

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

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

**In attendance:** Maria James (Clerk)

1.	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Not applicable.
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None declared.
3.	<b>Planning:</b>  3.1 <b>Application:</b> 19/17894/TPO: to pollard one oak tree. Llais Y Afon, Llangenny, Crickhowell NP8 1HA. No objection.  3.2 <b>Decisions/Other:</b> None received.
4.	<b>County Council Report:</b> Cty Cllr Morris reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Following the poor Estyn report there has been a Cabinet re-shuffle with two resignations and two new members. The Cabinet only has two members from Brecknockshire (Cllrs Rosemary Harris and James Evans) - most are based in the north of the county.</li><li>• The budget for next year is now being considered. PCC is to receive less money again despite central government stating austerity is over. Some 14 million pounds of cuts are required. PCC has produced a budget model on its web site for residents' use. Whilst more money has been allocated to healthcare education is suffering. Crickhowell High School is having to accommodate and absorb the cost of an additional 16 pupils in Year 7 when the school is already full.</li><li>• The Day Centre in Crickhowell will close at the end of October. PCC will fund a programme of events for people to link into, ie knitting club, etc. There will be a fee for activities however people will not need to be referred, anyone can partake. Some people will have the option of going to the Day Centre in Brecon.</li><li>• MCC has agreed to allow Powys' residents to pay to use its waste facilities in Llanfoist.</li><li>• Highways has supplied details of scheduled works including re-painting the white lines below The Guddar in Llanbedr. The potholes by Druids Alter have been filled. If the Council has concerns regarding lack of communication it is suggested Nigel Brinn, the Director of Highways is contacted.</li><li>• Electric charging points are being provided in Crickhowell Car Park.</li></ul> <p>Cllr Alford asked Cty Cllr Morris for support in getting a "No MOD" sign at the Craig-y-Bwla junction similar to the one erected by MCC at Five Ways. The sign provided by PCC is ineffective.</p>

	<p>Branches were reported to be obstructing the “Unsuitable for HGV” sign at Craig Y Bwla and need removing.</p> <p>Cllr Christy spoke to a MCC councillor who is sympathetic to people living in South Powys using the Llanfoist Depot and has agreed to raise this at a future meeting. Cllr Bowker suggested writing to Welsh Government to express how ridiculous this situation is. The decision to prevent Powys residents using the Llanfoist Depot only increases carbon footprint and encourages fly-tipping.</p> <p><i>20.00 JGM left the meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes</b> Cllr Lusted proposed the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> September meeting [Page 1280-1283] be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly approved.</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes:</b> Cllr Christy questioned the position regarding the communication allowance. He was informed the Council is awaiting further information from OVW.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Llanbedr Nature Garden - to provide up-date:</b> The nature garden was reported to be in need of strimming. Cllr Powell volunteered to do this.</p> <p>WWHA has agreed to sponsor the purchase of two apple trees and two pear trees (to the value of £169.98). It was agreed these should be locally sourced - Cllrs Morris and Powell offered to get the trees and plant them in the nature garden.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to allocate an additional £50 towards any additional planting costs (ie stakes, etc).</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Vale of Grwyney Newsletter - to receive up-date:</b> A re-launch of the newsletter was discussed with the suggestion the Council takes on sole responsibility for its production. It is intended to issue an electronic version quarterly with paper copies available for those unable to access the internet. Cllr Fairclough volunteered to produce the newsletter however requested community input to ensure it contains up-to-date information and invited assistance from all interested parties.</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Retrospective Planning - to receive up-date:</b> Lesley Griffiths AM has been asked for an up-date concerning her review of planning fees. Her response is awaited.</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Llangenny Water Fountain - to discuss restoration:</b> The report of the meeting with the Conservation Officer was noted. A quotation for connection to mains water has been received (£1,593). It was agreed to proceed with an application for listed building consent.</p> <p>Whilst the Community Council has insured the fountain for numerous years it was questioned whether it has proof of ownership. Cllr Fairclough will investigate.</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Community Project - to receive up-date:</b> The baby changing facility has now been installed (and used) in Glangrwyney Village Hall. The cost was less than originally anticipated at £336. A plaque will be sourced to show it was funded by the community council.</p> <p>Llanbedr Hall has been informed the Council will sponsor an electric projector screen (up to the value of £350) and asked to forward a receipt for reimbursement in due course.</p> <p>The Clerk reported no costings have been received for the Llangenny application to plant bulbs, etc. Cllr Lusted has spoken to the applicant and reported receipts will be submitted.</p>

