

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 15th June 2020 at 7:30pm. In accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 this meeting was held remotely via video conferencing.

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

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

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Dean Christy and Cllr Keith Powell
2.	Declarations of Interest: None declared.
3.	Planning:
3.1	Applications:
(i)	20/18655/CON: Variation of Condition 2 of permission 19/17426/FUL to replace plans Proposed Site Elevation D 26.06.19 & Proposed Site Plan Rev D 26.06.19 with Proposed Site Plan 103 Rev C & Proposed Site Elevation 105 Rev C. Perth-y-Pia, Llanbedr NP8 1SY No objection
(ii)	20/18615/LBC and 20/18614/FUL Utility room extension and new porch. Henbant Fach, Llanbedr NP8 1TA No objection
(iii)	20/18612/FUL Partly glazed lean-to single storey with slate roof and larch lap cladding. Gelliwelltog, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LR No objection
3.2	Decisions/Other: the following applications were noted to have been permitted:
(i)	20/18557/FUL Construction of single storey extension and internal alterations. 37 Martell Way, Cwrt Y Gollen, Crickhowell NP8 1TJ
(ii)	20/18174/FUL Introduction of a new footpath link from existing car park to the main training centre building. Cwrt Y Gollen Training Camp, Glangrwyney, NP8 1TH
(iii)	20/18513/FUL To relocate oil tank to new position. Pendarren House Outdoor Education Centre, Llangenny NP8 1HE

<p>4.</p>	<p>County Council Report: Cty Cllr Morris reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools will partially re-open on the 29th June with up to 1/3rd of pupils present at any time. Strict social distant measures will be in place. Parents may have to provide transport for their children. • Non-essential shops and businesses should re-open from 22nd June. Traffic may have to be restricted in the main street of Crickhowell to allow pedestrians sufficient space to socially distance. Toilets should re-open. • Police recently caught several people driving in excess of 50mph through Glangrwyney. These drivers will be prosecuted. Warnings or bookings were also issued to a number of people driving between 30 and 50 mph. • Please report any outstanding highway repairs to Cty Cllr Morris so he can chase PCC. The storm damage/displaced boulders by the River Grwyney upstream of Llangenny village - where the roadslip occurred several years ago – is due to be repaired by the autumn. • Grants of up to £2,500 are available for businesses affected by flooding in the Vale of Grwyney and Crickhowell. <p>Cllr Fairclough reported repairs to the bridge at Pontyspig are ahead of schedule – the bridge should re-open within three weeks.</p> <p>Cllr Lusted reported PCC has inspected the fence and grit bin which was damaged by a lorry at The Crossroads, Llangenny.</p> <p><i>Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting at 19:57</i></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Minutes: Cllr Morris proposed the minutes of the 14th May [Page 1309-13011] are accepted as an accurate record. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and approved.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes: Cllr Sharman provided a verbal update on the Langtons Farm planning application.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Retrospective Planning: Discussion deferred.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Housing Developments on known Flood Plains: Discussion deferred.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Llangenny Water Fountain: A planning application has now been submitted to the BBNPA for the restoration works required to bring the fountain back into working order.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Llanbedr Nature Garden: Photographs previously circulated show the nature garden to be in need of maintenance. It was agreed mowing should be restricted to around the bench and along paths to avoid cutting wild flowers.</p>

	Cllr Powell has volunteered to strim the grass. Cllr Sharman questioned whether hog weed is present. The Clerk was unaware, but will check.				
11.	<p>Web Site Accessibility Regulations: Due to the size of the council the impact of fully meeting the accessibility regulations is considered a “disproportionate burden” and therefore a full audit is not required. An assessment does however need to be carried out and remedial measures undertaken to make the site as compliant as possible. It was agreed the original web designer (Papergecko) should be asked to quote for the works required.</p> <p>The council laptop runs on an old version of Microsoft Office which does not have an “accessibility checker”. This feature is available on newer versions. Cllr Fairclough proposed the council purchase an up-to-date version of Microsoft Office. This was seconded by Cllr Bowker and duly agreed.</p>				
12.	Delegated Powers: Under the council’s financial regulations the clerk has delegated powers to spend up to £500 in liaison with the chairman. Considering meetings are continuing remotely it was agreed no further delegated powers are necessary.				
13.	Any Other Business for information only: None.				
14.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>14.1 Cllr Lusted proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and agreed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1182 1348 1261"> <tr> <td>Staff (Salary £266.27/Expenses £25/Zoom £14.39)</td> <td>£305.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£ 25.40</td> </tr> </table> <p>14.2 The finance report was received and noted.</p> <p>14.3 It was agreed bank signatories should be asked to check and sign bank statements when signing cheques instead of circulating statements electronically.</p>	Staff (Salary £266.27/Expenses £25/Zoom £14.39)	£305.66	HMRC	£ 25.40
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15.	<p>Highways: the following matters were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grwyne Fechan - overgrown hedge by Green Cottage needs trimming. Crack in road by Grwyne Fechan Chapel between the Mill and Cwm Farm. • Glangrwyney - drains under the bridge and culvert on the river to the north side are blocked and need clearing – it currently poses a flood risk. This has been reported to PCC. Suggested NMWTRA are also informed. • Llangenny – large pothole on Glangrwyney side of village where road forks up towards the crossroads. Sign required to restrict size of lorries travelling up by The Crossroads (reported previously). Large lorries are damaging bridge in Llangenny. • Grwyne Fawr – tree survey required - several trees have fallen recently. Potholes between Gwernybustach and Tyn-y-Llwyn have been filled although further repair 				

