

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 19th October 2020 at 8:01pm. 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 Phill Bowker
Cllr Dean Christy

In attendance: County Councillor John Morris and Maria James (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Alford and Morris. **Absent:** Cllr Powell
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** to be declared as required.

It was agreed to amend the agenda so Item 4 could be discussed prior to Item 3

4. County Council Report: County Councillor Morris reported:

- The Grange University Hospital opens on 17th November 2020. Nevill Hall Hospital will no longer provide the range of services it did. Information is being distributed to inform people of these changes. People whose nearest A&E hospital was Nevill Hall will now be covered by Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil. Further information is available from Powys Health Board.
- Due to change in personnel future highway issues should be reported to Lyn Parry (Highways, Powys County Council (PCC)).
- Covid has caused a delay in communications regarding flooding however these are now ready to be released to the community. It is planned to introduce flood warning procedures and flood wardens. Equipment will be based in the leisure centre in Crickhowell. People are encouraged to sign up as volunteers. Further information will be available soon.
- Two electric charging points are being installed in Crickhowell car park.

Cllr Lusted stated the current free hour's parking was beneficial for the town. County Councillor Morris hopes this may become permanent.

Concerns were raised about blocked drains in Glangrwyney. County Councillor Morris and the clerk will ask Highways what the position is – it is understood Powys County Council is responsible for one side, the Trunk Road Agency the other.

Problems caused by trees washing down the river were discussed. Concern was raised at the lack of responsibility and liability.

County Councillor Morris left the meeting 20:17.

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Chairman

3. Planning:

3.1 Applications:

- (i) **20/18958/FUL Hay** and implements store. Land west of Hall Farm, Glangrwyney NP8 1ET

RESOLVED: to submit response of no objection.

- (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

RESOLVED: to submit response of no objection.

3.2 Decisions: the following application has been permitted:

- (i) **20/18755/FUL** Changing design of external door on east elevation approved under applications 17/14666/FUL (24/05/17) and 17/14667/LBC (27/06/17) Moor Park, Llanbedr NP8 1SS.

(The order of the agenda has been amended)

- 5. Minutes:** Pages 1328 -1331 were agreed to be a true record of the 21st September 2020 meeting. (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Christy)

- 6. Clerk's Report:** The clerk will deliver the poppy wreaths to Cllr Fairclough and Sharman. There were no further items to report which are not already on the agenda.

- 7. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to review:** In accordance with governance procedures the council reviewed its standing orders and financial regulations. Subject to minor amendment it was agreed to adopt the standing orders and financial regulations as circulated. (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Lusted).

RESOLVED: to adopt the standing orders and financial regulations as reported above.

- 8. Retrospective Planning:** the Five Councils have reported no significant issues with retrospective planning within their communities. Cwmdu Community Council has offered to send a representative if a meeting is organised. It was suggested and agreed this item is placed on the next agenda so a plan can be formulated.

- 9. Llangenny Water Fountain:** there is currently no news regarding the planning application. It was agreed the council should investigate registering the land.

- 10. Llanbedr Nature Garden:** The clerk reported Cllr Morris had been due to speak with Cllr Alford regarding maintenance work required to the nature garden and strip of land outside the allotments however to date had been unable to do so. The clerk will speak to Cllr Alford.

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11. Information from Members to be included in the next Agenda: Use of dedicated council emails.

12. Finance:

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

Staff (Salary £266:67/Expenses £25/Zoom £14:39) - £305.86
HMRC - 25.40

- (ii) The finance report was received. It was agreed to vire £100 from contingencies to the budget for hall hire/zoom meetings to cover the current deficit.
- (iii) If Members do not wish to claim the communication allowance they were asked to put this in writing. The clerk will circulate a proforma for signature. It was noted the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales’ (IRPW) report is currently out for consultation and agreed the council should reiterate its response to the previous year’s report.

13. Highways:

- It was agreed to ask PCC if it will place a grit pile [Page 1325 Item 17] at Celyn Farm.
- Cllr Sharman reported a sofa had been dumped in Millbrook Lane – the clerk will notify Waste Awareness at PCC.
- Cllr Sharman reported another fallen tree by Millbrook – the clerk has asked NRW for an up-date [Page 1308 Item 11].
- Cllr Fairclough reported potholes in the road between Tyn y Llwyn and Gwernybustach and bad patches below Nant Y Bedd, Grwyne Fawr.
- Cllr Bowker questioned when the landslip along the road between Glangrwyney and Gilwern was to be repaired – also the pedestrian access over the bridge – the clerk will contact Llanelly Fawr CC.
- Cllr Sharman asked for an up-date regarding the meeting with Highways. The clerk will follow this up.

14. Reports on Meetings Attended:

- Cllr Sharman attended a LAF meeting reporting BBNPA is still working on the RoWIP – they hope it will be completed by January 2021 then it goes to Welsh Government for approval. Access to Grwyne Fawr Reservoir was also discussed. BBNPA trying to establish who owns the road.
- Cllrs Fairclough and Morris and the clerk met Mr Michael Young of Natural Resources Wales (NRW) at Blaen Y Cwm. They reported it to be a productive meeting. NRW are also trying to find out who owns the road. They have offered to re-align the fence

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below the paddock to create a slightly wider area by the river. It was agreed this would be beneficial. The clerk will inform NWR.

15. Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A was received and noted.

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

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9:03pm

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Chairman