

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 20th December 2021 at 7:30pm. This meeting was held remotely via video conferencing.

Present: Cllr John Morris (Chairman)
Cllr Caroline Fairclough
Cllr David Sharman
Cllr Paul Morris
Cllr Phill Bowker
Cllr Elaine Lusted
Cllr Dean Christy
Cllr Colin Alford

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

Prior to the start of the meeting PCSO Billy Dunne provided a policing up-date reporting most recent incidents relate to anti-social behaviour and drug offences. Off-roaders remain an issue, however this is currently more prevalent in the Talybont/Llangynidr area.

Members asked PCSO Dunne for advice on how to combat the ongoing problem of speeding in Glangrwyney emphasising concern at Welsh Government’s refusal to install an electronic speed device. As Welsh Government regulates trunk roads it was suggested James Evans MS is asked for assistance. Whilst there is a Community Speed Watch scheme operating within the village PCSO Dunne stated it is in need of more volunteers asking anyone interested in getting involved to contact him.

Cllr J Morris thanked PCSO Dunne for his report and opened the meeting proper. PCSO Dunne left at this point.

- 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Jeff Greenidge
- 2. **Declarations of Interest:** to be declared during the meeting
- 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 – re-registered application due to amended plans/details

Concerns raised previously have not been addressed. It was proposed the council respond by stating the points initially raised have not been dealt with, reiterating previous concerns. (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr J Morris).

RESOLVED to: object to this application as outlined.

- (ii) **21/20632/FUL:** Construction of 2 storey side and 1st floor rear extensions including demolition of existing garage store **Ysgubor Newydd Farm, Llanbedr Road NP8 1SP**

Signed:.....
Chairman

It was agreed to submit response of no objection (Proposed Cllr Fairclough Seconded Cllr Christy).

RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection.

(iii) **21/20606/FUL:** Rear extension and associated alterations. **Ty Bach, Grwyne Fawr NP7 7LY**

Agreed to defer discussion to the January meeting (application received following publication of agenda).

ACTION: to apply to BBNPA for an extension and discuss in January meeting

3.2 **Decisions:** the following application has been permitted:

(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**

4. County Council Report: County Councillor Morris reported:

- Welsh Government has just announced its budget for 2022/23. Local authorities will know what they will receive tomorrow. He will have further information in January.
- Covid restrictions mean pupils will return to school at least 2 days later than scheduled after the Christmas break. The high school is likely to offer blended learning, ie partly at home, partly in school.
- Drains - a highways team is currently in the area - please inform Cty Cllr Morris of drains needing attention – The Bont Lane was said to need clearing.
- Llanbedr School – the objection period has now expired. Cllr Lusted reported the school has been informed it will not go to Cabinet before March.

Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting at 20.13

5. Minutes: the minutes of the 15th November 2021 meeting [Pages 1390-1393] and the minutes of the 6th December 2021 [Page 1394] were approved as a true record (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Lusted).

RESOLVED to: approve the minutes as an accurate record

6. Clerk’s Report: information from the minutes

- An objection letter has been submitted to the Director of Education regarding closure of Llanbedr School.
- No response has been received to the letters of complaint regarding military training in Grwyne Fawr. The Clerk will follow this up.

Signed:.....

Chairman

7. Himalayan Balsam: to consider request for funding to support the formation of a volunteer group to remove Himalayan balsam.

The presentation received at the previous meeting was discussed. It was questioned whether landowners will grant permission for people to enter their ground? It was felt further information is required to enable the council to make an informed decision on whether to support the application, ie how much funding is required/how the group will be structured/organised?

ACTION: Clerk to seek further information

8. Llanbedr Nature Garden: to receive up-date and agree maintenance

It was agreed to thank Jeff Davies and Jon Harrison (WWHA) for their assistance and advice. A contractor has now strimmed the garden – agreed invoice to be paid at the next meeting (invoice to be submitted).

Cllr J Morris will speak to a contractor about the overgrown hedge below the greenhouse. The Allotment Society may have to manually cut the hedge by the greenhouses.

RESOLVED to: thank Jeff Davies and Jon Harrison

9. Speeding in Glangrwyney: to discuss ways of reducing speed

This item was discussed previously with PCSO Dunne when it was agreed to ask James Evans MS for support in getting a speed sign installed in Glangrwyney

RESOLVED to: write to James Evans MS as outlined.

10. Retrospective Planning: to receive up-date

The Beacons Park Society has responded to the request to add support to the letter to Julie James MS. A response is awaited from Cwmdu Community Council.

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

- Himalayan Balsam
- Llanbedr Nature garden
- Speeding in Glangrwyney

12. Finance:

12.1 The following items were approved for payment (Proposed; Cllr Fairclough; Seconded Cllr Lusted) and duly agreed.

Staff (Salary £268:07/Expenses £25/Travel £6.30)	-	£299.37
HMRC	-	£ 23.60
G M James (reimbursement – Zoom)	-	£ 14.39
G James (Stationery/Postage 12/20 -12/21)	-	£168.08

Signed:.....

Chairman

- 12.2 Finance Report: received and noted.
- 12.3 Precept: agreed to defer to January meeting.

13. Highways:

- Salt required throughout The Vale – damaged bins need replacing. Does PCC want to put grit pile at Celyn Farm as previously suggested?
- Potholes in Grwyne Fawr/Partrishow. Potholes at bottom of Gelli pitch by bridge.
- Hedge at Green Cottage has not been cut.

14. Reports on Meetings Attended: none reported.

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

- **Item 21:** Respond to explain what the council is doing.
- **Item 61:** Cllr Christy declared a personal interest (involved in campaign). Cllr Lusted declared a personal interest (near place of work).

Cllr Christy explained the campaign aims to get Welsh Government to address the safety issues and come up with proposals to guarantee the safety of pedestrians and vehicles. Crickhowell Town Council has invited him to speak at the next Five Councils Meeting with a view to gaining the councils' support. It was proposed the council support the campaign (Proposed Cllr Fairclough; Seconded Cllr Bowker). Agreed by majority vote.

RESOLVED to: support the campaign

16. Correspondence as itemised in Appendix B was received. It was agreed to:

- **Item 1:** to place on January agenda.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:20 pm

Signed:.....
Chairman