

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7:50pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

**Present:** Cllr John Morris (Chairman)  
Cllr Elaine Lusted  
Cllr Colin Alford  
Cllr Jeff Greenidge  
Cllr Roger Llewelyn  
Cllr Phill Bowker  
**In attendance:** The Clerk  
**Attended Remotely:** Cllr Roger Bridgwater  
Cty Cllr Matt Beecham

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr David Sharman. **Absent:** Cllr Dean Christy

2. **Declarations of Interest:** none declared.

3. **Planning:**

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

- (i) **22/21480/FUL:** Full planning permission for part extension of domestic garden including the demolition of existing bungalow, replacement new dwelling and relocation of vehicular access. **Ty Celyn, Bellfountain Road, Llangenny**

Following discussion it was agreed to submit a response of no objection providing highways are satisfied the proposed access provides sufficient visibility. BBNPA to be informed no planning notice is apparent on site.

**RESOLVED to: respond as detailed above.**

- (ii) **22/21578/FUL:** Erect a small timber shed to house a milk vending machine with associated parking. **Rheld Farm, Crickhowell, NP8 1ED**

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

- (iii) **22/21563/FUL:** Single storey side extension and roof dormer extension. **3 Maes Ffynnon, Llanbedr, NP8 1SR**

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

**3.2 Decisions/Other: it was noted the following application has been permitted:**

- (i) **22/1403/FUL:** "Extension of conservatory" **Trederwen, Llangenny NP8 1TD**

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Matt Beecham reported:

- Despite being informed the future of Llanbedr School would not be decided this side of Christmas the Cabinet is voting tomorrow on whether to keep the school open - officers

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Chairman

recommend PCC proceed with closure. Cllrs Beecham have requested the decision is delayed to allow the proposal of merging Llanbedr School with Llangattock to be fully explored. A delay will enable them to speak with the Church, the governing bodies and the head teacher (who oversaw the successful federation in Pembrokeshire) and put a proposal together. The Church in Wales is keen to support a merger of Llangattock and Llanbedr, and potentially the High School, which would mirror the model in Pembrokeshire. A model upheld by Estyn as an example of good practice.

Cllr Beecham intends asking PCC why it is attacking a catchment with four excellent primary schools and one of the best high schools in the country? He asked the council to write to the Leader of PCC, Cllr James Gibson-Watt and The Cabinet Member for Learning, Cllr Pete Roberts, to request the decision on Llanbedr School is delayed to allow the proposed federation of Llangattock and Llanbedr schools to be fully explored.

Members unanimously supported this request agreeing the closure of this school will have a catastrophic effect upon the community.

- PCC will look at Glangrwyney Bridge when they look at the 20mph zones.
- The street lights in Standard Street, Crickhowell (from chip shop to car park) were reported to not be working. Cty Beecham will report to Highways.

**RESOLVED to: write to PCC requesting it delay the decision on Llanbedr School’s future to enable the proposal to federate Llangattock and Llanbedr Schools to be fully explored.**

*8:30 Cty Cllr Beecham left the meeting*

- 5. Minutes:** subject to amending Item 18 to read “*access to the stile on a footpath*” the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 meeting [Pages 1441-1444] were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Bowker].
- 6. Clerk’s Report/information from the minutes:** no items to report which are not already on the agenda.
- 7. Llangenny Water Fountain: to discuss how to proceed with restoration**

The application to the BBNPA Sustainable Development Fund has proved successful with £3,841 being awarded towards the cost of restoring Llangenny Water Fountain. An application has been submitted to the Welsh Water Community Fund however it is not known whether this will be successful. The council previously allocated £4,000 towards the restoration however as costs have increased significantly it was agreed to allocate an additional £1,000 - £5,000 in total. The council asked the Clerk to instruct Welsh Water and Anthony Davies Ltd. [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Alford].

**RESOLVED to: allocate an additional £1,000 towards the restoration costs (£5,000 in total). The clerk to instruct Welsh Water/Anthony Davies Ltd to proceed. [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Alford] and unanimously agreed.**

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Chairman

**8. Five Councils Meeting: to receive notes and discuss meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner:**

The report on the Five Councils meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 was noted.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, PCC Llywelyn, has agreed to attend a Five Councils meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022. As Llangattock CC is unable to host the Vale of Grwyney CC will arrange. The Fire Brigade (who were unable to attend the last meeting) will be invited to give a presentation.

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

Six of the seven locations required to plant the jubilee trees have been identified - one more is required. Discussion ensued as to which type of tree is required, ie oak/fruit/silver birch and whether potted or bare rooted trees should be purchased. Cllr Morris will contact members of the working party after Christmas to arrange a meeting.

Cllr Morris has purchased daffodils which Cllr Bridgwater offered to plant in St Peter’s Close, Llanbedr. [Bulbs have already been distributed for planting in Glangrwyney Hall and the community land in Llangenny].

**10. Annual Report: to receive/adopt annual report**

The additions to the Annual Report were noted. It was agreed to adopt the report.

**RESOLVED to: adopt the Annual Report.**

**11. Glangrwyney Village Hall: to discuss/agree draft deed of covenant**

The deed of covenant as drafted was agreed to be acceptable to the council [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Alford].

**RESOLVED to: accept the deed of covenant as drafted.**

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

The Clerk informed members items deferred from the November meeting (which are not time critical) may have to be deferred to later meetings. The precept has to be determined in January.

**13. Finance:**

13.1 The following items were approved for payment: [Proposed; Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Greenidge] and duly agreed.

Staff (Salary)	£311.20
HMRC (Tax)	£ 72.80
G James (Reimburse Zoom £14.39/Stationery £47.07)	£ 61.46
G James (Expenses: Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£ 31.30
Glangrwyney Village Hall (Hire – 09.11.22)	£ 37.50

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*Chairman*

13.2 The finance report for December was noted.

**14. Highways:** Complaints of vehicles speeding down the pitch into Llanbedr village were received. It was suggested “slow down” signs, similar to those present in Llangenny, are erected. Prior to further action PCC will be asked to install “slow down” signs.

**15. Reports on Meetings Attended:** no meetings attended.

**16. Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A:** was noted.

**17. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence as itemised in Appendix B:** was noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25 pm

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Signed:.....  
Chairman