

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7:30pm. This meeting was held remotely via video conferencing.

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

**In attendance:** Maria James (Clerk)

- 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Colin Alford and Cllr Dean Christy
- 2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr John Morris declared an interest in Item 16:3 (Spouse is member of Llanbedr Village Hall Committee).

3. **Planning:**

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

- (i) **21/20333/FUL:** Proposed site for 10 touring caravans. **Land adjoining Llwyntrych Farm Fields, Glangrwyney, NP8 1EE**

Significant concerns were raised relating to access/highway safety/impact on neighbourhood/traffic generation/noise and disturbance. It was unanimously agreed to object to this application. A letter to be drafted for approval prior to submission to the BBNPA.

**RESOLVED to:** object to the application.

3.2 **Decisions:** the following applications were noted to have been permitted:

- (i) **21/20270/FUL:** Replacement conservatory and garden store. **White Hall, Glangrwyney, NP8 1EW**
- (ii) **21/20269/LBC:** Proposed conservatory replacing the existing demolished. **White Hall, Glangrwyney, NP8 1EW**
- (iii) **20/19413/FUL:** Proposed two storey extension to side elevation to provide additional kitchen area and bedroom area **Gobpwllau, Llangenny, NP8 1HF**
- (iv) **21/19668/FUL:** Alterations and extensions to provide improved Part M Compliant facilities and enhanced functional spaces. **Village Hall, Glangrwyney NP8 1EF**

4. **County Council Report:** None received - County Councillor Morris was not present.

5. **Minutes:** minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 meeting [Pages 1381-1384] were approved as a true record (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Lusted).

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Chairman

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

**Item 9:** Confirmation has been received that the area to be planted adjoins common land. Black Mountain Graziers Association concerns have been reported.

**Item 11:** Take up has been poor with one application.

**Item 12:** Outcome awaited on Glangrwyney Hall Committee’s decision to supply equipment for hall users.

**Item 14:** PCSO Dunne has been invited to provide a policing up-date - no response to date.

**Item 27:** Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations will be discussed on a future agenda.

**7. Llangenny Water Fountain - to receive quotations and discuss how to proceed:**

A report detailing the quotations received was noted. Following consideration it was agreed to investigate funding avenues based on figures supplied by Firm C (Anthony Davies & Co. (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Fairclough).

**RESOLVED to:** investigate/apply for grant funding.

**8. Information Board “Tin Town”- to discuss how to proceed:**

Cllr Fairclough reported the Grwyne Fawr Community Interest Company has offered to help and suggested forming a working party to progress the project. It was agreed to organise a meeting of interested parties. Cllr Fairclough volunteered to take part in this.

**RESOLVED to:** arrange a meeting of the working group.

**9. Llanbedr Nature Garden: to receive up-date and agree maintenance responsibilities.**

Cllr Fairclough informed members a former BBNPA warden has agreed to visit the nature garden to advise on maintenance. Cllr J Morris will also attend.

Advice sought from a BBNPA ecologist on the life cycle and habitat of hedgehogs was relayed. It was reported the grass needs to be cut right back now and again in the spring.

Wales & West Housing Association (WWHA) is willing to meet on site. It was suggested this is arranged towards the end of October.

**RESOLVED to:** arrange a meeting with WWHA and arrange for the grass to be cut.

**10. Household Waste Recycling: to discuss seeking permission for residents of the Vale of Grwyney to use Monmouthshire County Council’s waste depot in Llanfoist**

When restrictions introduced at Llanfoist waste recycling depot prevented people in Powys using it, it was suggested those living in the south of the county would be able to purchase a permit to use this facility rather than travelling to Brecon (a return journey of between 40 to 50 miles). This agreement does not appear to have materialised. Members felt there should be an All Wales Policy in place to encourage recycling effectively at a local level, thus reducing carbon emissions. It was agreed to contact Cty Cllr Morris/Powys County Council then Welsh Government concerning this.

