

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 17th February 2020 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Maria James (Clerk)

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Sharman, Cllr Powell and Cty Cllr Morris
2.	Declarations of Interest: None declared.
3.	Policing Up-date: Deferred to March meeting.
4.	Planning: 4.1 Applications: (i) 20/18174/FUL Introduction of new footpath link from existing car park to main training centre building. Cwrt Y Gollen Training Camp, Glangrwyney, NP8 1TH No objection (ii) 20/18233/FUL Conversion of existing building and extension to provide holiday let with associated drainage, landscaping and associated works. Construction of new garage/storage building with bat mitigation refuge. The Bothy, The Neuadd, Llanbedr No objection (iii) 19/18155/FUL Disposal points and cess pit tank to serve certified caravan park. Land adjoining Llwyntrych Farm, Crickhowell NP8 1EE Agreed to support subject to it meeting correct permissions - reporting concern this is yet another retrospective application. 4.2 Decisions/Other: None received.
5.	County Council Report - to discuss general Powys County Council Matters: Cty Cllr Morris sent apologies – no report received.
6.	Minutes: Cllr Morris proposed the minutes of the 20 th January meeting [Page 1297 -1300] be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough and duly approved.
7.	Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes: None reported
8.	Llanbedr Nature Garden up-date: Cllr Powell has cut the grass. Cllrs Morris and Powell have also planted the apple and pear trees sponsored by WWHA.
9.	Dog Fouling in Martell Way: Cllr Bowker asked for this item to be deferred explaining he had not yet had opportunity to speak to the person who reported this problem.
10.	Lengthman's Scheme - to discuss/investigate implementing: Information previously circulated by Cllr Fairclough explaining how the Lengthman's Scheme works in Hampshire was discussed. Whilst creating extra administrative work it was agreed such a scheme would enable the Council to use local knowledge to effectively deal with minor repairs, ie blocked ditches, etc.

	RESOLVED to write to PCC to ask for an up-date on the Council's offer to participate in a trial [Page 1281 Item 8].								
11.	Retrospective Planning: This item will be discussed under Item 13.								
12.	Llangenny Water Fountain: The Clerk has failed to source a suitable tap and again questioned proof of ownership – Cllr Lusted offered to make enquiries with the local rector. The suggestion of using a local architect was declined. Ongoing.								
13.	Consultation on Planning and Related Application Fees: The Council did not wish to comment on the proposed application fees however did wish to respond regarding the ongoing issue of retrospective planning. Discussion ensued during which it was suggested significant financial penalties need to be imposed to discourage people from deliberately flouting the planning system for personal gain. Cllr Christy offered to draft a response.								
14.	Speeding in Glangrwyney - to receive up-date: PSCO Billy Dunne will be asked to supply an up-date at the March meeting.								
15.	Any Other Business for information only. In response to correspondence previously circulated [Page 1300 Item 23.3] Cllr Bowler clarified the role of the Community Council as Custodial Trustee of Glangrwyney Village Hall.								
16.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>16.1 Cllr Lusted proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Alford and agreed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 1115 991 1261"> <tr> <td>Staff (Salary £255.87/Expenses £25)</td> <td>£281.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Morris – Reimbursement of trees</td> <td>£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wales Audit Office – audit fee</td> <td>£183.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£ 35.60</td> </tr> </table> <p>16.2 The finance report was received and noted.</p> <p>16.3 Councillors were asked to sign a proforma confirming whether or not they wished to accept part or all of the communication allowance. The Clerk will seek advice from OVW on the consequences should Councillors not agree to this request.</p>	Staff (Salary £255.87/Expenses £25)	£281.07	J Morris – Reimbursement of trees	£100.00	Wales Audit Office – audit fee	£183.75	HMRC	£ 35.60
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17.	<p>Highways: the following matters were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of trees have recently fallen in Grwyne Fawr and Llangenny. It was agreed to report this to PCC and ask them to investigate/undertake a tree survey • Culvert remains blocked by Green Cottage, Grwyne Fechan. • Hedge past Dower House Partrishow remains overgrown – obstructing large vehicles. • Holly is partially obstructing sign to Grwyne Fawr/Partrishow by Cefn Farm – Member to remove. • Potholes filled by Pontyspig/Celyn pitch however poor quality repair. • Tarmac has lifted on Vicarage Pitch and culvert is blocked. • Large tree obstructed river in Llangenny - Fire Brigade were called out and removed part of this tree to alleviate flooding – nearby house was however flooded. 								
18.	Reports on Meetings Attended: None.								
19.	<p>Correspondence: The following correspondence was received and discussed as appropriate.</p> <p>1. OVW: Annual Financial Timetable of Actions for Small and Medium Size Councils</p>								

