

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 15th August 2022 at 7:30pm via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

Present: Cllr John Morris (Chairman)
Cllr Elaine Lusted
Cllr Colin Alford
Cllr Phill Bowker
Cllr Roger Bridgwater
Cllr Dean Christy
Cllr David Sharman
Cllr Jeff Greenidge

Absent: Cllr Roger Llewelyn

In attendance: The Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs M and S Beecham. Cllr Greenidge apologised he had to leave at 8pm.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** none declared.
3. **To receive up-date regarding proposal to bid for land adjacent to Glangrwyney Village Hall to create children's playground/allotments/community green and discuss feasibility/funding/costs/community support prior to deciding whether to submit/support a bid.**

The Trustees of Glangrwyney Village Hall intend submitting a notional bid for the land conditional upon obtaining grant funding. As the tender deadline does not allow sufficient time to secure funding this was felt the only way forward as the opportunity to keep the land in community ownership for perpetuity could not be missed.

It was proposed the council write a letter in support of the Trustees' bid. [Proposed Cllr Christy; Seconded Cllr Bridgwater]. Unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED to: write in support of the Trustees' bid to purchase the land.

4. Planning:

4.1 Applications: to resolve responses to consultations received from BBNPA including any received after publication of this agenda:

- (i) **19/18077/CON: Section 73 application to vary Conditions 1 and 2 of outline planning permission Ref 12/08575/OUT (resubmitted outline planning application for the re-development of the former army camp at Cwrt Y Gollen for mixed use development and associated infrastructure works) to extend the period of time for the commencement of development and for submission of reserved matters applications by 3 years. Former Army Camp, Cwrt Y Gollen, Crickhowell**

Signed:.....
Chairman

Members discussed this application noting there was no guarantee housing will be built even if an extension is permitted considering the length of time which has lapsed since the original application was permitted. It was proposed the council object to the request to extend the time period for this application. [Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Christy] Agreed by majority vote.

RESOLVED to: object to this application.

20:00 Cllr Lusted joined the meeting.

- (ii) **22/21287/FUL: Proposed improvements to existing access including upgraded vision splays and resultant demolition of stable within current splay and repositioning of replacement stable and provision of new boundary treatment. Llangenny Stables, Llangenny NP8 1ET**

Following discussion it was suggested a site meeting is arranged.

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

- (i) 22.21035.FUL: proposed outbuilding at Pendarran House Outdoor Education Centre, Crickhowell NP8 1HE
- (ii) 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 (Variation/Renewal of Conditions) at Crickhowell Conservative Club, Crickhowell.

5. County Council Report: None received - County Councillors Beecham were not present.

20:03 Cllr Greenidge left the meeting

6. Minutes: to approve the minutes of the 15th July 2022 meeting [Pages 1426-1430] and the special meeting held on the 8th August 2022 [Page 1431].

A request to change the wording of Items 15 and 19 in the 15th July 2022 minutes was received. Following consideration it was proposed and agreed by majority vote that the wording is not altered. [Proposed Cllr Alford; Seconded Cllr Sharman [5 For; 1 Against; 1 Abstention]. "Item 19" will be amended to read "Item 13".

RESOLVED to: amend the numbering of the 15th July 2022 minutes, but not alter the wording of Items 15 and 19.

7. Clerk's Report/Information from the minutes:

- The council is receiving a full audit this year under the Auditor General's new audit arrangements. Finance documents have to be taken to Powys County Council, Llandrindod Wells in September.
- The meeting [Page 1428 item 10] to discuss Part 1 of The Finance & Governance Toolkit for Community and Town Councils will be organised next week.

Signed:.....
Chairman

8. Five Councils Meeting: to agree a date/venue for the next Five Council Meeting and discuss agenda items.

It was agreed to host the next Five Councils meeting on Wednesday, 9th November 2022 commencing at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall. A representative from the Fire Service will be invited to speak and members of the Five Councils asked to submit agenda items.

9. Fire Safety in the Community: to consider inviting fire service personnel to address/advise the council on fire safety measures.

As agreed previously [Item 8] a representative will be invited to speak at the next Five Councils Meeting instead of a council meeting.

10. Communications Strategy: to discuss formulating a communications strategy to address how to convey information to, and expect to receive responses and issues of concern from Vale of Grwyney residents.

Cllr Bridgwater will formulate a basic communication strategy for consideration at the next meeting.

11. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee: to receive up-date on commemoration plans.

Members of working group (Cllrs Morris, Alford, Bridgwater and Christy) will meet at 2pm on Thursday 1st September 2022 in Llanbedr Hall Car Park to identify suitable locations to plant the trees.

12. Llangenny Water Fountain: to receive up-date on restoration plans/funding opportunities

As agreed in the previous meeting alternative funding avenues need investigating. The Clerk reported Welsh Water’s Community Applications will donate a maximum of £1,000 to successful applications and the Brecon Beacons Sustainable Development Fund will grant up to £5,000 for 50% of the cost (the Heritage Officer has indicated she would support an application). Before the council can make a bid up-to-date quotations have to be obtained. Frustration was expressed at the length of time the project was taking. Cllr Alford offered to speak to the contractor to ascertain the current cost.

13. Household Energy Saving Initiatives: to receive up-date on proposal to promote energy saving initiatives.

The working party (Cllrs Bridgwater, Christy, Bowker and Lusted) will meet via Zoom on Wednesday 17th August at 6:00pm.

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

- Certified caravan sites – should there be different rules for sites located in the National Park?
- Policing in the Valley – invite PCSO to next meeting.

Signed:.....
Chairman

15. Finance:

15.1 The following items were approved for payment (Proposed; Cllr Christy; Seconded Cllr Sharman) and duly agreed.

Staff (Salary)	£311.20
HMRC (Tax)	£ 76.80
G James (Expenses: Office £25; Travel £12.60)	£ 37.60
G James (reimburse Zoom)	£ 14.39

15.2 The Finance Report was received and noted.

16. To receive Highways issues:

Grwyne Fechan: Cllr Morris met Cllrs Beecham at Grwyne Fechan Chapel to see where the road was subsiding and issues by Sunnybank – Cllrs Beecham are now looking for funding. Some potholes have been filled. Bont Lane - drains need clearing. Substantial cracks in road need sealing with bitumen/cement before they deteriorate further.

Glangrwyney: the footpath has been removed on the iron bridge making crossing dangerous for pedestrians. The speed limit needs to be reduced on the road prior to the bridge. Cllr Christy has written to Cllrs Beecham concerning this. Agreed the council write to PCC.

Llanbedr: bridleway - Cllrs Morris and Bridgwater are due to attend a site meeting with Cllrs Beecham – Cllrs Beecham are asking representatives from BBNPA/PCC to attend.

RESOLVED to: ask PCC why there is no footpath on the bridge.

17. Reports on Meetings Attended:

Cllr Lusted attended OVW training - Module 6: Local Government Finance.
Cllr Bridgwater attended OVW training - Module 8: Introduction to Community Engagement and New Councillor Induction.
Accompanying paperwork to be circulated once available.

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

It was agreed to discuss the following items at the next meeting:

Item 12: Himalayan Balsam/River erosion – Cllr Sharman reported Himalayan Balsam present on fallen trees in the river by Millbrook. Cllr Alford was informed permission to go into the river should be obtained from the county council not Natural Resources Wales.

Item 30: OVW: "Fairer Council Tax" consultation.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:27.

Signed:.....
Chairman