

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 17th June 2019 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

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

In attendance: Maria James (Clerk) and three Members of the Public

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cty Cllr Morris
2.	Declarations of Interest: Cllr K Powell and the Clerk declared an interest in Item 11 – related to applicant.
3.	<p>Planning:</p> <p>3.1 Applications:</p> <p>(i) 19/17415/FUL: Proposed toilet block facilities on certified location for caravans/mobile homes. Llwyntrych Farm, Glangrwyney NP8 1EE</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed to seek clarification concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the address – where is the “certified site” referred to located; • are the proposed toilet facilities for motorhomes/caravans not mobile homes; • does this application comply with Policies 46 and 47 of the adopted LDP if so why <p>The Council is unable to comment until this information has been received.</p> <p>(ii) 19/17426/FUL: Installation of a 10m Telegraph Pole design mast on a concrete base, etc. Perth y Pia, Llanbedr NP8 1SY</p> <p>No objection</p> <p>3.2 Decisions/Other: None.</p>
4.	County Council Report from Cty Cllr Morris: None - Cllr Morris was not present.
5.	Minutes [Page 1261 - 1264] Cllr Sharman proposed the minutes of both the annual meeting and monthly meeting of the 20 th May 2019 be accepted as a true record subject to altering Page 1264 Item 19 to read “parish” rather than “town/community councils” and Page 1263 Item 6.1 to read “monkey” instead of “money”. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly approved.
6.	<p>Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes:</p> <p>Page 1263 Items 7 and 8: to be reviewed next month Page 1263 Item 10: no duty to provide bilingual web site – “documents will be supplied in Welsh on request” to be stated on web site. Page 1264 Item 19: to be placed on next agenda</p>
7.	Nature Garden Opening Event: Cllr Fairclough congratulated those present for their work in creating the nature garden. Cllrs Alford, Powell and Morris have installed the bench, oak table and scramble log. The bug hotel has been completed and bird nesting boxes have been attached

	<p>to the trees adjacent (with Cllr Christie's kind permission).</p> <p>Cllr Morris showed Members a sample of the bark intended for use in creating a bark path. It was agreed this would prove very effective. Cllr Morris and Powell will meet and lay this within the next few days. The hogweed reported to be growing in the garden will be removed.</p> <p>WWHA has supplied goody bags for the children and also agreed to sponsor refreshments/prizes. It was suggested each winner is given £10. Cllr Bowker suggested a book token instead of cash. A vote was taken in which it was agreed by majority vote to give the winners cash.</p> <p>Discussion ensued as to what refreshments should be provided and whether to use a professional caterer. Cllr Lusted questioned the necessity of this and offered to take charge of refreshments herself. This offer was gratefully accepted.</p> <p>It was agreed to meet about a week before the event to finalise arrangements. The Clerk will email details.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Llanbedr Recycling Scheme: Cllr Powell phoned PCC to discuss recycling policies however the officer responsible was not available. He is currently awaiting a call-back. Items suitable for recycling include clothes, aluminium, card and paper. Glass/bottles will however create a noise issue as the proposed site is in the centre of Llanbedr.</p> <p>It was agreed to invite PCC's recycling officer to speak to members at a future meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Bowler proposed the Council write to Welsh Government pointing out the need to have a unified recycling system instead of the 22 local authorities having different policies. This was agreed.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Retrospective Planning: Whilst due for consideration under Correspondence (Page 1264 Item 17) BBNPA has notified the council of an appeal against an enforcement notice. Members suggested this case is monitored.</p> <p>No further reports. Item to remain on agenda</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Community Projects Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vale of Grwyney £1,000 Giveaway: The applicant has been asked to supply written costings for bulbs/plants and a quotation from a qualified tree surgeon. <p>The village halls have been asked if they are interested in pursuing the Council's offer to supply baby changing facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llangenny Water Fountain: A quote is being obtained from Welsh Water to connect the fountain to mains water.
<p>11.</p>	<p>Councillor Vacancy: Two applications have been received for the vacancy to serve on the council. Both candidates were invited for interview however one was unable to attend. The other was interviewed prior to the start of this meeting.</p> <p><i>Cllr Powell and the Clerk left the room at this point having declared an interest.</i></p> <p>Following discussion a vote was called. It was RESOLVED by majority vote to co-opt Mr Jeff Greenidge to serve on the Llangenny & Glangrwyney Ward. The Clerk was instructed to write to encourage the other applicant to re-apply should another vacancy arise.</p> <p><i>Cllr Powell and the Clerk returned to the meeting.</i></p>

