

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllr John Morris (*Acting Chairman*)  
Cllr Phill Bowker  
Cllr Elaine Lusted  
Cllr David Sharman  
Cllr Jeff Greenidge

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

Cllr Greenidge, having signed his declaration of acceptance of office, was welcomed to the Council.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllrs Fairclough, Alford, Powell and Christy
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None declared.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Planning:</b>  3.1 <b>Applications:</b>  (i) <b>Planning Application Reconsultation - 19/17426/FUL:</b> Installation of a 10m Telegraph Pole design mast on a concrete base, etc. <b>Perth y Pia, Llanbedr NP8 1SY Amended Site Location Plan</b>  No objection.  (ii) 19/17415/FUL: Proposed toilet block facilities on certified location for caravans/mobile homes. <b>Llwyntrych Farm, Glangrwyney NP8 1EE</b>  Following discussion of the response received from BBNPA [Page 1273 17 Item 15]. It was AGREED to write stating the Council has no objection to this application provided the site is a certified site for use by up to five caravans.  3.2 <b>Decisions/Other:</b> No decisions were reported.  Cllr Sharman reported a possible breach of planning consent. It was agreed to place this on the August agenda.
<b>4.</b>	<b>County Council Report from Cty Cllr Morris:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hedges have been trimmed. Complaints regarding stones being knocked off/hedges not being cut short enough have been received and reported to PCC.</li><li>• Funding for Crickhowell High School is lower per pupil than other schools in Wales. PCC is now also asking the school to absorb the cost of 16 additional pupils joining Year 7 when the school is already full with class sizes of 33. Demountable classrooms are to be installed however there are real concerns as to how the school can accommodate these extra pupils. The issue is ongoing - Cty Cllr Morris will keep us up-dated.</li><li>• Mr Trevor Mosedale runs Rural Technologies Wales a company which provides superfast broadband solutions for areas not covered by BT. The company has recently provided superfast broadband in Gilwern and is about to launch fibre optic broadband. It was agreed to invite Mr Mosedale to a future meeting.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A large ash tree which fell in Llangenny Lane was cleared quickly by PCC.</li> <li>• Cllrs Charlton and Morris are due to meet with Portfolio Holders to discuss concerns raised by Powys residents at not being able to use the Recycling Depot in Llanfoist. Residents may be able to pay to use this depot.</li> </ul> <p><i>JGM left the meeting at 20.23</i></p>
<p><b>5n.</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes [Page 1266-1269]</b> Cllr Sharman proposed the minutes of the annual meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 meeting be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly approved.</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes:</b></p> <p><b>Page 1267 Item 8</b> PCC's Senior Waste Awareness &amp; Enforcement Officer isn't able to attend a meeting but was happy to provide advice regarding recycling. This matter will be placed on the August agenda.</p> <p><b>Page 1268 Item 12</b> The Clerk asked if the Council wished to compile a map of broadband speeds. It was suggested Rural Technologies could assist.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation on Local Development Plan Documents - to consider response:</b></p> <p>Cllr Sharman offered to form part of a working group with Cllr Lusted to respond to the consultation. A meeting will be held prior to the Council's August meeting, ie 7pm on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August – this is open to all Members. The deadline for comments is 29<sup>th</sup> August.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Review of Standing Orders &amp; Financial Regulations:</b></p> <p>Standing orders were reviewed in May when it was agreed to include "agendas can be served electronically". No further amendments were considered necessary.</p> <p><b>Financial Regulations:</b> The following amendments were suggested:</p> <p><b>Page 9 - 5.2:</b> A payment schedule to be incorporated within the Finance Report to be initialled by the Chairman of the meeting.</p> <p><b>Page 10 – 5.6 and 5.7:</b> All payments to be authorised on a monthly basis rather than regular payments authorised annually.</p> <p><b>Page 11 – 6.4:</b> Cheques will continue to be signed by two members of the council – the clerk will initial counterfoils.</p> <p><b>Page 13 – 6.22:</b> Reference to keeping petty cash will be removed.</p> <p>Cllr Sharman proposed the standing orders and financial regulations be amended as detailed above. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and AGREED.</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Policies to consider adopting:</b></p> <p>The following policies have been prepared:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Policy to Welcome Members of the Public to meetings</li> <li>2. Co-option Policy</li> </ol> <p>It was suggested the Public Speaking Policy be amended to read "<i>Late requests will be</i></p>

