

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 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 Dean Christy

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Alford. **Absent:** Cllr Powell
2. **Declarations of Interest:** to be declared as required.
3. **Policing Up-date:** deferred – PCSO Dunne was not present.
4. **Planning:** the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA)'s web site has suffered a cyber attack and is currently off-line. No information is therefore available concerning the following applications and the council is currently unable to comment:

### **Applications:**

- (i) **20/18958/FUL** Hay and implements store. Land west of Hall Farm, Glangrwyney NP8 1ET
- (ii) **20/19003/FUL and 20/19004/LBC** Conversion of existing barn and outbuildings to become ancillary accommodation to farmhouse. Alterations and extension to listed buildings, interior refurbishment and services up-grade. Construction of bat mitigation house, adaption of existing garage to plant house etc. Penlan Farm, Llangenny, NP8 1ST

The Clerk will ask BBNPA to provide paper copies of the above applications or extend the date in which to submit a response.

### **Decisions/Other:**

- (i) **Application 20/18614/FUL** Utility Room extension and new porch. Henbant Fach, Llanbedr, NP8 1TA has been permitted.

### **5. County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris reported:

- Powys County Council (PCC) is starting to re-open its offices in Llandrindod Wells. Council meetings are currently held via Teams - there are no immediate plans to revert to physical meetings.

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- Schools are reported to be coping under very difficult circumstances - children are benefitting from being back in school.
- The highways budget has been cut by 2.6 million.
- Powys Community Health Council (PCHC) is running a survey to ask patients to comment on their experience of accessing GP services during the pandemic.

19:49 Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting.

**6. Minutes:** Pages 1322-1325 were agreed to be a true record of the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 meeting. (Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Morris). Pages 1326-1327 were agreed to be a true record of the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 meeting. (Proposed Cllr Bowker; Seconded Cllr Greenidge).

**7. Matters Arising from the Above Minutes for information purposes only**

- The council laptop will cost approximately £100 to repair. The clerk will investigate the cost of replacement although the laptop is currently usable.
- New dedicated email accounts will be finalised and circulated shortly.

**8. Llanbedr/Llangenny Telephone Kiosks:** The telephone kiosk incorrectly stated in BT’s consultation as being located in Llangenny is at the top of the Grwyne Fechan valley. Members believe this service to be vital considering the area’s high leisure usage and poor mobile phone service. The clerk was asked to find out whether mountain rescue services have been consulted concerning its proposed removal. Feedback from residents in Llanbedr reveal they wish the phone service to remain in Llanbedr village. Crucorney Community Council has objected to removal of the phone service at Five Ways.

It was unanimously agreed to object to the removal of the phone service from both kiosks in Llanbedr (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Morris).

**RESOLVED to proceed as outlined.**

**9. Retrospective Planning:** Cllr Sharman and Christy offered to be part of a working group to progress this matter. It was proposed the Five Councils and Llanelly Fawr Community Council are asked if they wish to be involved. (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Christy).

**RESOLVED to proceed as outlined.**

**10. Llangenny Water Fountain:** The Clerk reported additional information requested by the consultees is ready for submission although problems with the BBNPA’s web site has caused delay. A resident has offered to help register the land. It was agreed this idea should be pursued.

**11. Llanbedr Nature Garden:** Cllr Morris has removed the ragwort and cut the grass. He reported the hedge around the garden needs cutting. Correspondence received from

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Llanbedr Allotment Society was discussed – the area of ground referred to is understood to be the responsibility of Wales & West Housing Association. Cllr Morris will ask a local contractor to cut the allotment hedge (if he is unable to do it this year the council will instruct someone else). Cllr Morris will also speak to Cllr Alford about the area of grass down the side of the allotment fence.

**12. Any Other Business for Information Only:** The Clerk reported that whilst this item is for information only it is not considered good practice therefore for transparency purposes in future this will be replaced by “Information from Members to be included in the next agenda”. Matters Arising will be changed to “Clerk’s Report – information from the Minutes”.

**13. Finance:**

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

Staff (Salary £266:67/Expenses £25/Zoom £14:39) -	£305.86
HMRC	- £ 25.40
Llangenny School Hall (donation)	- £100.00
Wales Air Ambulance (donation)	- £100.00

(i) The finance report was received.

(ii) Donations: it is anticipated organisations affected by the pandemic may need support therefore it was agreed to defer this item.

**14. Highways:** The decision on where to place a grit pile [Page 1325 Item 17] was postponed until Cllr Alford was present.

Mr Michael Young of Natural Resources Wales (NRW) has agreed to meet councillors [Page 1325 Item 17]. The Clerk to arrange.

Cllr Sharman referred to the fallen trees by Millbrook and asked the clerk to contact NRW to ask if they have established who is responsible for them. [Page 1308 Item 11].

Cllr Fairclough reported potholes in the roads between Penbair to Celyn Farm and Penbair to Gelliwelltog, Patrishow.

Cllr Sharman questioned whether any progress has been made concerning signage to stop large lorries using narrow lanes in Llangenny [Page 1309 Item 11]. It was suggested Jo Lancey (PCC) is invited to meet with Cllrs Sharman and Lusted to discuss this.

**15. Reports on Meetings Attended:** None received.

**16. Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix A was received and noted.

**17. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix B was received and noted.

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**18. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda**

- Annual meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- Invite PCSO Billy Dunne to a future meeting

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:58pm

*Signed:.....*  
*Chairman*