

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 21st March 2022 at 7:30pm. This meeting was held remotely via video conferencing.

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

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

- 1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Paul Morris and Colin Alford **Absent:** Cllr Dean Christy
- 2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Lusted declared a personal interest in Item 3.1 (i) (works opposite site).
- 3. **Planning:**

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

- (i) **22/20803/CON:** To substitute approved drawings in relation to the access and external layout of the site – variation of condition 2 of planning permission 20/18718/FUL **Crickhowell Conservative Club, High Street, Crickhowell NP8 1BW**

The revised plans were considered not to have any material impact upon the council’s original safety concerns. Traffic congestion, lack of visibility on entering/exiting the site and consequent dangers to pedestrians are in no way mitigated. It was proposed the council reiterate its original objection to the application on safety grounds, adding the revised plans have no material impact upon its original objection. (Proposed Cllr Fairclough; Seconded Cllr Sharman) and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED to: oppose the application as detailed.

3.2 Decisions: the following application was noted to have been permitted:

- (i) **Permitted:** 21/20472/FUL: Erection of agricultural barn for storage of machinery and equipment. Cwm Banw Fields, Llanbedr NP8 1SY

- 4. **County Council Report:** None received - County Councillor Morris was not present.
- 5. **Minutes:** minutes of the 21st February 2022 meeting [Pages 1403 -1406] were approved as a true record (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Fairclough).
- 6. **Clerk’s Report: information from the minutes:** No items to report which are not already on the agenda.

Signed:.....
Chairman

7. Council Meetings: to consider returning to physical/hybrid meetings

It was noted the council needs internet/phone facilities in order to offer multi-locational meetings, therefore, until the village halls have Wi-fi, an alternative meeting venue is required. Llanbedr School (which has internet) has agreed to allow the council use of its facilities should it decide to resume physical meetings.

Following discussion it was proposed the council return to physical meetings from April (Proposed Cllr J Morris; Seconded Cllr Lusted) and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED to: return to physical/hybrid meetings

8. Speeding in Glangrwyney: to receive up-date

Members met with James Evans MS and representatives from Dyfed Powys Police and the Community Speed Watch Scheme to discuss the ongoing issue of speeding. The council's suggestion of installing flashing speed signs was met with caution with reports a similar request in another village (also divided by the A40) had been refused. Other suggestions included putting dummy speed signs up or installing a pedestrian crossing. James Evans MS will ask the Minister responsible for trunk roads if a flashing speed sign can be erected. If a satisfactory response is not received it was suggested Welsh Government's refusal to allow speed signs is reported to the press.

The police offered to supply posters advertising for volunteers to participate in the Community Speed Watch Scheme for display in the council's noticeboards.

ACTION: to ask James Evans for an up-date and the police for posters.

9. Retrospective Planning: to receive up-date. Nothing to report.

10. Queen's Platinum Jubilee: to receive up-date on plans to commemorate

Cllr Lusted and the Clerk walked the footpath from Glangrwyney to Llanbedr to identify locations where trees could be planted to commemorate the jubilee. Glangrwyney Hall, Llangenny Playground and the playing field in Llanbedr were considered suitable. It was suggested seven trees (a variety of edible fruiting trees) are planted - two in each of these locations and one further up the valley (site to be identified). The concept of a commemorative jubilee walk was considered good. It was suggested plaques/QR codes/pamphlets are used to identify areas of specific interest along the route.

Llanbedr Hall Committee has been asked if it is interested in holding a joint event with the council to commemorate the occasion, ie fun day/bring your own picnic. A grant application will be submitted to Awards for All Wales.

ACTION: grant application to be submitted to Awards for All Wales

Signed:.....
Chairman

11. Llangenny Water Fountain: to discuss restoration plans

As the previous grant application proved unsuccessful it was questioned, considering how costs have escalated, whether the project should proceed if grant funding is not secured? It was suggested the community are consulted to gauge the level of support. Cllr Lusted will put a poster in the pub and post on social media and the Clerk will investigate funding via The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

ACTION: Cllr Lusted will ascertain community support/the Clerk will investigate funding.

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

- Speeding in Glangrwyney
- Jubilee Celebrations
- Retrospective Planning

13. Finance:

13.1 The following items were approved for payment: (Proposed Cllr Fairclough; Seconded Cllr Sharman).

Staff (Salary £268:23/Expenses £25/Travel £6.30) -	£ 299.53
HMRC -	£ 23.40
G M James (reimbursement – Zoom) -	£ 14.39
One Voice Wales (subscription) -	£ 143.00
Wales & West Housing Association (licence) -	£ 1.00
Llangenny Village Land Group (donation) -	£ 50.00

13.2 The finance report was received and noted.

13.3 The Clerk will arrange the internal audit after year end.

14. Highways: the following items were reported:

Grwyne Fawr: potholes on pitch between Gwern-y-Bustach and Tyn-y-Llwyn

Partrishow: edge of road by The Neuadd is degrading/potholes.

Llangenny: trees in water by Millbrook

Grwyne Fechan: potholes on Draen Road up around Sunnybank – edge of road is giving away near Sunnybank – potholes also at other end of road by Henbant.

15. Reports on Meetings Attended:

Speeding Meeting – reported under Item 8 (Cllrs J Morris, Christy, Sharman and Lusted attended).

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

Signed:.....
Chairman

Item 8: Electoral Services: Community Council Elections - 5 May 2022 – the Clerk reminded Members nomination papers have to be submitted by 4pm on the 5th April and offered to deliver them to Powys County Council if required on the 30th March.

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

Item 4: request to support Crickhowell Rugby Pavilion’s funding application. It was unanimously agreed to send letter of support.

Item 34: ask PCC to investigate whether any surplus MOD houses in Glangrwyney would be suitable for Ukrainian refugees.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:59 pm

Signed:.....
Chairman