

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2020 at 7:30pm. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic and in accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 this meeting was held remotely via video/telephone conferencing.

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

In attendance: Cty Cllr John Morris, Maria James (Clerk)
Two members of the public (for the first part of the meeting)

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Colin Alford. Absent: Cllr Keith Powell
2.	Declarations of Interest: to be declared during the meeting.
3.	<p>3.1 Applications:</p> <p>(i) 20/18535/FUL The construction of polytunnels to produce food for local people. Langtons Farm, Crickhowell NP8 1DF</p> <p>Cty Cllr Morris declared an interest explaining he rents this field to the applicant. His tenant has submitted the application.</p> <p>Members were generally supportive of the proposal but expressed considerable concern over access onto the A40.</p> <p>Following debate it was RESOLVED to write to the BBNPA to inform them the Council has no objection to the application provided access from the A40 can be clarified in terms of safety.</p> <p>(ii) 20/18557/FUL Construction of single storey extension and internal alterations. 37 Martell Way, Cwrt Y Gollen, Crickhowell NP8 1TJ</p> <p>No objection.</p> <p>(iii) 20/18513/FUL To relocate oil tank to new position. Pendarren House Outdoor Education Centre, Llangenny NP8 1HE</p> <p>No objection.</p> <p>3.2 Decisions/Other: the following decision was noted:</p> <p>(i) Application 19/18155/FUL - Land Adjoining Llwynytrych Farm, Crickhowell, NP8 1EE has been permitted.</p>
4.	<p>County Council Report: Cty Cllr Morris reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PCC has emergency plans in place to deal with the pandemic. These concentrate on vulnerable people, adult and children social care, etc. Updates from PCC have been circulated. Anyone shielding with letters from their doctor or the Welsh Government should get a weekly phone call from PCC, as well as other assistance to ensure they are ok. If anyone knows someone needing support from PCC please let Cty Cllr Morris know.• The majority of businesses which had to close across Powys due to the pandemic have

	<p>received grants dependent on size - £25,000 for larger businesses - £10,000 for smaller businesses. If you know any business which hasn't please let Cty Cllr Morris know. The problem is PCC set its budget in March based on the status quo but this is not the status quo and a lot of additional costs are being incurred. The budget is currently 2.5 million per month in deficit due to the extra support going into social care, etc. PCC is using its reserves however without extra funding from the Welsh Government these will run out by the end of year, if not before.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General waste collection has largely carried on and green waste is now operating again. Waste centres are hoping to re-open next week. • Road repairs are also restarting – the workforce was initially reduced by 30% as a result of employees shielding or being transferred to other services. Survey work is not being done as they cannot travel around the county, but if there are any urgent repairs please inform the Clerk who will notify Cty Cllr Morris. <p>Cllr Fairclough asked for thanks to be forwarded to PCC for the speed with which they have started repairing the landslip in Grwyne Fawr and the bridge by Pontyspig.</p> <p>Cllr Greenidge asked if any assistance is available for those small businesses which fall between the gaps, ie people working from home who have lost contracts, etc. Cty Cllr Morris will forward a link to the Welsh Government web site.</p> <p><i>20.30 JGM left the meeting</i></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Minutes: Cllr Lusted proposed the minutes of the 16th March [Page 1304-1306] be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Christy and duly approved.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes: None.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Coronavirus - what's being done/what isn't and why:</p> <p>Cllr Fairclough reported things appear to be fairly well organised in the Grwyne Fawr/Partrishow area with a WhatsApp group operating well.</p> <p>Cllr Morris has spoken to various residents in Llanbedr reporting they are supporting each other. Local shops are delivering to the village.</p> <p>Cllr Sharman distributed leaflets in Llangenny. He also confirmed everyone appears to be looking out for each other. Cllr Lusted has received a couple of calls to both thank her for the offer of help and to offer help.</p> <p>Cllr Bowker informed the position is similar in Glangrwyney with people working together and looking after each other.</p> <p>It was felt the council had neither over or under reacted to the pandemic.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Virtual Meetings - to agree protocol/confirm platform:</p> <p>It was agreed to amend the Virtual Meeting Procedure (previously circulated) to read <i>"If a Councillor has declared a <u>prejudicial</u> interest in an item on the agenda they will be placed in the waiting room"</i>. In accordance with normal council procedure councillors declaring a personal interest will be permitted to remain in the meeting but not vote (<i>unless granted a dispensation</i>). It was also suggested members have the option of leaving the meeting rather than using the waiting room if preferred.</p> <p>Cllr Bowker proposed the Council purchase Zoom Pro as the platform for future meetings. The cost</p>

