

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 15th March 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 Elaine Lusted
Cllr David Sharman
Cllr Phill Bowker
Cllr Dean Christy
Cllr John Morris

In attendance: Maria James (Clerk) and one member of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Alford and Greenidge.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** as custodian trustee of Glangrwyney Village Hall it was questioned whether the council needs to declare an interest in Item 3.1 (iv).
3. **Planning:**
 - 3.1 **Applications: to resolve responses to consultations received from BBNPA including those received after the publication of the agenda.**
 - (i) **20/18958/FUL;** reconsultation – Hay and implements store: Land West of Hall Farm, Glangrwyney NP8 1ET
RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection subject to other parties being satisfied.
 - (ii) **21/19442/CON** Variation of condition 1 to extend time limit of planning application 16/13124/FUL (Proposed 2 storey extension) to allow ecological work to be undertaken. **Glangrwyney Court, Glangrwyney Court Lodge, Llangenny, Crickhowell NP8 1ES**
RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection.
 - (iii) **21/19486/CON** Variation of condition 1 to extend time limit of planning application 16/13120/LBC (Proposed 2 storey extension and conservatory) to allow ecological work to be undertaken. **Glangrwyney Court, Glangrwyney Court Lodge, Llangenny, Crickhowell NP8 1ES**
RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection.
Two further applications were received following circulation of the agenda:
 - (iv) **21/19668/FUL** Alterations and extensions to provide improved Part M Compliant facilities and enhanced multi-functional spaces” **Village Hall , Glangrwyney NP8 1EF**

Cllr Bowker declared an interest as Chairman of the Village Hall.

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Discussion was deferred to allow time for the application to be properly considered and clarification obtained concerning the council's interest as custodian trustee.

RESOLVED to: defer discussion to the following meeting.

- (v) **21/19681/FUL:** New timber clad agricultural store building with new entrance and access track. **Tycanol Farm , Llangenny NP8 1HF**

It was agreed to defer discussion to allow time for the application to be properly considered.

RESOLVED to: defer discussion to the following meeting.

3.2 Decisions/Other: to receive planning correspondence and decisions (if any):

None received.

- 4. County Council Report:** County Cllr Morris was not present - no report received.

5. Minutes: to approve the minutes of the 15 February 2021 meeting [Pages 1351-1354]:

The minutes were approved to be a true record of the meeting. (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Lusted).

RESOLVED to: approve the minutes.

6. Clerk's Report - information from the minutes.

- A request has been received for a revised cheque to be issued for the grass cutting donation although it is hoped this will not prove necessary.
- One Voice Wales advise the council has no authority to reimburse councillors for stationery costs, other than paying the allowance as set by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. Talks are resuming with HMRC to try to secure agreement that the basic £150 allowance towards expenses can be paid tax free.

7. Llanbedr CIW School - to receive up-date on plans to close Llanbedr School:

Cllr Lusted reported the school is waiting for Powys County Council to issue the consultation papers. The school has put in a legal challenge against the consultation and is awaiting the outcome.

8. Information Board: to discuss provision of information board in Tin Town, Grwyne Fawr.

It was agreed to ask Natural Resources Wales if it would like to work in partnership with the council to put an information board detailing the history of Tin Town in Grwyne Fawr. A site meeting to be arranged when restrictions permit. Cllr Morris questioned whether fallen

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timber has been moved off the site [of the old school ruins] noting the stonework may need tidying up.

RESOLVED to: contact Natural Resources Wales as outlined.

9. Glangrwyney Village Hall: to discuss grant application and consider support/donation

Cllr Bowker declared an interest in this item as Chairman of the Village Hall and took no part in the vote. He informed members the committee is currently in the process of submitting grant applications to develop the hall as a community resource and asked the council to support these plans by pledging a donation towards the costs involved. This will only be required if the grant application proves successful.

Following discussion regarding the need to ensure the whole community was on board Cllr Lusted proposed the council pledge £1,000 in the next financial year and £500 in the two following two years. Seconded by Cllr Christie. (3 For; 3 Abstained) Motion carried.

RESOLVED to: donate £1,000 in the next financial year and £500 in each of the two following years if the hall grant application is successful.

10. Five Councils/Crickhowell & District Civic Society Coalition: to decide whether to form a coalition to challenge WG/BBNPA's dealing of the Co-Op/A40 planning application

Following discussion it was proposed the council join the coalition in challenging Welsh Government's highways agency dealing of the Co-op/A40 planning application but not the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (Proposed Cllr Christy; Seconded Cllr Lusted). Unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED to: to offer support in challenging WG but not the BBNPA.

11. Speeding in Glangrwyney: to consider traffic calming measures

The Trunk Road Agency have been asked if a speed sign can be erected in the village. A response is awaited. Ongoing.

12. Footpaths: to discuss access/requirement to register unrecorded historic paths.

Enquiries with the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority reveal legalisation requiring footpaths to be recorded prior to 2026 applies only to England, not Wales. It is understood Welsh Government do not want this to apply in Wales.

13. Llanbedr Nature Garden - to discuss maintenance requirements

The path in the nature garden was reported to have worn away and in need of renewal. When regulations permit Cllr Morris will check what is required.

14. Information from Members to be included in the next Agenda:

None reported.

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15. Finance:

15.1 The following items were approved for payment (Proposed; Cllr Morris; Seconded Cllr Lusted)

Staff (Salary £266:43/Expenses £25/Zoom £14:39)	-	£305.82
HMRC	-	£ 25.20
G M James - reimbursement (laptop £449.10; Local Council Administration £123.80; Microsoft Office software £26.85)	-	£599.75
One Voice Wales (subscription)	-	£138.00

15.2 The Finance Report was noted. It was agreed to:

- (i) transfer £500 from elections to office expenses
- (ii) transfer £2,350 from current account to the reserve account
- (iii) allocate £400 to following year to cover web site development.

15.3 To consider funding request from Llangattock Litter Pickers

It was suggested £65 is donated (Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Sharman). Unanimously agreed.

15.4 To conduct annual Risk Assessment

It was agreed to adopt the risk assessment as circulated (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Fairclough). Unanimously agreed.

15.5 To agree appointment of Internal Auditor

It was unanimously agreed to continue with the current internal auditor. Letter of engagement to be prepared (Proposed Cllr Morris; Seconded Cllr Sharman).

16 **Highways:** the following items were reported:

Grwyne Fawr – waste from when the road was scraped has been dumped over a drain by Ty Hir. Potholes remain in need of filling.
Grwyne Fechan – drains have been cleaned and some potholes filled; hedge by Green Cottage still needs cutting.

17. **Reports on Meetings Attended:** Cllr Lusted attended the Slow the Flow meeting (Crickhowell Assembly) on natural flood management and suggested the speaker is invited to address the Five Councils – this will be placed on the agenda for future consideration.

18. **Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix A was received and discussed as appropriate.

19. **Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix B was received and discussed as appropriate.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:22 pm

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Chairman