

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 20th July 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 Keith Powell
Cllr David Sharman
Cllr John Morris
Cllr Phill Bowker
Cllr Dean Christy

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

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Colin Alford
2.	Declarations of Interest: To be declared as appropriate.
3.	Planning
3.1	Applications:
(i)	20/18756/LBC Minor alterations to works consented under applications 17/14666/FUL (24th May 2017) and 17/14667/LBC (27th June 2017) Moor Park, Llanbedr NP8 1SS (considered in conjunction with Item 3.1 (ii) below)
(ii)	20/187755/FUL Changing design of external door on east elevation approved under applications 17/14666/FUL (24th May 2017) and 17/14667 LBC (27th June 2017) Moor Park, Llanbedr NP8 1SS RESOLVED to submit response of no objection to the above applications.
(iii)	20/18535/FUL The construction of polytunnels to provide food for local people. Langtons Farm, Crickhowell NP8 1DF Following debate over access and irrigation it was proposed the planning application is supported in principal. Agreed by majority vote (7 For; 1 Against). RESOLVED to submit letter of support.
(iv)	20/18673/FUL Extension to existing rugby club facility to provide new pavilion facility. Crickhowell Rugby Football Ground, Parc Broyd, Crickhowell NP8 1EE It was agreed this would prove a good resource for the community and should be actively supported. RESOLVED to submit letter of support.
(v)	20/18718/FUL Change of use to allow use as Class A1 retail use with ancillary storage at first floor incorporating alterations to exterior of the building implemented as part of

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<p>(vi)</p> <p>(vi)</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>(i)</p>	<p>planning permission 17/15404/FUL with enabling works Crickhowell Conservative Club, High Street, Crickhowell NP8 1BW (considered in conjunction with 3.1(vi) below)</p> <p>20/18780/FUL Change of use to allow use as Class A1 retail use with ancillary storage at first floor incorporating alterations to exterior of the building implemented as part of planning permission 17/15404/FUL with enabling works Crickhowell Conservative Club, High Street, Crickhowell NP8 1BW</p> <p>Cllr Lusted declared a personal interest in these applications (works opposite). Cllr Christy explained he was heavily involved with this application but was happy to answer questions and provide background information.</p> <p>Following discussion it was RESOLVED to write a letter of objection to both applications (Proposed Cllr Bowker; Seconded Cllr Powell). Cllr Lusted to prepare a draft for circulation. Agreed by majority vote (6 For, 2 Abstained).</p> <p>For information purposes - <i>the Council has submitted the following application:</i></p> <p>20 /18710/LBC Provide mains water supply, install non-concussive tap, restore plate (to which existing tap is attached) and repoint stonework as required. Water Fountain adjacent to The Rectory, Llangenny Crickhowell NP8 1EE</p> <p>Decisions/Other: It was noted the following application has been permitted:</p> <p>20/18612/FUL Partly glazed lean-to single storey with slate roof and larch lap cladding. Gelliwelltog, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LR</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>County Council Report: Cty Cllr Morris reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Schools have operated quite successfully within the confines of COVID and hope to be back to some form of normality in September. ▪ Highways have been asked to respond to the queries raised by the Clerk. No response has been received to date - Cty Cllr Morris will chase this up. ▪ Social distancing measures have been introduced in Crickhowell High Street with on street parking areas coned off to provide additional space for pedestrians. This has presented difficulties for traders however a more co-operative system is being implemented. <p><i>Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting</i></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Minutes: Pages 1312-1316 were agreed to be a true record of the 15th June 2020 meeting. (Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Greenidge).</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes: None reported.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Retrospective Planning: The problem of retrospective planning was debated. One suggestion was to form a working group to take this matter forward. Agreed this should be investigated and the matter kept on the agenda for future consideration.</p>

