

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 17th October 2022 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

Present: Cllr J Morris (Chairman)
Cllr E Lusted
Cllr C Alford
Cllr R Llewelyn
Cllr D Christy
Cllr P Bowker

Attended Remotely: Cllr D Sharman and two members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr J Greenidge, Cllr R Bridgwater and County Cllrs Beecham
2. **Declarations of Interest:** none declared.
3. **Planning:**

3.1 Applications: to resolve responses to consultations received from BBNPA/PCC including any received after the publication of the agenda.

- (i) **22/21414/FUL:** Change to principal elevation; rearrangement of fenestration to include new PCC aluminium glazing as shown on LH gable on SW elevation, installation of PCC bifold doors and solar shade surround with horizontal timber cladding. Demolition of existing conservatory. Construction of new single storey extension to replace conservatory with single ply roof behind parapet and halflap horizontal timber cladding to SW and NW elevations. Double storey extension to rear elevation with flat roof to be finished in tyrolean render and halflap horizontal timber cladding. **Dros-Y-Nant, Glangrwyney NP8 1ET**

RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection

- (ii) **22/21403/FUL:** Extension of conservatory. **Trederwen, Llangenny NP8 1TD**

RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection

- (iii) **22/21405/FUL:** Conversion of agricultural buildings and land along with infrastructure works to provide single dwelling house and provision of ecology mitigation: **Gelliwelltog Farm Barn , Five Ways , Abergavenny NP7 7LS**

The Chairman closed the meeting to give members of the public opportunity to provide background information on this application. The meeting then resumed.

RESOLVED to: support this application.

- (iv) **22/21452/LBC** and **22/21451/FUL:** A programme of alterations and extensions comprising a garden room, utility room extension, kitchen porch and car port and

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including the removal of an existing conservatory. **Dyffryn Farmhouse , Llanbedr, NP8 1ST**

RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection

3.2 Decisions/Other: to receive decisions and any other planning correspondence

The following applications were noted to have been permitted:

- (i) **22.21001.CON:** Variation of Condition 2 (changing door of cart shed from single to double doors, adding small rooflight to cart shed) of approval application 21.20223.FUL. Tyrywen, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LP.
- (ii) **22.21000.LBC:** Renovation of windows, remedial work to sloping floor, installation of partition to stiffen structure. Dyffryn Farmhouse, Llanbedr NP8 1ST.
- (iii) **22.20776.FUL:** Construction of stone walled and roofed lambing shed, feed store and stables with access track. Tyrywen, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LP.

4. County Council Report: Cllrs Beecham were unable to attend. Cllr S Beecham submitted a written report to up-date members regarding:

- Transforming Towns Consultation – public do not wish to see major changes – parking remains an issue in Crickhowell;
- Crickhowell Schools Catchment Review – questionnaire on PCC web site/social media please complete
- Powys County Council – meeting took place on 13th October – minutes on web site
- Drainage and Flooding – identify and clear blocked gullies to prevent localised flooding
- School Transport - clarify entitlement to free transport/support parental choice of school

5. Minutes: the minutes of the 15th August 2022 meeting [Pages 1432-1435] were approved [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Sharman].

6. Clerk’s Report/information from the minutes:

Page 1433 Item (ii) – as no definitive response was received a site meeting was not arranged. No response was made.

Page 1433 Item 7 - documents have been sent to the external auditor and queries answered. The opinion of audit has not been issued to date.

Page 1433 Item 7: a meeting was held and policies are being prepared.

Page 1435 Item 18 (30): due to the cancellation of the September meeting members were invited to respond individually.

Page 1434 – Item 14: as the police weren’t available to attend this meeting they have been invited to a future one.

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Page 1432 Item 3: the bid unfortunately proved unsuccessful. The hall has however been successful in receiving a grant of £40,000 for external works.

Remembrance Sunday: the service commences at 10:50am on 13th November in St Edmunds Church. Councillors to be seated by 10:30am. Cllr Sharman will laid the wreath in Llangenny Church.