	<p>would benefit – potholes further up the valley.</p> <p>Concern was raised at the lack of communication received from PCC. The Clerk will ask them to acknowledge receipt of reported repairs and indicate when the work is expected to be undertaken.</p> <p>Cllr Alford reported speaking to Vincent Playdon of Powys CC. Mr Playdon is happy to attend a site meeting to discuss repairs. It was suggested a meeting is arranged in a couple of weeks when restrictions may have relaxed - Cllrs Alford and Morris to show Mr Playdon around their respective areas.</p> <p>Cllr Sharman reported the trees at Millbrook Bridge are being investigated by Natural Resources Wales.</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>Reports on Meetings Attended: None attended.</p> <p>Cllr Sharman informed members the majority of mountains within the BBNPA remain closed.</p>
<p>17.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 	<p>Correspondence: the following correspondence was noted:</p> <p>Audit Wales: Audit update and new audit notices</p> <p>BBNPA: Agenda for PAROW meeting- 22nd May, 2020, 10.00 am</p> <p>Brecon Advice Centre: funding request</p> <p>Cty Cllr Morris: Powys Coronavirus Bulletin - 15/05/20</p> <p>BBNPA: Planning Application 20/18614/FUL</p> <p>BBNPA: Planning Application 20/18615/LBC</p> <p>BBNPA: weekly planning registers 15/05/20, 22/05/20, 29/05/20</p> <p>PCC: The Planning Applications (Temporary Modifications and Disapplication) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Order 2020</p> <p>Cty Cllr Morris: Covid 19 Update</p> <p>PCC: Procedure for casual vacancies during COVID</p> <p>BBNPA: Agenda for National Park Authority, Tuesday, 26th May, 2020, 10.00</p> <p>Welsh Hearts: Take on the Million Steps Challenge</p> <p>BBNPA: Planning Application 20/18612/FUL</p> <p>OVW: SuDS - amendments to two Orders on Sustainable Drainage</p> <p>IRPW: Supplementary Report</p> <p>PAVO: COVID-19 Bulletin</p> <p>PAVO: 'Time to say thank you' - Volunteers' Week 2020 - 1-7 June</p> <p>OVW: Cancellations of committee meetings</p> <p>PCC: National Forest Programme - Upcoming grant funding</p> <p>OVW: Membership Survey</p> <p>PAVO: COVID-19 Bulletin</p> <p>BBNPA: Planning Application 20/18655/CON</p> <p>Powys Teaching Health Board: testing centre Royal Welsh Showground</p> <p>PAVO: COVID-19 Bulletin</p> <p>S Shaw: Local Electricity Bill - House of Commons debate</p> <p>OVW: Coronavirus COVID-19 News – 05062020</p>

27.	Cty Cllr Morris: Flood fund still open for businesses
18.	Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence: 1. Tir Dewi is coming to Powys: Charity supporting farmers in need 2. Cty Cllr Morris: Operational Guidance for Schools and Settings 3. PAVO: COVID 19 Bulletin 4. PAVO: Update on Test Trace Protect in Powys 5. OVW: Covid-19 general workplace safety risk assessment 6. BBNPA: 20/18513/FUL permitted 7. OVW: Welsh Government COVID-19 bulletin 8. PCC: Home to School/College Transport Policy Consultation – put on web site
19.	Items for inclusion in the next Agenda: Dedicated council email addresses

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:47pm

Signed:
Chairman