<p>8.</p>	<p>Housing Developments on known Flood Plains - to discuss implications: The Clerk was asked to re-circulate Cllr Christy’s report. Agreed to defer discussion until the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Internet connection with Cllr Powell was lost at this point</i></p>
	<p>Cllr Christy had to leave the meeting early therefore it was resolved to change the order of the agenda so Item 13 could be discussed prior to his departure.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Council Emails: to consider using dedicated council email addresses. The use of dedicated council email addresses is recommended for data protection purposes. Councillors were advised they could either use specific council email addresses or apply for .gov.uk emails which are considered more secure however incur hosting/domain fees.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed the Clerk investigate the cost of transferring to a gov.uk email address. (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Fairclough) Agreed by majority vote (7 For, 1 Against).</p> <p>ACTION the Clerk will investigate the costs involved and report back.</p> <p><i>Cllr Christy left the meeting</i></p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Llangenny Water Fountain – up-date: The Clerk reported she is currently endeavouring to supply the further information requested by the heritage officer and ecologist. A tap has been sourced however she is unsure what type of mortar is required so has contacted a firm which specialises in lime mortar. It was suggested the Clerk also contact a local resident.</p> <p>ACTION the Clerk will continue her investigations and report back.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Llanbedr Nature Garden: to consider maintenance requirements: Cllr Fairclough reported the garden is in need of strimming, particularly by the paths and bench. She also noted ragwort, and a significant number of nettles and docks. Cllr Morris offered to go and look at the problem.</p> <p>ACTION Cllr Morris will investigate.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Web Site Accessibility Regulations - to consider employing a web designer. Initial investigations by Papergecko (the company responsible for designing the council’s web site) reveal changes will have to be made to the web site’s design to meet accessibility regulations. It was proposed Papergecko is instructed to undertake an accessibility check and report on actions required (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Bowker). Agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED to instruct Papergecko as outlined.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Social Media Policy: to discuss introducing a social media policy and ways of tackling inadvertent discrimination. Following discussion on the use of social media and the potential pitfalls its use entails it was agreed to develop a social media policy to ensure mindful use of such media. The Clerk was asked to circulate a draft for consideration.</p>

	Cllr Bowker referred to a conversation the Clerk had reiterated which could be interpreted as discriminatory and proposed a letter is sent to the party involved to express regret remarks by public officials could have been construed as derogatory and to express disapproval of these remarks. (Seconded: Cllr Sharman). A vote was called (2 For; Against 4). The proposal was not carried.								
	<i>Item 13 was discussed earlier in the meeting</i>								
14.	Any Other Business for Information Only: None reported.								
15.	Finance:								
15.1	The following items were approved for payment (Proposed; Cllr Morris; Seconded Cllr Sharman).								
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15.2	The finance report was noted.								
15.3	No further financial matters were reported.								
16.	Highways Issues: Cllr Fairclough reported the water authority has finished its repairs in Grwyne Fawr. The road is passable although Powys CC has not repaired the landslip. It was suggested previous repairs are reiterated. ACTION: Clerk to reiterate repairs and arrange meeting with Highways								
17.	Reports on Meetings Attended: Cllr Fairclough gave a verbal report on the remote meeting attended with the leader of PCC.								
18.	Correspondence: the following correspondence was received and noted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Llandrindod Wells TC: Climate Change Questionnaire 2. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation Letter 20/18710/LBC 3. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation Letter 20/18673/FUL 4. OVW: News Bulletin 5. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation Letter 20/18535/FUL 6. BBNPA: Agenda for National Park Authority - 26th June, 2020, 10.00 am 7. BBNPA: Weekly Planning Registers (19/06/20; 26/06/20; 03/07/20; 10/07/20) 8. PCC: risk assessment for reopening of public conveniences 9. OVW: Welsh Government COVID-19 bulletin 10. PCC: Community Woodland & Local Places for Nature - grants open 11. Resident: support of application to restore Llangenny water fountain 12. PAVO: COVID 19 Bulletin 13. PCC: Virtual Town and Community Council Clerk Meeting 14. OVW: Welsh Government COVID-19 bulletin 15. PCC: Displaced On-Street Parking Due to COVID-19 Safety Measures 								

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">16. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation Letter 20/18755/FUL17. Crickhowell Rugby: Letter re Planning Application Ref 20/18673/FUL18. OVW: June Electoral Newsletter19. Cty Cllr Morris: support of application 20/18673/FUL20. BBNPA: Meeting cancelled - 28/07/2020, National Park Authority21. PAVO: Youth Led Grants!22. Marie Curie: appeal for support23. OVW: Hate crime training24. OVW: Virtual Town Hall - The Future of Towns25. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation Letter 20/18756/LBC26. OVW: Survey of Remote Working27. PAVO: COVID 19 Bulletin28. BBNPA: 20/18612/FUL– permitted29. Brecon Advice Centre: now open30. PCC: Update for Town and Community Councils: Outdoor Playgrounds31. BBNPA: Planning Application Consultation Letter 20/18756/LBC32. OVW: Guidance on management of children’s outdoor playgrounds33. B Bermingham: invoice for internal audit34. OVW: Welsh Government COVID-19 bulletin35. BBNPA: Planning Applications 20/18718/FUL and 20/18780/FUL36. Powys CHC: Agendas for Executive and SPC meetings 21st July37. Clerks & Council Direct: Issue 130 - July 202038. Welsh Water: invoice – Llanbedr Water Trough
19.	Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">39. S Shaw: Update: The Local Electricity Bill's Reintroduction40. BBNPA: Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee, 24th July, 202041. OVW: Local Places for Nature42. BBNPA: Agenda for National Park Authority, 29th July, 2020
20.	Items for inclusion in the next Agenda: Donations

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9:22pm

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