

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 16th August 2021 at 7:30pm. This meeting was held remotely via video conferencing.

Present: Cllr John Morris (Chairman)
Cllr David Sharman
Cllr Colin Alford
Cllr Dean Christy
Cllr Phill Bowker

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs P Morris and Greenidge. **Absent:** Cllrs Lusted and Fairclough

2. Declarations of Interest: None declared.

It was agreed to alter the order of the agenda – Item 4 was discussed next

4. County Council Report: County Councillor Morris reported:

- Powys County Council's Portfolio Holder for Education, Cllr Phyl Davies, attended a meeting at Llanbedr School to discuss its possible closure. A public meeting will be held either later this month or early September. The initial report on the school contained misinformation.
- The Brecon Beacons National Park Authority has a new Chief Executive.
- The person arrested in relation to the rape incident in Crickhowell has been released pending further enquiries. Police are continuing their investigations.
- Cllr Phill Bowker was congratulated on successfully securing grant funding for Glangrwyney Village Hall. Cllr Bowker explained the grant is dependent upon obtaining planning permission which has been delayed by the need for a flood consequence assessment. He is hoping the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority will speed the process up. Cty Cllr Morris offered assistance stating post-Covid Powys County Council is keen to get communities meeting and halls operating again.
- Cllr J Morris reported hedges along the road by Sunnybank/The Bont need cutting back to allow access for emergency services. This will be reported under Highways.

Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting at 19:40. Item 3 was discussed next

3. Planning:

3.1 Applications:

- (i) **21/20223/FUL** Conversion of 2 existing barns to C3 use (residential annex to main dwelling and self-contained holiday accommodation) **Tyrywen , Forest Coal Pit, NP7 7LP**

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Chairman

RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection (4 in favour 1 abstention).

- (ii) **21/20224/LBC:** Conversion of 2 existing barns to C3 use (residential annex to main dwelling and self-contained holiday accommodation) **Tyrywen , Forest Coal Pit, NP7 7LP**

RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection (4 in favour 1 abstention).

3.2 Decisions: no decisions received.

- 5. Minutes:** minutes of the 19th July 2021 meeting [Pages 1375-1376] were approved as a true record (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Christy).
- 6. Clerk’s Report:** no items reported.
- 7. Llangenny Water Fountain:** quotes received for the restoration of the water fountain were discussed. Queries relating to drainage and liability for water supply were raised. The clerk will make enquiries. Following discussion it was suggested a working party (Cllrs Sharman and J Morris) investigate funding avenues.

RESOLVED to: form a working party to progress matters.

- 8. Qualifications of Clerks in Wales Regulations:** It was agreed to support the requirement for clerks to be qualified (CILCA) however voice concern at cost implications, particularly for smaller councils.

RESOLVED to: respond as outlined.

- 9. Review of the Remuneration Framework for Town & Community Councils: Independent Remuneration for Wales:** it was suggested and agreed discussion is deferred.

RESOLVED to: defer discussion to the following meeting.

- 10. Llanbedr Nature Garden:** it was agreed decisions on maintenance should be deferred until the working party has met on site with the ecologist.

RESOLVED to: hold a site meeting early September.

- 11. Llanbedr Notice Board:** Llanbedr Hall Committee would like the community council to fund a replacement public notice board. It was suggested the committee apply in writing detailing the type of board required. In the interim the clerk will investigate the cost of a replacement similar to those in Llangenny/Glangrwyney.

RESOLVED to: ask the committee to apply in writing and investigate the costs involved.

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Chairman

12. Five Councils Liaison Meeting: Crickhowell Town Council will host the next meeting in the Clarence Hall, Crickhowell on the 30th September 2021. It was suggested hybrid meetings [multi-location meetings] is submitted as an agenda item.

RESOLVED to: submit hybrid meetings as an agenda item

13. Multi-Location Meetings: new regulations require councils to operate a hybrid version of meetings to enable people to attend physical meetings from a remote location. This requires wi-fi and other technology ie, microphone/web cam. Cllr Bowker will seek advice on what equipment is required and report back.

RESOLVED to: investigate the technology required to enable a hybrid version.

14. Retrospective Planning: Correspondence from Cllr Elizabeth Gibbs (Brecon Beacons Park Society/Llangynidr Community Council) was noted. Following discussion it was suggested a letter is sent to Welsh Government (the Minister responsible for planning and The First Minister) asking for a substantial increase in retrospective planning fees within the National Park. Permission to be sought from members of the working group to send this letter from the group. A draft will be circulated for approval.

RESOLVED to: write to Welsh Government requesting an increase in retrospective planning fees.

15. Summer of Fun Event: as the members involved in this event were not present it was suggested discussion is deferred to the following meeting.

RESOLVED to: defer discussion.

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

- Llangenny Water Fountain
- Retrospective Planning
- Nature Garden
- IRPW – response to consultation
- Summer of Fun Event

17. Finance:

(i) The following items were approved for payment (Proposed; Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Christy) and duly agreed.

Staff (Salary; Expenses £25, Travel £6.30)	-	£299.57
HMRC (Tax)	-	£ 23:40
G James (Zoom)	-	£ 14:39
G James (Wordpress annual Hosting Fee)	-	£ 36:00

(ii) Finance Report. A draft finance report has been circulated however bank statements have not been received this month.

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Chairman

18. Highways: it was reported:

- Glangrwyney – volunteers recently cleared weeds from the pavements within the village. Powys County Council has done this in the past however not for some time. Enquiries will be made as to responsibility/frequency.
- Llangenny – the culvert by Millbrook is sinking. Off-roaders are using the overgrown green lane which links Millbrook and Llangenny Lane – concern is accidents will occur – suggested sign is erected by Millbrook Bridge stating “Unsuitable for Vehicle Access”.
- Grwyne Fechan - overgrown hedges impeding access for emergency vehicles around Sunnybank/Milaid. The give-way lines by Penheolmeirch Cottage to Ty Croes Lane need re-marking.

19. Reports on Meetings Attended:

Cllrs Bowker, Christy and Morris attended an event to unveil a plaque to commemorate the death of Dickie Valentine and two band members in Glangrwyney.
Cllr J Morris attended the meeting at Llanbedr School.

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

17. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence as itemised in Appendix B was received and discussed as appropriate.

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

Signed:.....
Chairman