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. S Pitt: Glangrwyney Village Hall Minutes - Nov 19 (Circulated) 3. BBNPA: Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee - 31st January, 2020, 10.00 am 4. Crickhowell TC: OVW training - financial matters - 23/3/20 (Circulated - EL to attend). 5. BBNPA: weekly planning registers (24.01.20, 31/01/20, 7/02/20) 6. PCC: Transforming Education in Powys - strategic review (Circulated) 7. Keep Britain Tidy: Get ready for the Great British Spring Clean (circulated) 8. Kirsty Williams AM: Speeding in Glangrwyney – offer to attend meeting 9. PCC: Register of Electors Request Form (returned) 10. PAVO: February 2020 E-bulletin (circulated) 11. Traffic Wales: Carriageway reconstruction 4/2/2020 (Circulated) 12. BBNPA: Agenda for Planning, Access and Rights of Way, 11/02/20 (Circulated) 13. BBNPA: Agenda for NPA meeting - 11th February, 2020, 11.00 am (circulated) 14. Wales Audit Office: Accounts qualified at a third of t/c councils (circulated) 15. PAVO: Powys Regional Partnership Board – looking for board members (circulated) 16. BBNPA: Republished Agenda for NPA, 11/02/20 (circulated) 17. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation Letter 20/18233/FUL (circulated) 18. OVW: Brecon & Radnor Area Committee Meeting 21/02/20 – Erwood 19. OVW/Wales Audit Office: Consultation on future audit arrangements (circulated) 20. Welsh Government: Minimum Pricing for Alcohol - from 2 March 2020 (circulated) 21. Wales Audit Office Finance: invoice 22. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation Letter 19/18155/FUL (Circulated) 23. OVW: Membership 2020-2021 – Renewal of Membership Details 24. Glangrwyney Village Hall: minutes, etc (circulated) 25. Welsh Ambulance: funding request
<p>20.</p>	<p>Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OVW: News Bulletin (circulated) 2. S Pitt: Glangrwyney Village Hall Minutes - Nov 19 (circulated) 3. Keep Britain Tidy: Is Your Council Taking Part In #GBSpringClean 2020? (circulated) 4. IRPW/OVW: Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Supplementary Report–the principles relating to the reimbursement of costs of care (circulated) 5. The Pensions Regulator: Take action now: workplace pensions re-enrolment 6. R Stafford: Welsh Government Request for Information – Allotments (circulated) 7. BBNPA: Local Access Forum - Thursday 20th February 2020 (circulated) 8. PCC: Town and Community Council Engagement Meeting - 11th March 2020 (circulated) 9. Powys Health Teaching Board: Meeting the Challenges in Podiatry Services in Powys www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/podiatry-engagement (circulated) 10. Police Commissionaire: - Policing in a rural area conference – invitation to event 6th March (circulated) 11. BBNPA: weekly planning register (Circulated) 12. OVW: Brecon and Radnor Meeting Friday 21st Feb (Circulated) 13. Broxap: Litter & Recycling Bins Catalogue 14. Glasdon: catalogue 15. Play for Wales: Issue 54 Winter 2019
<p>21.</p>	<p>Items for inclusion in the next Agenda: None reported.</p>

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9:37pm

Signed:
Chairman