**RESOLVED to:** write to Powys County Council/Welsh Government.

**11. Welsh Government Consultation: Local taxes for second homes and self-catering accommodation: to agree response.**

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*Chairman*

An increasing number of properties were reported to have been purchased in the locality for investment purposes. It was agreed this has an adverse impact upon the housing market and the community, particularly when left empty long-term. Cllr Fairclough offered to draft a response.

**RESOLVED to:** draft a response for approval prior to submission.

**12. Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill - to consider declaring support:** It was agreed to defer discussion to the following meeting.

**RESOLVED to:** defer discussion.

**13. Llangenny Broadband - to discuss broadband issues/lobbying OpenReach**  
Llangenny was due to be connected to fibre optic broadband by December 2021 however Beacons Telecom lost their funding to OpenReach who state there are no plans to provide broadband in the area. Grwyne Fechan and Grwyne Fawr reported similar issues.

Cllr Lusted suggested Reece Simmons (Broadband Officer for PCC) is asked to clarify who will receive broadband and when. It was also suggested James Evans MS and Fay Jones MP are contacted.

**RESOLVED to:** write to Reece Simmons, James Evans MS and Fay Jones MP.

**14. Retrospective Planning: to receive up-date.** The draft letter intended for the Minister was approved subject to one minor amendment. It was agreed to ask members of the working group if they wished to add their support.

**RESOLVED to:** proceed as detailed.

**15. Information from Members to be included in the next Agenda**

- Military training – notice of exercises
- Speeding issues in Glangrwyney.

**16. Finance:**

16.1 The following items were approved for payment (Proposed; Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Fairclough) and duly agreed:

Staff (Salary £268:07/Expenses £25/Travel £6.30)	-	£299.37
HMRC	-	£ 23.60
G M James – reimbursement – Zoom	-	£ 14.39

16.1 The Finance Report was received and noted.

16.2 Donations/Grant Applications: to consider donations/funding application including request to fund new noticeboard from Llanbedr Hall Association

**Donations:** following discussion it was agreed to make the following donations:

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- £100 - Glangrwyney Village Hall
- £100 - Llanbedr Village Hall
- £100 - Llangenny School Hall
- £100 - Wales Air Ambulance
- £100 - Llanbedr Churchyard Fund
- £100 - Llangenny Churchyard Fund
- £100 - Patricio Churchyard Fund
- £ 72 - Friends of Llangenny Playground
- £ 34 - The Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal - wreaths)

(Proposed Cllr Fairclough; Seconded Sharman) and duly agreed

*21.20 Cllr Greenidge left the meeting.*

*Cllr J Morris, having declared an interest in the following item, left the meeting at this point. Cllr Lusted (Vice Chair) took the meeting.*

**Grant Application:** following discussion it was agreed to inform Llanbedr Hall Association the notice boards in Glangrwyney and Llangenny were entirely grant funded and whilst the council is sympathetic to the request for support it believes the Association should initially explore whether grant funding is available, with an offer to help with the application process if required.

The Association to be reminded money allocated (in 2019) for a projector screen for the hall has not been claimed. (Proposed Cllr Fairclough; Seconded Cllr Sharman)

**RESOLVED to:** recommend the hall investigate grant funding.

*Cllr J Morris re-joined the meeting*

**17. Highways:** the following issues were reported:

Llangenny: trees from MOD side have fallen into the river at Millbrook. Potholes on Vicarage Pitch.

Grwyney Fechan: suggest Powys put tarmac on opposite side of road (if hedge by Green Cottage is not cut) edge of road is gone.

Grwyne Fawr: road entrance to forestry track (below Nant Y Bedd) is rough – timber lorries damage the road when turning.

**18. Reports on Meetings Attended:** None.

**19. Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix A was received. It was agreed to:

**Item 9:** support Llandrindod Wells Town Council by writing to MS concerning The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

**Item 23:** Himalayan Balsam control – Cllr J Morris to meet

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**20. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix B was received.

**Item 2:** Cllrs J Morris & P Morris and spouses will attend the Remembrance Service in Crickhowell. Cllr Sharman will lay the wreath in Llangenny.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:55pm

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Chairman