<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>Llanbedr Recycling Scheme - to receive up-date:</b> No news to report. It was agreed this item should remain on the agenda</p> <p>Cllr Lusted stated Llanbedr School is collecting batteries if anyone has any to dispose.</p>																		
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p>It was resolved to exclude public/press during discussion of this item:  <b>Alleged Planning Breach:</b> the enforcement form has been submitted.</p>																		
<p><b>14.</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business - for information only</b></p> <p>Cllr Fairclough will lay a wreath at the Remembrance Service in Crickhowell. Cllr Sharman will lay the wreath in Llangenny Church.</p> <p>Glangrwyney Village Hall is holding its AGM/Social on 10<sup>th</sup> November (from 7pm).</p>																		
<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>15.1 Cllr Morris proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly agreed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="256 808 1323 1207"> <tr> <td>Staff (Salary £256.27/Expenses £25)</td> <td>£281.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£ 35.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Glangrwyney Village Hall (Hire)</td> <td>£ 82.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Llanbedr Village Hall (Hire)</td> <td>£ 91.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Llangenny School Hall (Hire)</td> <td>£ 80.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Glangrwyney Village Hall (Baby changing facility)</td> <td>£336.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planning Aid Wales (training)</td> <td>£ 35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D Sharman (Travelling expenses)</td> <td>£ 66.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G M James – reimbursement (Wordpress hosting)</td> <td>£ 36.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>15.2 The finance report was received and noted.</p> <p>15.3 Following discussion Cllr Morris proposed the following donations. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and agreed:</p> <p>£100 to each of the three churchyards; £100 to each of the three village halls;          £100 to Wales Air Ambulance; £50 to Llanbedr School - competition prize;          £72 to Friends of Llangenny Playground</p> <p>15.4 Other Financial Matters: none.</p>	Staff (Salary £256.27/Expenses £25)	£281.27	HMRC	£ 35.60	Glangrwyney Village Hall (Hire)	£ 82.50	Llanbedr Village Hall (Hire)	£ 91.00	Llangenny School Hall (Hire)	£ 80.00	Glangrwyney Village Hall (Baby changing facility)	£336.00	Planning Aid Wales (training)	£ 35.00	D Sharman (Travelling expenses)	£ 66.60	G M James – reimbursement (Wordpress hosting)	£ 36.00
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<p><b>16.</b></p>	<p><b>Highways:</b> the following matters were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grit bin for Bellfountain Road.</li> <li>• Hedge belonging to Green Cottage, Grwyne Fechan needs trimming.</li> <li>• Ditch blocked by Green Cottage.</li> <li>• Hedge by Dower House overgrown – initially reported over 18 months ago.</li> <li>• Bailey Bridge, Glangrwyney - pedestrian access blocked - why hasn't this been repaired?</li> <li>• Potholes in road to Grwyne Fawr - on pitch before Tyn y Llwyn.</li> </ul>																		
<p><b>17.</b></p>	<p><b>Reports on Meetings Attended:</b></p> <p>Cllr Morris presented a verbal report on the OVW Conference attended.</p> <p>Cllr Sharman reported on two PCC meetings attended; (i) "How do you see the future of Powys"; (2) How to improve communication between CCs and PCC officers (Cllr Sharman represented the Clerk).</p>																		