	of which is approximately £11.99 per month plus VAT. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and unanimously agreed.								
9.	Any Other Business for information only: None reported. It was suggested delegated powers is placed on the next agenda.								
10.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(i) Cllr Sharman proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and agreed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 551 1115 692"> <tr> <td>Staff (Salary/Expenses)</td> <td>£291.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£ 25.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Information Commissioner</td> <td>£ 40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tindle Newspapers Wales & The Borders</td> <td>£136.80</td> </tr> </table> <p>(ii) The finance report was received and noted. The Clerk will forward a scanned copy of the bank account to members.</p> <p>(iii) The internal audit was received. Members were asked to consider and approve the accounting statements and annual government statement. Cllr Lusted proposed the annual return be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly approved. The Clerk will arrange for Cllr Fairclough to sign the annual return prior to submission to the external auditor.</p>	Staff (Salary/Expenses)	£291.47	HMRC	£ 25.20	Information Commissioner	£ 40.00	Tindle Newspapers Wales & The Borders	£136.80
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11.	<p>Highways: the following items were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes (reported previously) – in particular those in the Grwyne Fawr valley between Gwernybustach and Tyn-y-Llwyn. • Drains under the bridge in Glangrwyney and the culvert on the river to the north side are blocked and need clearing. • The road is cracking between Bont Farm to Sunnybank, Grwyne Fechan, Llanbedr • Large lorries using the lane by Glanffrwd, Llangenny are causing damage. Can a sign limiting the weight/size of lorries (ie 7.5 tonne) be erected just past the entrance to Hall Farm? • Trees before Millbrook Bridge, Llangenny (from MOD side) have fallen into river and need removing – the bank is also damaged – this could result in a backlog and flooding further up the valley. The Clerk will write to NRW (copying in the MOD). 								
12.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OVW: News Bulletin 2. Cty Cllr Morris: Powys Coronavirus (COVID-19) Bulletin 17/03/20 3. PCC: Notes of Public Service Board Engagement Session with T/Councils – 2019 4. PCC: PCC Contact Details 5. Powys Teaching Board: Health Focus Groups - Coronavirus (COVID-19) 6. Citizen Advice Powys: Corona -Virus Service Changes 7. Powys CHC: Newsletter - Issue 2 – Spring 8. BBNPA: Meeting postponed - 31/03/2020, Planning, Access and Rights of Way 9. PCC: Press release - Residents urged to help council 10. OVW: Coronavirus Message to ALL Community and Town Councils 11. OVW: Covid19 information 12. OVW: Financial and Governance Arrangements 13. PCC: Powys Coronavirus (COVID-19) Bulletin 14. Audit Office: COVID-19 and the audit of 2019-20 accounts 								

