

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 16th May 2022 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr CIW School and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

Present: Cllr John Morris
Cllr Elaine Lusted
Cllr David Sharman (attended remotely)

In attendance: County Cllr Matt Beecham and the Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Phill Bowker and Cllr Colin Alford

2. Declarations of Interest: none declared.

3. Planning:

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

(i) 22/20750/FUL: "replace rear conservatory with single storey extension. Alterations to original extension at the front/side" 3 Springfields, Llangenny NP8 1HA

RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection

(ii) 22/21000/LBC: "Renovation of windows, repair of floor beam and remedial work to sloping floor, including installation of partition to stiffen structure." Dyffryn Farmhouse, Llanbedr NP8 1ST

RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection

(iii) 21/20677/FUL: "Use of existing Annexe as a mixed use providing holiday accommodation in addition to existing use as Annexe, Closure of existing substandard access and creation of new parking area resolving highway dangers and provision of enhanced landscaping and biodiversity provision." The Annexe, Neuadd Fechan, Llanbedr NP8 1SR

RESOLVED to: respond stating the council has no objection to the annex being used for holiday accommodation but does not support the proposed new parking area due to its proximity to the bend on a narrow section of road

(iv) 22/21002/CON: "Variation of condition 2 changing the door of the cart shed from single to double doors adding a small roof light to the cart shed and Internal alterations concrete floor required for tanking to threshing barn to be at one level and roof strengthening of approved planning application 21/20224/LBC". Tyrywen, Forest Coal Pit NP7 7LP

RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection

(v) 22/21001/CON: Variation of condition 2 (changing the door of the cart shed from single to double doors; adding a small roof light to the cart shed) of approved

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Chairman

planning application 21/20223/FUL". Tyrywen, Forest Coal Pit NP7 7LP

RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection

3.1 Decisions: the following applications were noted to have been permitted:

- (i) **21/19986/LBC** and **21/19985/FUL:** Conversion and alteration to an existing outbuilding (Grade II listed) as an ancillary home-working space." **Glebe Farm House , Llanbedr NP8 1SR**

4. County Council Report: County Councillor Matthew Beecham reported:

The ward [Crickhowell with Cwmdy and Tretower] is now a two member ward, represented by himself and his wife, Cllr Sarah-Jane Beecham. Powys County Council's AGM is on the 26th May 2022 which is when the new administration will be formed. The election result means there is no majority group. The Liberal Democrats, as the largest group, are currently in negotiation with other parties to try and form an administration in advance of the AGM.

Cllr Beecham was asked if the baby swing taken from Llanbedr playground during the pandemic could be reinstated.

- 5. Minutes:** minutes of the 25th April 2022 meeting [Pages 1411-1414] were approved as a true record (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Lusted).
- 6. Clerk's Report/information from the minutes:** no items to report.
- 7. Council Vacancies: to consider applications and decide who to co-opt to fill the vacancies**

Following consideration of the applicants a series of votes were taken following which it was agreed to co-opt: Jeff Greenidge and Dean Christy to serve the Llangenny and Glangrwyney Ward. Roger Llewelyn and Roger Bridgwater to serve the Llanbedr Ward.

RESOLVED to co-opt the above named.

- 8. Llangenny Water Fountain: to decide whether to proceed with the restoration in two parts, ie install water supply prior to restoration of the fountain**

Following discussion it was decided to defer the matter to the following meeting.

- 9. Llanbedr School: to receive up-date on current position**

The Judicial Reviews were reported to be proceeding. Once the new administration is in place Cllrs Beecham will write to the new Cabinet asking them to look at the closure of Llanbedr and look into the procedure in light of what the policy was throughout the election campaign.

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Chairman

The presumption is against the closure of small schools, but this has never been tested. The judicial reviews will test this. They have to have very good reasons to close the school. Money isn't one of them.

10. Queen Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: to discuss proposals and agree delegated spending powers to Clerk/Two Councillors

Grant funding of £3,555 has been received from the National Lottery to cover the cost of the "Bring Your Own Picnic & Fun Day", together with the photographic exhibition and trees for the Jubilee Walk. Due to the time scales involved it was agreed the clerk and two councillors should be granted delegated powers to spend up to £500. The working party will meet on Friday to discuss arrangements.

RESOLVED to: arrange a working party meeting to discuss arrangements and delegate spending powers to the clerk and two councillors as detailed.

11. Standing Orders & Financial Regulations: to review standing orders/financial regulations.

In accordance with good governance the council's standing orders and financial regulations are reviewed on an annual basis. The amendments suggested in the documents circulated were noted. It was agreed the clerk's office expenses should be reclaimed on a monthly basis. It was proposed the amendments to the standing orders and financial regulations are adopted. (Proposed Cllr Morris; Seconded Cllr Sharman).

RESOLVED to: adopt the amendments as outlined.

12. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW): to consider adopting determinations/ payment of mandated allowances

In accordance with regulations the council is required to consider the IRPW recommendations as circulated. Whilst Determination 43 and 44 are mandated the other determinations are optional. Following consideration the council agreed to adopt Determination 46 (travel costs).

RESOLVED to: adopt Determination 46.

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

- Number of caravans on Llwynytrych Field, Glangrwyney

14. Finance:

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

Staff (Salary)	£311.20
HMRC (Tax)	£ 76.80
G James (Expenses: Office £25; Travel £6.30)	£ 31.30

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Zoom (reimburse G James)	£ 14.39
Zurich Insurance	£260.55
Society of Local Council Clerks (Subscription)	£112.00

14.2 The Finance Reports were received and noted.

14.3 The Asset Register was noted.

14.4 Internal/External Audit: to receive internal audit report and approve annual return.

The internal audit was received. Members were asked to consider and approve the accounting statements and annual government statement. Cllr Lusted proposed the annual return be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly agreed.

15. To receive Highways issues

- The up-date received from Daniel Relf (PCC Highways) was noted. Cllr Morris reported some patching had been done in Grwyne Fechan however potholes remain from The Bont to Guddar
- Llangenny: potholes filled in Llangenny are coming out again.
- Glangrywny: PCC have not completed the repairs to Halfpenny Bridge – Monmouthshire have finished the Gilwern side. Cllr Beecham will investigate.

16. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended

Cllr Morris attended a One Voice Wales meeting.

17. Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A was received and noted.

18. Correspondence as itemised in Appendix B was received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:22pm

Signed:.....
Chairman