

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 15th February 2021 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 Phill Bowker
Cllr Colin Alford
Cllr John Morris

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

1. Apologies for Absence: None received. **Absent:** Cllr Christy (due to connectivity issues)

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Bowker declared an interest in Item 9 (Chairman Glangrwyney Village Hall); Cllr Lusted declared an interest in Item 7 (Chair of Governors).

3. Planning:

3.1 Applications: *It was agreed to alter the order of the agenda (Items (i) and (ii) to be discussed later)*

(iii) **20/19189/FUL** Proposed single storey extension to East elevation to provide additional w.c. and store area, and internal alterations. **Gobpwllau, Llangenny, Crickhowell NP8 1HF**

RESOLVED to: express concern regarding access.

(iv) **20/19413/FUL** Proposed two storey extension to side elevation to provide additional kitchen area to ground floor and bedroom area to first floor. **Gobpwllau, Llangenny, Crickhowell NP8 1HF**

RESOLVED to: express concern regarding access.

4. County Council Report: Cty Cllr Morris reported:

- Powys County Council is still in business critical mode, concentrating on the most immediate and pressing items. The budget is being considered in March. The council received a 4% increase in funding from Welsh Government, but the Cabinet is still recommending a 3.9% increase in council tax. Cuts are to be made to non-statutory services.
- Younger pupils will start back to school on the 22nd February with gradual return of older pupils on the 8th March.
- A meeting will be held on 1st March concerning flooding issues from last year and recent repetitions in Crickhowell and Glangrwyney.
- Funding to the Community Development Fund is under threat and may disappear in next year's budget.

Signed:.....

Chairman

Members reported salt bins have not been filled in Grwyne Fechan – Cty Cllr Morris will report to highways.

It was agreed to alter the agenda to allow Item 7 to be discussed next

7. Llanbedr CIW School: to discuss Powys County Council’s plans to close Llanbedr School.

Cllr Lusted and Cty Cllr Morris reported on Powys County Council proposal to close Llanbedr School. Councillors expressed concern and dismay at this decision, particularly during the current pandemic. It will await the consultation when its response can be made.

RESOLVED to: oppose plans to close the school.

20:17 Cty Cllr Morris left.

The agenda was amended to allow discussion of Item 3.1 (i),(ii) and 3.2 next

3.1 Applications:

- (i) **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**

Following discussion it was agreed Cllr Fairclough would draft a response for circulation prior to submission by the required deadline.

RESOLVED to: submit a response as outlined.

- (iii) **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 (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**

RESOLVED to: submit a response as outlined.

3.2 Decisions/Planning: It was noted Application 20/19117/FUL “The demolition and replacement of an existing conservatory as well as minor works to the exterior of the property” (Full Application) at Moor Park, Llanbedr, Crickhowell, NP8 1SS has been permitted.

8. Minutes: Pages 1347 -1350 were agreed to be a true record of the 18th January 2021 meeting. (Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Sharman) and duly agreed.

9. Clerk’s Report: information from the minutes.

- A meeting of the working party to discuss the LDP needs to be re-scheduled. The clerk will circulate the scoping report to Cllrs Sharman, Fairclough and Sharman.

Signed:.....
Chairman

- Community Information boards cost in the region of £700-£1,000. It was suggested this be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

10. Dickie Valentine Plaque: to consider supporting request to erect plaque in Glangrwyney to commemorate 50th anniversary of the crash which killed Dickie Valentine and two band members

Following consideration it was agreed to support the request (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Bowker).

RESOLVED to: support the proposal to erect a commemorative plaque.

11. Glangrwyney Village Hall: to receive up-date on the hall's planning and grant application.

Cllr Bowker explained the current position and asked the council if it would (i) up-date the council's previous letter of support, (ii) honour its offer to make a small donation (iii) respond and publicise the survey. It was suggested members of the community should be canvased to ascertain their support.

RESOLVED to: place on the agenda for future consideration.

12. Five Councils/Crickhowell & District Civic Society Coalition: to consider the Civic's Society's request to form a coalition to challenge WG and BBNPA's dealing of the Co-Op/A40 application.

It was agreed that whilst this is an interesting idea clarification needs to be sought as to what is involved.

RESOLVED to: seek clarification on the proposal.

13. Speeding in Glangrwyney: to discuss ways of reducing speed in the village

Speeding was reported to remain a problem in the village despite the traffic calming measures implemented several years ago.

Following discussion it was suggested the council write to North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency (NWTRA) to enquire whether it will permit a speed sign on the A40 in Glangrwyney.

RESOLVED to: write to NWTRA as outlined above.

14. Retrospective Planning: to receive report on working party meeting/discuss ways of proceeding.

Notes of the working group meeting held on the 25th January 2021 were noted. It was agreed to proceed on the proposals contained therein. (Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Greenidge)

Signed:.....
Chairman

15. Footpaths: to discuss access and requirement to register unrecorded historic paths

It was suggested the council consults the local community regarding this requirement. Discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

RESOLVED to: place on the agenda for the following meeting.

16. Information from Members to be included in the next Agenda

- Maintenance of Llanbedr Nature Garden

17. Finance:

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

Staff (Salary £266:67/Expenses £25/Zoom £14:39) -	£305.66
HMRC	- £ 25.40
Wales & West Housing Association	- £ 1.00

The following payments were approved in the January 2021 meeting

CRiC	- £500.00
Friends of Llangenny Playground	- £ 70.00
Llanbedr Churchyard Fund	- £ 55.00
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- (ii) The finance report was noted. It was agreed to transfer £100 from community projects to donations to cover the current deficit.
- (iii) Risk Assessment; It was suggested the risk assessment (previously circulated) should include COVID precautions. The clerk will amend and circulate a revised copy.

18. Highways:

Grwyne Fawr: the road has been scraped/cleaned – potholes have not been repaired.
Glangrwyney: the blocked gullies/incorrectly positioned outlet pipe is causing water to pool under the bridge making the right of way impassable. The clerk will inform Cty Cllr Morris.

19. Reports on Meetings Attended: Cllrs Sharman, Fairclough, Christy and the Clerk attended a Retrospective planning meeting – reported on previously (Item 14).

20. Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A was noted and discussed as appropriate.

21. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence as itemised in Appendix B was noted.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:42 pm

Signed:.....
Chairman