

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 16th December 2019 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Caroline Fairclough (Chair)
Cllr John Morris
Cllr Colin Alford
Cllr Dean Christy
Cllr Keith Powell
Cllr Jeff Greenidge
Cllr Phill Bowker

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

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Lusted and Sharman
2.	Declarations of Interest: None declared.
3.	Planning: 3.1 Applications: None. 3.2 Decisions/Other: Application 19/17894/TPO Llais Y Afon, Llangenny has been permitted.
4.	County Council Report: Cty Cllr Morris reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PCC should receive an increased settlement of between 4.3 - 4.6% from Welsh Government. Years of underfunding however means lots of things need doing. Schools and libraries in particular require support.• Cty Cllr Morris will speak to the Director of Highways regarding lack of communication. Members expressed dissatisfaction with the current situation reporting repairs not being attended to and man hours being wasted. Highways has been asked to explain why it is unable to erect a "NO MOD" sign by Craig-y-Bwla considering Monmouthshire County Council has put one at Five Ways.• The new schools funding formula (introduced 12 months ago) is being tweaked. The current formula tends to support smaller schools with secondary schools receiving inadequate funds. PCC may put money in to balance the larger schools' deficit. <p>Cllr Christy referred to speeding in Glangrwyney. Cty Cllr Morris suggested the Council contact PCC as it can influence NMWTRA. <i>To be discussed further under Item 12.</i></p> <p><i>Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting at this point.</i></p>
5.	Minutes: Cllr Morris proposed the minutes of the 21 st October meeting [Page 1288 -1291] be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Powell and duly approved.
6.	Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes: None reported.
7.	Llanbedr Nature Garden: Cllr Powell will trim the nature garden next week. Llanfoist Garden Centre inform Cllr Morris apple trees will be back in stock in January. Llanbedr Allotment Society has agreed to contribute towards the cost of cutting the hedge if the Community Council organises. Cllr Morris will instruct a contractor.

8.	<p>VE DAY 75 Celebrations: Glangrwyney Hall is holding an event on Friday 8th May 2020 to celebrate VE Day (ie hog roast/1940s themed dance group/bar, etc) - plans are ongoing. It was agreed the other hall committees should be asked if they intend doing anything - individually or to support /complement Glangrwyney and to ascertain interest in holding an inter-village event, ie sports competition (which the Council may consider sponsoring).</p> <p>RESOLVED: to contact the village hall committees as outlined.</p>
9.	<p>Retrospective Planning: Nothing to report.</p>
10.	<p>Llangenny Water Fountain: Details of the BBNPA Sustainable Development Fund were noted. It was agreed the deadlines stated were unachievable at this time. BBNPA has been asked if the fund will re-open for future applications.</p> <p>Members discussed the need to confirm ownership in order to submit the listed building application. It was reported the Council has assumed ownership and insured the fountain for numerous years. The Clerk is trying to source a suitable tap.</p> <p>The quote from Welsh Water to connect the fountain to mains water expires at the end of March 2020. The Clerk will ask if they will extend this deadline explaining listed building consent needs to be obtained before the Council is able to proceed.</p> <p>Cllrs Powell and Morris will ask local stone masons to provide an indication of cost involved in renovating the fountain.</p> <p>RESOLVED: to contact Welsh Water/stone masons as outlined.</p>
11.	<p>Llanbedr Recycling Scheme: Cllr Powell reported there is currently no space on the Tetra Pak Recycling Scheme. He is investigating whether Tetra Paks can be burnt (to retrieve aluminium) and asked members to inform him if they have any knowledge of the process. Ongoing.</p>
12.	<p>Speeding in Glangrwyney: The ongoing problem of speeding in the village was discussed. The traffic calming work undertaken in 2018 has had little impact. It was suggested staggered speed limits/imposing a 50 mph on the A40 from Crickhowell to Abergavenny may help and agreed evidence of speeding needs to be obtained to support the need for action. It was suggested the Council write to the AM, MP and police to request assistance. Cllr Bowker will speak to local residents running the speed awareness scheme.</p> <p>RESOLVED to: write to the MP, AM and police as outlined. <i>This item to remain on the agenda.</i></p>
13.	<p>The Biodiversity & Resilience of Ecosystems Duty: The Clerk will produce a report and circulate prior to publication.</p>
14.	<p>Any Other Business - for information only: Cllr Bowker informed Members Glangrwyney Hall intends applying for a grant from the Welsh Government and asked the Council to support this application. The Clerk advised this needs to go on the agenda for future discussion. It was agreed to hold a meeting on Monday, 30th December at 6pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall for this purpose.</p> <p>Cllr Alford reported on a race due to take place in the Black Mountains in March and requested this be placed on the next agenda.</p>
15.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>15.1 Cllr Morris proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Powell and duly agreed:</p>