	<p><i>considered to the Chairman’s discretion”</i> to concur with the proposed co-option policy.</p> <p>The Clerk suggested further policies are prepared to provide consistent and clear guidance when dealing with routine procedures, although warned this will prove time consuming.</p> <p>It was AGREED to keep this item on the agenda until a thorough review has been completed.</p>						
<b>10.</b>	<b>Retrospective Planning:</b> Nothing to report – item to remain on agenda.						
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Community Projects:</b></p> <p>Welsh Water has submitted several queries which the Clerk has answered – the latest one (received yesterday) asks for details of the fountain’s planned maintenance regime – the Clerk will respond.</p> <p>Llanbedr Hall was due to consider the Council’s offer of providing baby changing facilities at its last meeting. The outcome of this meeting is not known.</p> <p>No response has been received from Llangenny School Hall.</p> <p>No costings have been received in relation to the plant/bulb application for Llangenny</p>						
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Schemes to enable T/Community Councils to undertake minor road repairs:</b></p> <p>Cllr Morris reported on a scheme run by Herefordshire Council - the “Parish Councils Minor Highway Maintenance Initiative, the Lengthsman Scheme”. A scheme which provided funding to enable parish councils to undertake minor works on local roads.</p> <p>It was suggested PCC is approached to see if it would be interested in running a similar scheme. Cllr Morris provided leaflets which the Clerk will scan and circulate to Members. To be placed on the September agenda.</p> <p><i>21.06 Cllr Sharman left the meeting.</i></p>						
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b> <i>for information only</i></p> <p>The Llanbedr Nature Garden opening event proved very successful. Cllr Lusted was thanked for providing the refreshments and the Clerk for her input. It was agreed to write to thank Phillipa for making such a fantastic nature cake and Christy for her wonderful bug cakes which were enjoyed by adults and children alike. Thanks were also given to Kristy Williams AM for opening the event.</p>						
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>14.1 Cllr Bowker proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and agreed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 1733 1350 1841"> <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>Pre-approved: Llanbedr School – donation</td> <td>£ 50.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>14.2 The finance report was received and noted.</p>	Staff (Salary £255.87/Expenses £25)	£280.87	HMRC	£ 35.60	Pre-approved: Llanbedr School – donation	£ 50.00
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<b>15.</b>	<p><b>Highways:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents have weeded pavements in Glangrwyney</li> </ul>						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Llangenny – potholes by Druids Altar.</li> <li>• Grwyne Fawr – potholes, particularly on road between Gwern Y Bustach and entrance to Tyn y Llwyn – water constantly on road.</li> <li>• Partrishow – hedge past Dower House towards Partrishow Church needs cutting – currently obstructing vehicles.</li> <li>• Llanbedr – Bont Lane – whilst gullies have been cleared twice debris has not been removed – full of leaves again - needs clearing.</li> <li>• Stone out of the Bont Bridge</li> </ul>
<p><b>16.</b></p>	<p><b>Reports on Meetings Attended:</b></p> <p>Cllr Lusted: Llanbedr School Governors Meeting.</p>
<p><b>17.</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> The following correspondence was received and discussed as appropriate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>OVW:</b> Older People's Commissioner's Newsletter</li> <li>2. <b>OVW:</b> Actions from ICO session (Circulated)</li> <li>3. <b>BBNPA:</b> Agenda for Planning, Access and Rights of Way 28th June, 2019 (circulated)</li> <li>4. <b>BBNPA:</b> Agenda for National Park Authority, Tuesday, 25th June, 2019 (circulated)</li> <li>5. <b>Powys Teaching Health Board:</b> Invitation to AGM - 31 July 2019</li> <li>6. <b>BBNPA:</b> weekly planning registers (14/06/19, 21/6/19, 28/06/19, 05/0719) – (Circulated)</li> <li>7. <b>BBNPA:</b> link to NPA Meeting in relation to the Preferred Strategy &amp; Candidate Site Register (Circulated)</li> <li>8. <b>BBNPA:</b> Reconsultation Letter 19/17426/FUL – amended site location plan</li> <li>9. <b>BBNPA:</b> LAF, Tuesday, 9th July, 2019, 2.00 pm</li> <li>10. <b>OVW:</b> Written Statement: Non-Domestic Rates Relief for Public Lavatories (Circulated)</li> <li>11. <b>Grant Thornton:</b> confirmation annual return has been received.</li> <li>12. <b>Muller:</b> Offer to sponsor bench in Llangenny.</li> <li>13. <b>Powys Lotto:</b> Funding For Groups In Your Area (circulated)</li> <li>14. <b>BBNPA:</b> LDP2 Regulation 15 Consultation (circulated)</li> <li>15. <b>BBNPA:</b> response to query re Planning Application 19/17415/FUL (circulated)</li> <li>16. <b>OVW:</b> Brecon &amp; Radnor Area Committee meeting 19<sup>th</sup> July - agenda/minutes</li> <li>17. <b>Clerks and Councils Direct:</b> Issue 124</li> </ol>
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>BBNPA:</b> planning register 05/07/19 - (circulated)</li> <li>2. <b>Mabberley Grwyne Fawr CIC</b> - - invitation to PenYcae event 13/14 September</li> <li>3. <b>OVW Conference &amp; AGM</b> 05/10/2019</li> <li>4. <b>OVW:</b> reminder of meeting with representatives from the IRPW.</li> </ol>
<p><b>19.</b></p>	<p><b>Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies</li> <li>• Llanbedr Recycling Scheme</li> <li>• Planning breach</li> </ul>

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

Signed: .....  
Chairman