

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 21st June 2021 at 7:30pm. This meeting was held remotely via video conferencing.

Present: Cllr John Morris (Chairman)
Cllr Caroline Fairclough
Cllr Jeff Greenidge
Cllr Elaine Lusted
Cllr David Sharman
Cllr Paul Morris

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Alford, Christy and Bowker

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Lusted declared a personal interest in Item 7 (Governor of Llanbedr School).

3. Planning:

3.1 Applications: to resolve responses to consultations received from BBNPA:

(i) **20/19338/FUL:** Proposed demolition of existing detached Pool House and creation of new outdoor pool and ancillary accommodation with associated works. **Moor Park, Llanbedr NP8 1SS** (consultation due to amended plans/details)

RESOLVED to: support the application provided it satisfies Natural Resources Wales' requirements.

(ii) **21/19893/CON:** Variation/Renewal of Condition 2 - Client looking to reduce the scale of the proposed link building. Building to be built in accordance with the revised drawings in relation to 19/17793/LBC. Tycanol Farm, Llangenny NP8 1HF *and* **21/19891/CON:** Application Reference Number 19/17792/FUL. Date of Decision 23/12/2019. Condition 2 Removal - Client looking to reduce the scale of the proposed link building. Building to be built in accordance with the revised drawings. **Tycanol Farm, Llangenny NP8 1HF**

RESOLVED to: support the application.

(iii) **21/19986/LBC and 21/19985/FUL:** Conversion and alteration to an existing outbuilding (Grade II listed) as an ancillary home-working space." **Glebe Farm House , Llanbedr NP8 1SR**

RESOLVED to: support the application.

3.2 Decisions/Other Planning: No decisions received.

4. County Council Report: Cty Cllr Morris reported:

- Flooding - although discussions have taken place between Powys County Council (PCC), Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and Welsh Water there appears to be little

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action. The Portfolio Holder has been asked to investigate what NRW are doing to alleviate water coming into the River Usk from streams such as the Grwyney. Powys CC plan to regularly clear drains and culverts of leaves and debris.

- Resurfacing work is to be started in Grwyne Fawr. Cty Cllr Morris asked to be notified of any serious areas so he can inform Highways. Cllr J Morris reported the road between The Bont and Sunnybank is cracking.
- Repairs to Glangrwyney Bridge (Halfpenny Bridge) are on course to start late August/early September. The bridge will be closed to pedestrians for 4/6 weeks. The road to Talgarth is now open.
- Whilst not personally cycling Cllr Morris was proud to join a group of parents and children who cycled to County Hall in Llandrindod Wells to deliver letters/petitions against the closure of Llanbedr School.
- Summer of Fun – whilst Covid restrictions may limit what can be done Cty Cllr Morris suggested the council apply for funding now.

Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting 20:03

5. Minutes: minutes of the annual and ordinary meetings held on the 17th May 2021 [Pages 1365-1370] were approved (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Lusted).

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

- Crickhowell Town Council will host the next Five Councils meeting, possibly in July.
- Llangenny Water Fountain – one quotation has been received, a second is being prepared. Cllr Sharman has asked another contractor to provide a third.

7. Llanbedr School: to receive and approve response to Powys County Council’s consultation on closing Llanbedr school

It was agreed to submit the response as circulated subject to a couple of amendments. Cllr Lusted reported parents and pupils cycled 40 miles from Llanbedr to Llandrindod to hand in the petition, raising over £2,500 in the process. The diocese has put in a strong letter in support of the school.

RESOLVED to: submit response to PCC via post and email.

8. Information Board “Tin Town”: to receive up-date and agree how to proceed:

The report on the meeting with NRW was noted. It was suggested NRW are asked to provide a sign directing people to the reservoir and the community council, possibly in collaboration with the Grwyne Fawr Community Interest Company, investigate providing an information board for Tin Town. Enquiries to be made within the community, particularly with older members, to ascertain memories, and determine what should be put on the board. Cllr Fairclough will make enquiries with Llanthony History Group. It was agreed to ask NRW to move the fence as suggested to provide a slightly wider area on which to

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picnic; erect a “no cars beyond this point” sign after the car park; remove trees (if possible) from the site of the school ruins and remove the self-seeded tree on the bridge. Cllr J Morris will speak with Welsh Water who own the road/land to ask if they will support these plans.

RESOLVED to: make further investigations and thank Michael Young (NRW) for his assistance.

9. Leisure Events: to discuss getting organisers to inform residents of events.

It was reported the organiser of a recent race held in the Black Mountains failed to give sufficient notice to residents and queried who gives permission for such events.

RESOLVED to: ask the organiser to notify the Vale of Grwyney CC of future events

10. Llanbedr Nature Garden: to discuss and approve future maintenance requirements:

In accordance with the maintenance schedule Cllr Sharman strimmed the paths in the nature garden. A resident subsequently raised concerns over the use of mechanical trimmers at this time of year stating it was detrimental to hedgehogs. The resident has offered to manually put up weeds. It was suggested a meeting is held with the resident to discuss future maintenance. Cllr Fairclough will invite an ecologist to advise on developing the nature garden. It was also suggested advice on hedgehogs is obtained.

RESOLVED to: arrange a site meeting in mid/end July.

11. Retrospective Planning: to receive up-date.

It was suggested a meeting of the working party is arranged for Monday 28th June at 7:30pm. The clerk will confirm via email.

12. Summer of Fun (Haf o Hwyl): to discuss hosting activity to support the Children Commissioner’s for Wales call for a “summer of fun” for children/young people

It was suggested an event (ie sports/treasure hunt/walk) could be held in August. Funding is available from Welsh Government however an expression of interest form needs to be submitted early July. It was agreed to set up a working group (Cllrs Fairclough, P Morris, Lusted, and Greenidge) to generate ideas. Cllr Greenidge will ask Cllr Bowker if Glangrwyney Village Hall plan to do anything.

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

- Llangenny Water Fountain.
- Retrospective planning
- Llanbedr Nature garden
- Summer of Fun

14. Finance:

14.1 The following items were approved for payment (Proposed; Cllr Sharman; Seconded

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Cllr Fairclough) and duly agreed.

Staff (Salary £268:27/Expenses £25/Travel £6.30)	-	£299.57
HMRC	-	£ 23.40
G M James – reimbursement – Zoom	-	£ 14.39
B Bermingham (Audit)	-	£140.29
Welsh Water (Llanbedr Water Trough)	-	£ 15.52

14.2 The Finance Report was received and noted.

15. Highways issues:

Llangenny: fallen trees reported previously in river by Millbrook – MOD to be asked to remove now while the river is low.
Road from Salmon Leap up to Llangenny has potholes and is starting to crack in places. Llangenny Bridge remains in need of repair.
Partrishow – incident of fly tipping reported - items now removed.
Grwynefechan: cracks in road from Sunnybank to The Bont.
Hedge at Green Cottage requires cutting – this can't be done until September.
Llanbedr: hedge by allotments requires cutting – this can't be done until September – agreed to put this on a future agenda

16. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended

Cllr Fairclough, J Morris and the Clerk attended a meeting with NRW at Grwyne Fawr
Cllr Lusted attended the “Stop the Co-Op” Zoom meeting reporting a further action group has been set up.

17. Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A was noted.

18. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence as itemised in Appendix B was noted.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:26pm

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