Staff (Salary £256.27/Expenses £25)	£281.27
HMRC	£ 35.80
G M James – reimbursement of stationery/postage (12/18 – 12/19)	£252.19
Welsh Water - Llanbedr water trough	£ 15.26

15.2 The finance report was received and noted.

15.3 Agreed to defer setting the precept to the January meeting.

16. Highways: (this item was discussed under Item 4).

The Clerk was asked to tabulate the repairs reported and circulate to Members prior to submission to Highways.

Cllr Morris asked the Clerk to again report the water and hedges at Green Cottage and the hedges at the Bungalow.

17. Reports on Meetings Attended: Cllr Bowker attended a Planning Aid Introduction to Planning training which talked about Place Planning. He was alarmed to discover enforcement is a discretionary process.

18. Correspondence: the following correspondence was received and discussed as appropriate.

1. **Powys Schools Vision 2019** - Engagement sessions for T/Community Councils (circulated)
2. **Brecon & Radnor Branch** - Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales – petition to put public comments back on PCC web site (circulated)
3. **PAVO:** CA-POWYS –courses in Talgarth – 11th and 18th December
4. **BBNPA:** 19/17894/TPO Llais Y Afon, Llangenny - permitted.
5. **BBNPA:** weekly planning registers (circulated)
6. **OVW:** Bus Pass Renewal Programme (circulated)
7. **OVW:** Welsh Government consultation: A More Equal Wales (circulated)
8. **OVW:** News Bulletin (Circulated)
9. **Ms Walker:** Receipt for donation - Llangenny Churchyard Fund
10. **Rev Bowler:** receipt for donations to Llanbedr Churchyard Fund/Llangenny Playground
11. **WG:** Discretionary Expenditure Limit – Appropriate Sum under Section 137 (4) A of the LGA 1972 Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2020/21 is £8.32 per elector (circulated)
12. **Community Land Advisory Service** – WG – Allotments – survey
13. **BBNPA:** Sustainable Development Fund application (circulated)
14. **W Tomey:** petition to get 3rd party comments on PCC planning portal (circulated)
15. **OVW:** The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) 2019 (circulated)
16. **S Shaw:** request for CC to support the Local Electricity Bill (circulated) - *put on agenda*
17. **PAVO:** December 2019 E-bulletin
18. **Welsh Water:** reminder quote expires in March 2020
19. **Powys Health Teaching Board:** Health Focus Group Meeting 10/12/19 - cancelled
20. **BBNPA:** Agenda for PAROW - 10th December, 2019, 10.00 am
21. **OVW:** project to plant a million trees in a day in the BBNP (circulated).
22. **Police & Crime Commissioner:** Police Precept Consultation (circulated)
23. **Llandrindod TC:** 2020 Mid Powys Pride Event (circulated)
24. **PCC:** Knife Angel in Newtown, Powys (circulated)
25. **Welsh Water:** invoice Llanbedr Water Trough

18.	Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. OVW: Connecting Communities in Wales Newsletter (circulated)2. BBPNA: Meeting cancelled - 17/12/2019, 10:00, National Park Authority3. Llangenny Hall: receipt4. Llanbedr Village Hall: receipt5. Police & Crime Commissioner: invitation to Knife Angel event – 4 January 2019 -6. BBNPA: weekly planning register 07.12.19
19.	Items for inclusion in the next Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request to support Glangrwyney Village Hall's funding application – separate meeting• Race in Back Mountains - 28th March• Request for CC to support the Local Electricity Bill

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:24 pm

Signed:

Chairman