

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 17th August 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 Elaine Lusted
Cllr David Sharman
Cllr John Morris
Cllr Phill Bowker
Cllr Dean Christy

In attendance: Maria James (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Powell, Alford and Greenidge. Cllrs Christy and Sharman will arrive late.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** to be declared as necessary.
3. **Planning:**
 - 3.1 **Applications:** *the order of the agenda was amended to allow Items 3.1 (i) and (ii) to be discussed later in the meeting.*
 - (iii) **20/18233/FUL** (Re-consultation due to amended red outline) Conversion of existing building and construction of extension to provide a holiday let with associated drainage, landscaping and associated works. Construction of new garage/storage building with bat mitigation refuge. **The Bothy, The Neuadd, Llanbedr**

RESOLVED: to submit response of no objection.
 - 3.2 **Decisions/Other:** none received.
4. **County Council Report:** none presented - Cty Cllr Morris was not present.
5. **Minutes:** [Pages 1317-1321]. The minutes were agreed to be a true record of the 20th July 2020 meeting. (Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Morris).
6. **Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes:** None reported.
7. **Telephone Kiosks - to consider response to BT's proposal to remove telephone service from the kiosks in Llanbedr and Llangenny:** The telephone kiosk in Llangenny (by the playground) does not have a notice publicising the phone's intended removal. It was questioned whether this consultation refers to a different, as yet unidentifiable phone, as was the case in BT's previous consultation? Cllr Lusted will check the phone number to see if it is different from that notified.

The phone service at Five Ways is also on the list for removal. This is located in Crucorney

however close to the border with the Vale of Grwyney and in an area with no mobile phone service. It was agreed to ask Crucorney CC to object to its removal.

It was suggested residents are asked if they wish to keep the phone service in Llanbedr. Notices asking for feedback will be displayed on the kiosk and council web site so a decision can be made at the next council meeting.

RESOLVED: to ask Crucorney CC to object to the removal of the phone service at Five Ways and ask the community if it wishes to retain the phone service in Llanbedr.

19:45 Cllr Sharman arrived.

The agenda was amended so Items 8 and 9 could be discussed later in the meeting.

10. Llangenny Water Fountain: The clerk is attempting to speak with the heritage officer and ecologist to discuss the queries raised and is in the process of setting up a meeting with a local resident who has offered advice concerning lime mortar. Cllr Lusted will also attend.

11. Llanbedr Nature Garden - to receive maintenance up-date. The maintenance requirements detailed in the report circulated were noted. Following discussion it was agreed the ragwort should be removed.

RESOLVED to trim around the bench and paths and remove the ragwort.

12. Web Site Accessibility Regulations: to receive report from web designer: The web designer's report and quotation was noted. It was proposed the council proceed as recommended (Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Fairclough). Agreed by majority vote (For 5; Abstained 1) subject to the clerk obtaining three quotations to comply with financial regulations. Due to time restraints the clerk was given authority to select the most suitable company.

RESOLVED to proceed as outlined.

13. Social Media Policy- to consider adopting: Cllr Sharman proposed the council adopt the social media policy circulated. Seconded Cllr Lusted. All in favour.

RESOLVED to adopt the social media policy.

14. Dedicated Council Emails: to receive up-date/consider how to proceed: To comply with data protection requirements councillors were advised they should use dedicated email accounts.

Following discussion on the various options available it was proposed a free service provider is used to host dedicated email accounts (Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Fairclough). Agreed by majority vote (For 5; Against 1). Cllr Morris elected to continue using his personal email.

RESOLVED to use dedicated email addresses for council correspondence.

15. Any Other Business for Information Only: The council’s laptop is faulty. The clerk will look into the cost of repair/replacement.

The annual meeting will take place in October.

16. Finance:

(i) The following items were approved for payment (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Lusted).

Staff (Salary £266:47/Exp £25/Zoom £14:39)	-	£305.86
HMRC	-	25.20
GM James (Wordpress Hosting Fee)	-	36.00
Glangrwyney Village Hall (Hire)	-	82.50
Llanbedr Hall (Hire)	-	91:00
Llangenny School Hall (Hire)	-	56:00
Papergecko (accessibility report)	-	80:00

(ii) The finance report was noted.

(iii) Donations: it was suggested consideration is given to supporting local charities.

Following discussion it was agreed to support Llangenny School Hall as this hall had not received a loss of income grant from the government, as well as Wales Air Ambulance. The decision on which other organisations to be deferred to a future meeting.

RESOLVED to donate £100 to both Wales Air Ambulance and Llangenny School Hall.

20:50 Cllr Christy arrived.

(The order of the agenda has been amended)

3.1 Applications:

- (i) **20/18780/FUL** (Re-consultation due to amended site location plan) Change of use to allow use as Class A1 retail use with ancillary storage at first floor incorporating alterations to exterior of the building (with alternative window openings) to those approved part of planning permission 17/15404/FUL with enabling works **Crickhowell Conservative Club, High Street, Crickhowell NP8 1BW** and;
- (ii) **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 planning permission 17/15404/FUL with enabling works **Crickhowell Conservative Club, High Street, Crickhowell NP8 1BW**

Members noted the only apparent change to be the layout of the road and agreed the previous objections equally apply to this application.

RESOLVED to reiterate the objections previously submitted.

Signed:Chairman

- 8. Retrospective Planning: to receive up-date/consider formulating working party:** Matter deferred - item to remain on agenda.
- 9. Housing Developments on known Flood Plains - to consider implications:** Following discussion it was suggested Cllr Christy's report is forwarded to the Head of Planning and the LDP team.

RESOLVED to send report to BBNPA as outlined.

(The order of the agenda has been amended)

17. Highways: The following items were reported:

Grwyne Fawr: cars parking on the private road to the reservoir are blocking access for emergency services. Ownership of this road is uncertain. It was suggested enquiries are made with the Land Registry and a meeting organised with Natural Resources Wales to discuss solutions.

Glangrwyney: the culvert by the bridge remains blocked. This has been reported to NMWTRA who are due to investigate.

Cllrs Morris and Alford met Vincent Playdon (PCC Highways) to discuss highways matters. Mr Playdon has since provided a comprehensive up-date and offered to attend future site meetings. He has also agreed to a communal grit pile being placed in a central location, possibly a farm. Cllr Morris suggested the lay-by by top of Neuadd Pitch and top of Grwyne Fechan - Bont Lane. It was agreed to defer the decision on where to place the grit to the following meeting.

- 18. Reports on Meetings Attended:** Cllrs Morris and Alford attended a meeting with PCC as reported under Item 17. No other meetings were reported.
- 19. Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix A was received and noted.
- 20. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix B was received and noted.

21. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda

- Donations.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:28 pm