayed on the site stating documents will be provided in Welsh if requested.</p>
11.	<p>Retrospective Planning Up-date: Nothing to report. Agreed this item remain on agenda.</p>
12.	<p>Community Projects: The Vale of Grwyney £1,000 Giveaway received one application. This is to plant bulbs/plants around Llangenny and to trim trees in the park at a cost of £300. Members asked for further information, ie detailed costings of materials and quotation from a qualified tree surgeon.</p> <p>It was agreed the restoration of Llangenny Fountain should be considered as a separate community project rather than as part of the Vale of Grwyney £1,000 Giveaway. Welsh Water inform the minimum cost of a new connection is £700, but the precise cost can only be determined by submitting an application, the fee for which is £77 plus VAT. Cllr Lusted proposed the Council obtain a quotation. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman.</p> <p>Cllr Bowker suggested a project for consideration under the Vale of Grwyney CC Giveaway is the provision of baby changing facilities in the three village halls. The Clerk will contact the village</p>

	halls to ascertain need.								
13.	Signage Competition: Members selected the winning entries – Cllrs Lusted and Powell having declared interest in this took no part in the selection. The winners will be revealed at the opening event.								
14.	Councillor Vacancy: Members suggested the applicant is invited for a short interview prior to the next Council meeting.								
15.	<p>Broadband: Members discussed an email from a Glangrwyney resident expressing frustration with low broadband speeds and questioning whether a community scheme could be set up to get fibre in the village. Whilst members were sympathetic to this problem it was noted other parts of the community either have lower speeds or no service at all. Following discussion it was agreed to write to Kirsty Williams AM to inform her of the problem and obtain her advice.</p> <p>Cllr Phill Bowker, as Chairman of Glangrwyney Village Hall, suggested the resident contact him. Glangrwyney Hall has Wi-Fi installed which he could use.</p>								
16.	Any Other Business for information only: None reported.								
17.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>17.1 Allowances: OVW advise they are awaiting a decision from HMRC as to whether a dispensation can be granted for the payment of allowances. Until that time the allowance is a taxable payment and should be paid to Councillors via PAYE. OVW suggest delaying payment until a decision has been reached. Councillors agreed to follow this advice.</p> <p>17.2 Cllr Fairclough proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly agreed.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="256 1167 1323 1310"> <tr> <td>Staff (Salary/Expenses)</td> <td>£281.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£ 35.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zurich Insurance</td> <td>£252.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B Bermingham (Internal Audit)</td> <td>£ 40.95</td> </tr> </table> <p>17.3 Internal/External Audit: The internal audit report was received. Members were asked to approve the annual return prior to submission to the external auditor. Cllr Fairclough proposed the annual return be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly approved.</p> <p>It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders in order for the business of the meeting to continue.</p> <p><i>Cllrs Alford and Sharman left the meeting at 21:35</i></p> <p>17.4 The finance report was received and noted.</p>	Staff (Salary/Expenses)	£281.07	HMRC	£ 35.60	Zurich Insurance	£252.69	B Bermingham (Internal Audit)	£ 40.95
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18.	Highways: Cllr Fairclough reported a tree had fallen down blocking access to the Grwyne Fawr Valley and suggested the Council thank those responsible for removing it.								
19.	<p>Reports on Meetings Attended: Cllr Morris attended a OVW Area Committee Meeting. He reported details of a scheme run by Hereford City Council to provide funding for town/community parish councils to get minor works done to side roads (not A or B roads) – could be something this council should look at. Agreed to place on future agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Fairclough attended a library meeting and Tri town meeting.</p>								

20.	<p>Correspondence: The following correspondence was received and discussed as appropriate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OVW: Brecon/Radnor Area Committee Meeting - 7pm on Friday 26 April 2019 2. Powys CHC: Extraordinary Executive Meeting 29th April 3. Crickhowell Civic Society: list of attendees to Police & Crime Commissioner Meeting 4. Glangrwyney Resident – frustration at slow broadband speed (circulated) 5. BBNPA: weekly planning registers (12/04/19, 19/04/19, 26/04/19, 03/05/19)- (circulated) 6. ICO: Renewal confirmation ICO:00011732120 7. BBNPA: 19/17160/FUL – Permitted (circulated) 8. OVW: Councillors Allowance Opt Out Form (circulated) 9. PCC: reminder – Library Services meeting - 8th May 2019 10. Powys CHC: Agenda & Notice of AGM 2nd May 11. PAVO: Invitation to Tri Town Meeting Thursday 9th May - (circulated) 12. BBNPA: Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee, Friday, 3rd May, 2019 (circulated) 13. OVW: Community Engagement Part II Training – Usk – 15th May (circulated) 14. OVW: Motions for 2019 Annual General Meeting to be received by June 20th (circulated) 15. CTC: Clarence Hall Synergy Concert May 18th 2019 (circulated) 16. OVW: Welcome to Membership of OVW - 2019-20 - who is representative (J Morris) 17. B Bermingham: internal audit and invoice 18. BBNPA: permitted - 19/17138/FUL - (circulated) 19. OPCC: Police & Crime Commissioner’s Community Fund is now open – (circulated) 20. OVW: Code of Conduct Training - Builth Well – 4th June (circulated) 21. Zurich: Insurance renewal - £252.69 22. OVW: News Bulletin (circulated) 23. OVW: Job Vacancy - Mid & West Wales Development Officer 24. BBNPA: Change of location for meeting 25/06/2019, 10:00, National Park Authority 25. BBNPA: Meeting cancelled - 24/05/2019 National Park Authority 26. BBNPA: Meeting withdrawn - 18/06/2019 National Park Authority 27. Glangrwyney Resident: interest expressed in council vacancy 28. Application for Vale of Grwyney Grant: flowers etc for Llangenny (circulated) 29. Crickhowell Pretty Pins Club: thank you for donation 30. Marie Curie Nurses: funding request 31. Clerks & Councils Direct: May 2019 Issue123
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22.	<p>Items for inclusion in the next Agenda: No further items</p>

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.45pm

Signed:
Chairman