15. **PAVO:** Powys Community Sector Emergency Response Team
16. **PCC:** Powys Coronavirus Bulletin - 23/03/20
17. **OVW:** Coronavirus – Survey
18. **Audit Office:** Audit update
19. **BBNPA:** weekly planning registers (20/03, 27/03,03/04,10/04,17/04, 24/04, 01/05)
20. **OVW:** Volunteering Guidance for Local Authority Contact Staff
21. **BBNPA:** Meeting postponed - 31/03/2020, National Park Authority
22. **Cty Cllr Morris:** Services provided by Age Cymru
23. **Cty Cllr Morris:** Powys Coronavirus Bulletin - 25/03/20
24. **Cty Cllr Morris:** Delivery of NDR Covid-19 Business Fiscal Stimulus Package
25. **Cty Cllr Morris:** Access to the countryside in Powys
26. **PCC:** Letter from the Leader of Powys County Council
27. **PCC:** Coronavirus (COVID-19) Planning Update- Town and Community Councils
28. **PCC:** News release - Public transport reduced because of Coronavirus
29. **Cty Cllr Morris:** Powys Coronavirus Bulletin - 30/03/20
30. **PAVO:**PAVO E-bulletin April 2020
31. **BBNPA:** Letter from Tracy Nettleton to Town and Community Councils
32. **PAVO:** Emergency Covid 19 Response Fund
33. **Crickhowell Response:** Feedback request regarding initial response to flooding
34. **PCC:** Information to Town and Community Councils
35. **OVW:** new ITV show & covid-19 ToolKit
36. **BBNPA:** update covid-19 planning
37. **OVW:** Statement: The Government's approach to legislation in light of COVID-19
38. **Powys Community Cohesion Team:** COVID-19 Community Cohesion
39. **OVW:** Post Office Network in Wales - COVID-19 Update
40. **Welsh Heart Charity:** Welsh Council Defibrillator Drive for Powys
41. **OVW:**COVID-19 update from Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
42. **PCC:** Crickhowell Community Recycling Site - Small Electrical Appliances
43. **Powys Health Teaching Board:** Coronavirus Bulletin - Message from Carol Shillabeer
44. **OVW:** Arrangements for funerals and crematoriums
45. **OVW:** News Bulletin
46. **Astra Broadband Group:** Covid 19 Support / Broadband for remote areas
47. **BBNPA:** Meeting cancelled - 01/05/2020, Audit and Scrutiny Committee
48. **BBNPA:** Change of date for meeting 26/05/2020, National Park Authority
49. **OVW:** Employment Law Changes 2020
50. **OVW:** Post Office Payout Service
51. **Cty Cllr Morris:** Powys Coronavirus Bulletin - 20/04/20
52. **BBNPA:** Planning Application Consultation Letter 20/18535/FUL
53. **OVW:** Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020
54. **BBNPA:** Planning Application Consultation Letter 20/18557/FUL
55. **OVW:** Coronavirus: A focus on regulation during lockdown
56. **OVW:** Guidance To Support Remotely Held Meetings
57. **Fields in Trust:** E-bulletin
58. **Powys Teaching Health Board:** Coronavirus Bulletin 23 April 2020
59. **BBNPA:** Planning Application Consultation Letter 20/18513/FUL
60. **B Bermingham:** Internal Audit Report
61. **OVW:** WG Stakeholder Briefing on Covid related developments
62. **OVW:** One Voice Wales - Latest COVID 19 briefing 24 April 2020
63. **OVW:** Welsh Government COVID-19 bulletin
64. **PCC:** COVID-19 Weekly Brief: Parish Councils for Clerks Webinar
65. **PAVO:** update for organisations
66. **OVW:** COVID 19 Financial Impact Survey

	<p>67. BBNPA: Permitted - 19/18155/FUL - Land Adjoining Llwynytrych Farm</p> <p>68. Zurich: Zurich Town and Parish Insurance renewal notice</p> <p>69. PAVO: C-SERT Emergency Fund</p> <p>70. OVW: Question and Answer Brief - The Local Authorities (Coronavirus)</p> <p>71. OVW: News Bulletin</p> <p>72. OVW: COVID-19 - Dietician and Nutrition advice on food parcels & meals</p> <p>73. OVW: National Awards 2020</p> <p>74. IRPW: receipt of statement of members allowances</p> <p>75. The Pensions Regulator: automatic enrolment duties – re-declaration</p> <p>76. Clerks & Council Direct: newsletter</p>
13.	<p>Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. OVW: "LRF - circular Ystadau Cymru" (A29878829), "LRF - WELSH circular Ystadau Cymru" (A29903491)2. BBNPA: weekly planning register (08.05.20)3. OVW: Welsh Local Government Association – daily updates4. Powys Teaching Health Board: Online Eligibility Checker for COVID-19 Testing for Powys Key Workers5. Tenovus Cancer Care - Help Give Hope – funding request6. BBNPA: Change of date for meeting - 26/05 to 22/05 , Planning, Access and Rights of Way7. Powys Teaching Health Board: Daily COVID-19 Update on 13 May8. Powys Teaching Health Board : Daily COVID-19 Update on 14 May9. PAVO: COVID 19 Bulletin10. Audit Wales: audit update11. Hope House: children's hospice - funding request
14.	<p>Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegated powers• Housing Developments on known Flood plains.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15pm

Signed:
Chairman