<p><b>18.</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> One Voice Wales - News Bulletin (circulated)</li> <li>2. <b>BBNPA:</b> Revised Farm Diversification Event - 23rd October 2019 (circulated)</li> <li>3. <b>Victim Support:</b> funding request</li> <li>4. <b>BBNPA:</b> weekly planning register (13.09.19, 20.09.19, 27.09.19, 4.10.19) (circulated)</li> <li>5. <b>PAVO:</b> 2019 Conference and AGM (circulated)</li> <li>6. <b>OVW:</b> Ystadau Cymru Invitation - Autumn Conference - 3rd October (circulated)</li> <li>7. <b>OVW:</b> : Brecon/Radnor Area Committee Meeting - 4th October 2019</li> <li>8. <b>Resident:</b> complaint re litter in Llangenny. <i>Cllr Lusted reported this has been attended to.</i></li> <li>9. <b>I Mabberley:</b> Pen y Cae consultation event ...next steps (circulated)</li> <li>10. <b>OVW:</b> Protecting Community Spaces – Fields in Trust (circulated)</li> <li>11. <b>OVW:</b> Message from the Chief Executive – for information (circulated)</li> <li>12. <b>Citizens Advice Powys:</b> funding request (circulated)</li> <li>13. <b>IRPA Wales:</b> confirm receipt of Remuneration paid to Members 2018-2019</li> <li>14. <b>PCC:</b> Draft Decision: BT Payphone Removal Consultation (Powys) 2019 (circulated)</li> <li>15. <b>WWHA:</b> grant approved for trees - Nature Garden</li> <li>16. <b>Trefeglwys CC:</b> - Clinical Waste Issue–<i>write to support their efforts</i></li> <li>17. <b>PCC:</b> T/ CC Engagement Meeting, Minutes/Budget Presentation/ Dates of Future Meetings</li> <li>18. <b>BBNPA:</b> 19/17894/TPO – Llais-yr-Afon Llangenny (Circulated)</li> <li>19. <b>PCC:</b> Have your say on next year’s budget (circulated)</li> <li>20. <b>Cty Cllr Morris:</b> Access to recycling centres (circulated)</li> <li>21. <b>Welsh Water:</b> new connections – next process</li> <li>22. <b>Planning Aid Wales:</b> Introduction to Planning training - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (circulated)</li> <li>23. <b>BBNPA:</b> ENF/18/01892/ODP2 Enforcement Notices and Appeals (circulated)</li> <li>24. <b>OVW:</b> State of the Nation report (circulated)</li> <li>25. <b>Planning Aid Wales:</b> Planning a Community Led Renewable Energy Project (circulated)</li> <li>26. <b>PAVO:</b> PAVO Trustee Nominations (circulated)</li> <li>27. <b>Llanbedr School:</b> thanks for donation</li> <li>28. <b>Welsh Water:</b> quote for new connection – Llangenny Water Fountain</li> </ol>
<p><b>19.</b></p>	<p><b>Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>OVW:</b> <b>VE DAY 75 CELEBRATIONS</b> - agenda</li> <li>2. <b>OVW:</b> Understanding Welsh Places (circulated)</li> <li>3. <b>IRPW/OVW:</b> draft Annual Report Consultation - February 2020 – agenda</li> <li>4. <b>OVW:</b> Planning Consultations (circulated)</li> <li>5. <b>Glangrwyney Village Hall:</b> Minutes - 29 September 2019 (circulated)</li> <li>6. <b>BBNPA:</b> Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee, 25th October, 2019, 10.00 am</li> <li>7. <b>OVW:</b> Local Government Democracy: workshop invite (circulated)</li> <li>8. <b>BBNPA:</b> weekly planning register 21/10/19 (circulated)</li> <li>9. <b>PCC:</b> Y Gaer - Advert for Expressions of Interest (circulated) - <i>there was strong feeling Y Gaer been subject to a power grab by PCC. Agreed to write to express concern copying in Brecon TC. Cllr Fairclough will draft response.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VE DAY 75 CELEBRATIONS</li> <li>• IRPW draft Annual Report</li> </ul>

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:29 pm

Signed: .....  
 Chairman