<p>12.</p>	<p>Broadband: Information provided by Kirsty Williams AM on broadband schemes available was circulated prior to the meeting. Whilst this was agreed to be very comprehensive Members were unclear as to whether this is something the Council could pursue. Cllr Christy stated Rural Technologies Wales working with Beacons Telecoms is in the process of installing fibre and plan to cover Glangrwyney in September.</p> <p>Cllr Fairclough suggested it would be interesting to produce a map showing broadband speeds in different parts of the community.</p> <p><i>9.05 Cllr Sharman and Christy left the meeting</i></p>										
<p>13.</p>	<p>Any Other Business for information only: None reported.</p>										
<p>14.</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>14.1 Cllr Powell proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly agreed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="255 750 1324 1030"> <tr> <td>Staff (Salary £255.87/Expenses £25)</td> <td>£280.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£ 35.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Welsh Water – Llanbedr Water Trough</td> <td>£ 16.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G James – reimbursement of application fee - Welsh Water/ Llangenny Fountain</td> <td>£ 92.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pre-approved Payment: Pomegranate Creative (signs for nature garden).</td> <td>£ 93.60</td> </tr> </table> <p>14.2 The finance report was received and noted.</p> <p>14.3 The Clerk is still awaiting advice from OVW regarding payment of the communication expenses/chairman’s allowance.</p>	Staff (Salary £255.87/Expenses £25)	£280.87	HMRC	£ 35.60	Welsh Water – Llanbedr Water Trough	£ 16.86	G James – reimbursement of application fee - Welsh Water/ Llangenny Fountain	£ 92.40	Pre-approved Payment: Pomegranate Creative (signs for nature garden).	£ 93.60
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<p>15.</p>	<p>Highways: the following matters were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath on the Halfpenny Bridge (between Glangrwyney and Gilwern) is closed. • Potholes - by Druids Altar, Llangenny and throughout Grwyne Fawr. • Penyrheol - Cllr Powell will contact owners regarding the hedge. 										
<p>16.</p>	<p>Reports on Meetings Attended:</p> <p>Crickhowell Civic Society/Police Commissioner meeting - Cllr Bowker apologised but was unable to attend.</p> <p>Crickhowell Health Focus Group: Cllr Fairclough attended. She reported plans for the day centre appear to have collapsed - something has gone wrong with the financial package.</p>										
<p>17.</p>	<p>Correspondence: The following correspondence was received and discussed as appropriate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BBNPA: Planning Application 19/17415/FUL (agenda) 2. BBNPA: Planning Application 19/17426/FUL (agenda) 3. BBNPA: weekly planning registers (17/05/19, 24/5/19, 31/05.19) (circulated) 4. Powys Teaching Board: NHS 111 Wales access poster (circulated) 5. Powys Teaching Board: Crickhowell Health Focus Group 04/6/19 agenda and minutes 6. OVW: Innovative Practice Conference – 10.07.19 (circulated) 7. Calor Rural Community Fund: Reminder fund closes on the 17th June 2019 8. OVW: Basic on-line learning modules (circulated) 9. Wales Audit Office: Internal Audit Arrangements – webinar (circulated) 										

	<p>10. Kirsty Williams AM: response to broadband query (circulated)</p> <p>11. OVW: Our Future Wales: Come to an event in your area (circulated)</p> <p>12. Soil Association Certification Forestry: Stakeholder consultation (circulated)</p> <p>13. BBNPA: Agenda for PAROW meeting 18/06/19 (circulated)</p> <p>14. Crickhowell Civic Society: Police Commissioner meeting (circulated)</p> <p>15. OVW: Is there is tree in your community you would like to champion? (circulated) Suggested chestnut by Mill House in Llangenny is listed.</p> <p>16. OVW: Renewing our Democracy – Update (Circulated)</p> <p>17. OVW: Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust Carers Survey (Circulated)</p> <p>18. OVW: One Voice Wales - News Bulletin (Circulated)</p> <p>19. BBNPA: Appeals against Enforcement Notices - Gelli Weltog, Fforest Coal Pit - Star House and Pottery Building (Circulated) - <i>agreed to monitor</i></p> <p>20. Play for Wales: Issue 52 Spring 2019</p>
18	<p>Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:</p> <p>21. BBNPA: planning register (circulated)</p> <p>22. OVW: town/community councils are statutory consultees for planning matters (circulated)</p> <p><i>21:30 Standing Orders were suspended to allow the business of the meeting to be concluded</i></p>
19.	<p>Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Standing Orders & Financial Regulations• Policies• Funding Schemes to enable community/town councils to undertake minor repair works to side roads

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.40pm

Signed: