

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 16th September 2019 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

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

In attendance: Maria James (Clerk)

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Christy, Alford and Greenidge
2.	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Morris declared an interest in Item 14 (<i>spouse is member of Llanbedr Hall Committee</i>).
3.	Planning: 3.1 Applications: (i) 19/17816/FUL: alterations to front door access, replacement of rear conservatory with new solid roofed living area, refurbishment of ancillary accommodation etc Orchard Cottage, Llanbedr NP8 1SR No objection (ii) 19/17793/LBC and 19/17792/FUL: proposed alterations and extension to Ty Canol farmhouse. Tycanol Farm, Llangenny NP8 1HF It was considered provision of a tunnel will result in over-development, creating a large dwelling and extra traffic down the narrow highway. 3.2 Decisions/Other: (i) 19/17426/FUL: Installation of a 10m Telegraph Pole design mast on a concrete base, etc Perth y Pia, Llanbedr NP8 1SY has been PERMITTED
4.	County Council Report: Members expressed disappointment Cty Cllr Morris was not present especially considering PCC has received a bad report from Estyn and additional cuts have recently been announced to school budgets. It was RESOLVED to write to Cty Cllr Morris to express concern at his absence because of the recently announced further cuts.
5.	Minutes Cllr Morris proposed the minutes of the 19 th August meeting [Page 1274-1277] be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly approved. Cllr Powell proposed the minutes of the 27 th August meeting [Page 1278-1279] be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Bowker and duly approved.
6.	Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes: Rural Technologies (Trevor Mosedale) has agreed to give a presentation prior to the start of the October meeting.
7.	Llanbedr Telephone Kiosk : to consider whether to oppose removal of the payphone service/ consider adopting the kiosk

	<p>Responses received from the Council's consultation indicate residents wish the telephone service to remain in the kiosk however if this is not possible they would like the kiosk adopted for community use.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to write to PCC to oppose removal of the phone service.</p>
8.	<p>Lengthmen's Scheme - to discuss asking PCC to consider running a similar scheme: Cllr Morris reported on Hereford City Council's Lengthmen's Scheme explaining how Hereford Council provided funding to enable its parish councils to undertake basic highway repairs, ie clearing ditches, cutting verges, trimming trees, etc (not repairs to the road itself). Following discussion it was suggested the Council write to PCC offering to participate in a trial should PCC be interested in setting up a similar scheme.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to write to PCC as outlined, referencing the Herefordshire scheme - copying in Cllr Cty Morris.</p>
9.	<p>Councillor Allowances - to discuss payment methods: OVW advise HMRC has refused to issue dispensations for councillor allowances and therefore all allowances are taxable and must be processed via PAYE. The NEC of One Voice Wales has agreed that their CEO, Lyn Cadwallader, speak with Welsh Government Ministers to ask them to put pressure on HMRC to consider a change to the rules.</p> <p>Councillors were asked if they wished to register for PAYE. If Members do not want to take the communication payment it was suggested the Council investigate providing stationery to enable members to print council papers direct.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to defer a decision on this until further information has been received.</p>
10.	<p>Local Development Plan Consultation - to discuss submitted response:</p> <p>The Council's response was submitted on the 29th August in order to meet the required deadline. Cllrs Morris and Sharman stated they understood the Cwrt Y Gollen report should have been submitted. Cllr Sharman has submitted a personal response.</p>
11.	<p>Llanbedr Nature Garden - to provide up-date:</p> <p>The Clerk reported an application has been submitted for funding to cover the cost of two apple trees and two plum trees at a total cost of £169.98. The Clerk is currently awaiting confirmation from WWHA that this is acceptable.</p> <p>The maintenance schedule requires a maximum of 3 cuts per year (early May/late July/late September). Cllr Powell offered to strim the nature garden prior to the council's next meeting.</p> <p>The bench in Llanbedr playground (belonging to PCC) was reported to be damaged. Cllrs Powell and Lusted will investigate and report back.</p>
12.	<p>Policies: deferred due to time restraints.</p>
13.	<p>Retrospective Planning - to receive up-date:</p> <p>Councillors discussed this topic recalling the Minister for Energy Planning and Rural Affairs (Lesley Griffiths AM) had stated (September 2018) she was going to review retrospective planning as part of her review of planning fees.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to write to the Minister to ask for an up-date</p>

<p>14.</p>	<p>Community Projects - to receive up-date/consider applications:</p> <p>Llangenny Water Fountain - Cllr Lusted and the Clerk met Welsh Water on the 10th September to discuss connecting the fountain to the mains. Welsh Water confirm this is possible and will prepare a quote.</p> <p>The fountain is in need of maintenance, ie repointing. As it is a listed structure it was agreed advice should be sought from the conservation officer and questioned whether grant funding could be received. Cllr Powell suggested approaching BBNPA to ask if it would be eligible for funding under its Sustainable Development Fund.</p> <p>Vale of Grwyney £1,000 Giveaway: Llanbedr Hall Association Committee has confirmed it would like the Council to fund an electronic 'drop down' screen, for the Hall, for use at talks, meetings, seminars, etc (£350). Glangrwyney Village Hall wish to apply for funding for a baby changing facility (£351.38).</p> <p>Cllr Lusted proposed the above grant applications are approved. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly agreed. The village halls to provide receipts - plaques to be provided to show these items were acquired with community support.</p>				
<p>15.</p>	<p>Llanbedr Recycling Scheme: Cllr Powell has looked into the web site recommended by PCC's Officer [Page 1275 Item 13] however these companies are currently over-subscribed. He will monitor the site.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to keep this item on the agenda</p>				
<p>16.</p>	<p>Information in relation to the enforcement complaint form was received. This will be forwarded to BBPNA.</p>				
<p>17.</p>	<p>Any Other Business for Information Only: As the Clerk is unable to attend the meeting on the 23rd September to improve communication channels she asked if anyone would like to take her place. Both Cllrs Fairclough and Sharman stated they may be available. The Clerk will contact the organisers to find out if this is possible.</p> <p>Glangrwyney Village Hall is planning to celebrate VE Day (May 8th). Cllr Bowker questioned whether the other village halls doing anything. Llangenny wasn't thought to be doing anything however Members were not aware of Llanbedr's plans.</p> <p><i>It was agreed to suspended standing orders in order to continue the meeting</i></p>				
<p>18.</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>18.1 Cllr Lusted proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and agreed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="256 1677 1323 1749"> <tr> <td>Staff (Salary £256.27/Expenses £25)</td> <td>£281.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£ 35.60</td> </tr> </table> <p>18.2 The finance report was received. WWHA has reimbursed the nature garden expenses (£91.67)</p> <p>18.3 The external audit has been completed and the annual return returned unqualified.</p>	Staff (Salary £256.27/Expenses £25)	£281.27	HMRC	£ 35.60
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<p>17.</p>	<p>Highways: Reported matters were noted to have not been attended to.</p>				

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18.	<p>Reports on Meetings Attended:</p> <p>Pen-y-Cae Consultation Event: Cllr Powell reported he was very impressed with the whole set up. Community Health Focus Group – meeting cancelled</p>
19.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BBNPA: Farm Diversification Event - 10th September 2019 – postponed 2. OVW: Survey to find out more about the sector’s use of digital mechanisms (circulated) 3. Llanbedr Resident: views on future of telephone box in Llanbedr (circulated) 4. BBNPA: weekly planning register (16.08.19, 23.08.19, 30.08.19) (circulated) 5. BBNPA: Agenda for NPA, Tuesday, 3rd September, 2019, 12.30 pm (circulated) 6. BBNPA: 19/17426/FUL - Perth-y-pia, Llanbedr, NP8 1SY – permitted (circulated) 7. BBNPA: Agenda for PAROW 3rd September, 2019, 10.00 am (Circulated) 8. OVW: Major spatial planning survey - https://bit.ly/31JW4IK (circulated) 9. PCC: Budget - Letter from the Leader of PCC – meeting 19th September (circulated) 10. OVW: Age-Friendly Wales Newsletter 11. Powys Teaching Board: Crickhowell Health Focus Group 3rd September 2019 – cancelled 12. PAVO: PAVO E-bulletin - September 2019 (circulated) 13. PCC: Budget Position - meeting on 23rd September for clerks 14. OVW: The Older People’s Commissioner for Wales - Facebook page (Circulated) 15. Able Community Care: “Do not knock” door stickers (circulated) 16. I Mabberley: details of Pen Y Cae event 13/14 September 17. OVW: Environment Wales Act 2016 - Community & Town Councils Duty under Section 6 18. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation Letter 19/17816/FUL (circulated) 19. PAVO: Listening to You visits (circulated) 20. Clerks & Councils Direct: newsletter 21. Eluned Morgan AM/AC: newsletter
20	<p>Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resident – views on future of telephone kiosk (Circulated) 2. OVW: Making an Equal Wales a Reality Event (circulated) 3. PCC: Concessionary Bus Passes - (circulated) 4. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation 19/17792/FUL (Circulated) 5. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation 19/17793/LBC (Circulated) 6. OVW: Mid Wales Training Sessions – Sept – Oct 2019 7. OVW: News from Carnegie UK Trust (Circulated) 8. BBNPA: weekly planning register 08/09/19 9. OVW: reminder of OVW AGM and conference (Circulated)
21.	<p>Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Newsletter

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

Signed:

Chairman