

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

**Present:** Cllr John Morris (Chairman)  
Cllr Elaine Lusted  
Cllr Roger Bridgwater  
Cllr Roger Llewelyn

**Attended Remotely:** Cllr Dean Christy  
Cllr David Sharman  
Cllr Phill Bowker

**In attendance:** County Cllr Sarah-Jane Beecham and the Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the recently co-opted councillors, together with Sarah-Jane Beecham, one of the two newly elected county councillors for the ward.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Colin Alford and Cllr Jeff Greenidge

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

3. **Planning:**

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

(i) **22/21035/FUL:** "Proposed outbuilding" **Pendarren House Outdoor Education Centre, Llangenny NP8 1HE**

**RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection**

(ii) **21/20606/FUL:** "Rear extension with associated alterations and new sewage treatment system" **Ty Bach, Grwyne Fawr NP7 7LY**

**RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection**

(iii) **21/20333/FUL:** "Proposed site for 6 touring caravans". **Land adjoining Llwyntrych Farm Fields, Glangrwyney NP8 1EE**

**RESOLVED to: reiterate the council's previous objections and question why a large number of caravans are already using the site when planning permission has not been granted.**

(iv) **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**

Cllr Lusted declared a personal interest (works opposite).

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**RESOLVED to: respond stating the proposed changes will not address the safety issues previously raised and reiterate the council’s previous objections to the application.**

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

- (i) **21/20678/FUL:** installation of sewage treatment plant. Tyrywen, Forest Coal Pit NP7 7LP.
- (ii) **22/20723/FUL:** front of property has lean-to porch - proposed work to fill the 2 sides of the porch in, etc 14 St Peters Close, Llanbedr NP8 1SQ.
- (iii) **22/20750/FUL** replace rear conservatory with single story extension. Alterations to original extension at the front/side. 3 Springfields, Llangenny NP8 1HA.
- (iv) **22/20855/FUL:** erection of wooden garden building on existing garden terrace. 1 Ffawyddden, Forest Coal Pit NP7 1LY.

**4. County Council Report:** County Councillor Sarah-Jane Beecham reported:

- Llanbedr School: Cllrs S and M Beecham have been in correspondence with members of the new Cabinet with the aim of keeping Llanbedr School open. There are plans to look into developing a cluster model of Crickhowell schools. The Cabinet is meeting next week - Cllrs Beecham will provide an up-date after this meeting.
- Glangrwyney Bridge: the Bailey Bridge should re-open by the end of June.

Members questioned why a 40mph sign has been erected on the road towards the bridge – this is a narrow section of road which should be 20mph. (Cllr Christy declared a personal interest - lives by road). The previous county councillor had been asked to look into this at a previous meeting. Cllr Beecham will make enquires.

- Baby Swing in Playground, Llanbedr: Cllr Beecham has asked when this swing will be reinstated and is awaiting a response.
- Crickhowell Primary School: there is currently one governor vacancy - please let Cllr Beecham know of anyone interested in applying.

**5. Minutes:** the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 annual meeting were approved [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Sharman]. The minutes of the ordinary meeting [Pages 1415 – 1420] were approved [Proposed Sharman; Seconded Lusted].

**6. Clerk’s Report/information from the minutes:** no items to report.

**7. Speeding in Glangrwyney: to receive/consider response to up-date received**

The response received via James Evans MS from Lee Waters MS was noted. Whilst installing static signs stating “speed cameras” at either end of the village was felt to be a

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positive step, the effectiveness was questioned. An electronic speed device capable of collecting data was considered far more of a deterrent however members had been informed it would be very difficult to get Welsh Government to agree to installing electronic speed signs.

**RESOLVED to: thank James Evans MS for his assistance and ask when the static signs will be installed.**

**8. Glangrwyney Village Hall Committee: to appoint a council representative**

Cllr Bowker declared an interest as chairman of the village hall. Following discussion it was agreed to defer appointment until the following meeting.

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

The Chairman thanked everyone involved in organising the “Bring Your Own Picnic and Fun Day”, particularly Cllr Lusted and the Clerk. It was an enjoyable event which received lots of positive feedback.

As part of the jubilee celebrations a film capturing residents’ recollections of life during the Queen’s reign has been commissioned. It is intended to show this in one of the village halls in the autumn, accompanied by a photographic exhibition. Councillors were asked to contact residents in their respective wards to ask if they had any photographs which could be included in the exhibition. Cllr Lusted will speak to the filmmaker to find out when the film will be ready and report back at the next meeting. Trees commemorating the jubilee will be planted in the autumn.

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

In view of rising costs the council discussed the pros and cons of splitting the project into two parts, ie connecting to mains water before renovating the fountain. Before a decision is taken Cllr Morris offered to speak to another contractor to see if costs could be reduced. He will report back at the following meeting.

**11. Llanbedr Nature Garden: to discuss and approve future maintenance requirements**

The path in the nature garden need re-laying with woodchip and the grass needs strimming around the bench and towards the bug hotel in a sympathetic manner. Cllr Morris reported Cllr Alford has offered to strim the nature garden.

**RESOLVED to: ask Cllr Alford to strim the path and around the bench.**

**12. Household Energy Saving Initiatives: to discuss household energy saving initiatives and consider running a 'Just Do One Thing' campaign.**

Following discussion it was suggested a working group is formed to discuss ways the council can promote energy saving initiatives, possibly via regular hints/suggestions on the web site, possibly in collaboration with Llangattock Green Valleys. Cllrs Bridgwater and

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Lusted will meet to discuss ideas and report back at the next meeting.

*20.59 Cllr Sharman left the meeting*

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

- Training for Councillors/Staff
- The Finance and Governance Toolkit for Community and Town Councils

**14. Finance:**

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

Staff (Salary)	£
HMRC (Tax)	£
G James (Expenses: Office £25; Travel £6.30)	£ 31.30
G James reimbursement Zoom (£14.39) stationery expenses Jan to June 2022 (£102.73)	£117.12
G James (Reimbursement Jubilee Expenses)	£397.30
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (Llanbedr Water Trough)	£ 13.93
Cllr E Lusted (Reimbursement – Jubilee expenses)	£ 30.79
B Bermingham (Internal Audit)	£156.52

14.2 The finance report was noted.

**15. Highways issues:**

Llangenny: potholes previously filled are re-appearing.

Grwyne Fechan: potholes from Sunnybank down to The Guddar. Subsidence on road by The Chapel - PCC state this will be addressed when funding is available. Cllr Beecham was asked to investigate as this will cause further damage if not repaired. Cllrs Beecham will meet Cllr Morris on site.

Llanbedr: restricted bridleway from Llanbedr Church towards The Guddar partially blocked/damaged by fallen trees/hole - physical barrier required. Cllr Morris will speak to local BBNPA warden and Cllr Bridgwater will draft a letter to PCC.

Llanbedr: blocked culvert needs clearing.

*21:14 Cllr Christy left the meeting*

**14. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended:** none attended.

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

**16. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix B was received, It was agreed to:

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**Item 5:** nominate Cllr Jeremiah as Brecknockshire representative for the Community Sub-Committee of the Powys Standards Committee.

**Item 6:** The Finance and Governance Toolkit for Community and Town Councils – Clerk/Councillors to look at this prior to the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 pm

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*Chairman*