

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 25th April 2022 at 7:30pm. This is the council's first multi-locational meeting and was held in Llanbedr CIW School and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

Present: Cllr John Morris (Chairman)
Cllr Caroline Fairclough
Cllr David Sharman (attended remotely)
Cllr Colin Alford
Cllr Jeff Greenidge (attended remotely)
Cllr Elaine Lusted
Cllr Dean Christy
Cllr Paul Morris.

In attendance: County Cllr John Morris, One Member of the Public (from Item 6) and the Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Phill Bowker.

2. Declarations of Interest: to be declared as required during the meeting.

3. Planning:

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

(i) **22/20855/FUL:** Erection of Wooden Garden Room on existing Garden Terrace. 1 Ffawyddden, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LY

RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection

3.2 Decisions: the following correspondence/decisions were noted:

(i) **Application 20/19358/FUL:** change of use of cabin currently used as offices/kitchen/toilet into living quarters to allow caretaker to live on site, etc Army Reserves Centre, Cwrt Y Gollen Training Camp, Crickhowell NP8 1TH – has been **withdrawn**

(ii) **Application 21/19767/FUL:** build a Summerhouse in the garden. Henberllan, Llanbedr NP8 1SR - has been **permitted**

(iii) **Application 21/19681/FUL:** new timber and stone clad agricultural store building with partial retrospective permission for new entrance and access track: Tycanol Farm, Llangenny NP8 1HF - has been **permitted**.

4. County Council Report: County Councillor Morris reported:

- Elections take place on Thursday, 5th May 2022. The council is in purdah however still operating. It will take between 2 and 4 weeks to set up the new council. As the hall in Glangrywney is closed voting will take place in the Clarence Hall.

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- Glangrwyney Bridge: Monmouthshire side is complete but snagging difficulties have been encountered with the bridge – it is still due to open by end of April.

Cllr Christy reported a 40mph sign has been erected before the sharp bend leading to the bridge – this should be 20mph. (Cllr Christy declared a personal interest as he lives close by). Cty Cllr Morris will write to the Head of Highways and advised the council to also write. He will forward details of the repairs undertaken to the bridge.
- The National Park Management Plan is out for consultation

County Cllr Morris has not stood in the forthcoming elections therefore this is his last meeting as a county councillor. He recalled some of the major issues dealt with during his term in office including Cwrt Y Gollen, the affordable housing site and now the closure of Llanbedr School.

The Chairman thanked Cty Cllr Morris for attending the community council meetings and for his service to the community over the last 20 years.

Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting at 19.48

- 5. Minutes:** minutes of the 21st March 2022 meeting [Pages 1407 -1410] were approved as a true record (Proposed Cllr Fairclough; Seconded Cllr Lusted).
- 6. Clerk’s Report: information from the minutes.**
 - Ms B Bermingham will undertake the internal audit on Tuesday, 3rd May 2022.
 - This is the last meeting of the current council with Cllrs Fairclough, Christy, P Morris and Greenidge standing down on the 9th May leaving four vacancies on the council. (Cllrs Christy, P Morris and Greenidge expressed their intention to stand for co-option).

The Chairman thanked the councillors for their input, in particular Cllr Caroline Fairclough for all her work serving the community over the last 10 years.

7. Speeding in Glangrwyney: to receive up-date

Following the meeting in February James Evans MS emailed the council to say he has written to Lee Water MS to request speed signage is placed at either end of the village as a deterrent. The Clerk was instructed to ask if he has received a response from the Minister.

8. Retrospective Planning: to receive up-date:

Following discussion it was agreed evidence needs to be gathered before anything will be done. The council will bear this in mind when a future application is received.

9. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee: to discuss commemoration plans

The bid for funding from the National Lottery to commemorate the jubilee has been

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successful. It is intended to organise a:

- (i) Fun Day/Bring your Own Picnic on Friday, 3rd June;
- (ii) Photographic Exhibition (Royal visits/changes to scenery during the Queen’s reign)
- (iii) Plant trees/bulbs and create a Jubilee Walk
- (iv) Film residents’ recollections of the last 70 years
- (v) Bury a time capsule

A meeting of the working party and members of the community will be held next week.

10. Llangenny Water Fountain: to receive up-date on restoration project

As part of the funding process it was suggested local organisations (Crickhowell Walking Festival/Ramblers Association/Civic Society, etc) are asked to support the project. It was questioned whether the council should undertake the restoration in two parts, ie connect mains water prior to restoring the fountain. The decision on how to proceed will be taken at the next meeting.

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

- Co-option
- Llangenny Water Fountain – how to proceed

12. Finance:

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

Staff (Salary)	-	£ 311:20
HMRC	-	£ 72.80
G James (Office Expenses £25/Travel Expenses £6.30)	-	£ 31.30
G James (Reimbursement – Zoom)	-	£ 14.39
Audit Wales (External Audit)	-	£ 380.00
Information Commissioner (Data Protection)	-	£ 40.00

It was also agreed to pay the second part of the agreed donation to Glangrwyney Village Hall (the final payment of £500 will be made in 2023/24)

Glangrwyney Village Hall (Donation)	-	£ 500.00
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12.2 The Finance Report for the end of year will be reissued due to a calculation error.

13. Highways: It was agreed the repairs previously reported should be reiterated to the person appointed to cover The Vale (Daniel Relf).

The roads up to Partishow Church were reported to be full of potholes - from Five Ways to Penbair and Five Ways via Gelliwelltog.

14. Reports on Meetings Attended: None reported.

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15. **Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix A was received and noted.

16. **Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix B was received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their work throughout the year and closed the meeting at 8:41pm

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Chairman