7. Five Councils Meeting: to receive up-date and agree agenda items

Llangattock Green Valleys and the Fire Service will give presentations. Agenda items were discussed and confirmed. Due to time restraints it was suggested the Police & Crime Commissioner is invited to a separate meeting. Refreshments will be provided.

8. Certified Caravan Sites: to consider proposal that different rules should apply to sites located in the National Park.

Following discussion it was agreed to ask the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority to clarify what rules/regulations currently apply.

9. Communications Strategy: to receive and consider adopting communications strategy.

Agreed to defer discussion to the November meeting.

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

The working party met and located several suitable sites however need to obtain permission from landowners for a couple of the suggested sites. It was questioned whether there were any suitable sites in Llangenny? Another meeting of the working party was provisionally arranged for Tuesday, 25th October.

Cllr Morris offered to get a sack of daffodil bulbs (at a cost of approx £40) for distribution to the three villages and reported Young Farmers have offered to help erect fencing around the trees. Cllr Lusted will ask the videographer for an up-date on the film.

11. Llangenny Water Fountain: to receive up-date on restoration plans

An up-dated quotation has been obtained from the chosen contractor. Cllr Alford reported the contractor is prepared to leave the quotation open to enable time to obtain grant funding. An application for grant funding will be submitted to the BBNPA Sustainable Development Fund.

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

Agreed to defer discussion to the November meeting.

13. Llanbedr Nature Garden: to discuss maintenance.

Pears and crab apples were reported to be growing. The garden has been strimmed, as

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well as the road verge to the side of the allotments. The apple trees will need pruning in November/December.

14. Training Plan: to receive and consider adopting training plan.

Due to time restraints it was suggested and agreed the plan should be published in draft form prior to further consideration in the November meeting.

15. Rivers - Sites of Special Scientific Interest: to discuss responsibility for maintenance.

It was questioned whether Natural Resources Wales or the local authority have to be asked for permission to undertake maintenance works in rivers/sites designated as SSSIs. Following discussion it was agreed to write to Natural Resources Wales to seek clarification on what rules apply.

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

- Boreholes and the effect on the water table. Should permission be required to sink bore holes?

17. Finance:

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

Staff (Salary – September)	£
HMRC (Tax)	£
G James (Expenses: Office)	£ 25.00
OVW (Training)	£ 35.00
G James (Stationery £52.83; Zoom Sept £14.39)	£ 67.22
Staff (Salary – October)	£
HMRC (Tax)	£
G James (Expenses: Office £25; Travel £6.30)	£ 31.30
G James (Reimburse: Zoom October)	£ 14.39
Llangenny School Hall (Hire – 3 meetings)	£ 84.00

Additional Invoices received after the agenda was printed:

OVW (Training)	£ 35.00
Planning Aid Wales (Training)	£ 70.00
The Royal British Legion (Wreaths x 2)	£ 40.00

17.2 The finance reports for September and October were noted. A new Finance Report for October had been circulated to include the additional invoices received.

18. To receive Highways issues

Llanbedr: The field to the rear of the nature garden in St Peter’s Close is overgrown –

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concern has been raised that this will result in flooding. Ownership of this land was questioned? PCC or Welsh Water? Suggested ownership is checked.

Glangrwyney Bridge: there is a single track sign on the Powys side of the bridge, but not on the Monmouthshire side. The lack of footpath is dangerous for pedestrians. The hedge needs cutting to improve visibility. Plates on the bridge are loose and are banging. The speed limit needs to be reduced. Suggested the council make a statement of intent to recognise there are issues and support any proposal to get the footpath reinstated.

Glangrwyney: weeds/shrubs overgrown in pavements by bus stop need pulling/spraying. Cyclists travelling on the pavement are creating a danger – need signs asking them to dismount.

19. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended

Cllr Morris attended a One Voice Wales area meeting. The BBNPA Chief Executive gave a presentation on management of land within the National Park, planning and support for young people in The Park. When asking about funding for footpaths the PCC member present said there is no extra funding for the National Park - there is no money in the pot.

Cllr Bowker attended enforcement planning training – slides will be circulated.

20. Correspondence (September and October) as itemised in Appendix A was received and noted.

21. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence as itemised in Appendix B was received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:50pm

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