

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs John Morris (*Chairman*), David Sharman (*Vice Chairman*), Ian Mabberley, Roger Llewelyn, Prydderch Rees, Caroline Fairclough & Mike Shaw. *Also in attendance:* County Cllr John Morris and Maria James (*Clerk*)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Elaine Lusted & Sue Shaw
2. **Declarations of interest in items of business listed below:** Cllr Mabberley Item 3.1 (*Non-pecuniary – Non-Executive Director Green Valleys Hydro*)
3. **Planning:**
  - 3.1 **Applications:** **12/08474/FUL** *High head micro hydro scheme, with turgo runner in turbine house system consisting of intake weir and integrated forebay tank, pipeline and turbine house. **Coed Dias, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LY*** This is a resubmission of an application which has been previously supported by Council. Unanimously agreed to **SUPPORT** this application.
  - 3.2 **Decisions/Other:** No decisions were reported.
4. **County Council Report:** County Cllr John Morris reported:
  - (i) Budget: there are growing concerns regarding budget overspends. The Cabinet is being asked to address serious overspends on matters such as adult social care and education where there is a feeling money isn't being used efficiently. The concern is council tax will increase next year.
  - (ii) Traffic Regulation Orders: At last PCC has lifted the moratorium on Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) which has been in place for the last 4 years. Councillor Mabberley asked whether this affects the TRO on the road at the top of Grwyne Fawr which currently restricts 4 wheeled vehicles but allows 2 wheeled vehicles. JGM reported PCC has set aside £40,000 (*for the whole of Powys*) and suggested the Community Council inform PCC asap of any TROs in need of amendment/review.
  - (iii) CYG: Terry Flynn (*who now works solely for PCC*) attended a meeting with Mike Rees of Boyer Planning and Rhodri Davies at The Park. The developer proposes submitting an application for 50 houses and 18 in the barracks – 68 in total. In this without prejudice meeting the Planning Officer stated 68 units would not be unacceptable. If The Park permits this application PCC will request 20% affordable housing ie 15 units split between 9 in the barracks and 6 in the general housing. If the 15 units are not put in CYG then a commutable sum to the value of 15 units to be placed elsewhere.

*The agenda was rearranged to enable Items 7, 11 and 12 to be discussed with Cty Cllr Morris still in attendance.*

7. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** Cllr Mike Shaw reported he understood an application has been submitted and expressed disappointment that despite promises The Park has not kept the Council informed of developments. Councillors discussed whether a working party should now be established however it was acknowledged the Council cannot do anything until the application has been validated.

Cllr Sharman reported he had spoken with Members of The Park who wished to determine the community's view on development of this site. Cllr Sharman informed them a poll conducted showed out of 147 people approached 143 were against developing the site. It was reported however that the developer has stated the Community Council is in favour of the development - which clearly is not the position. Concerns were also voiced as to whether the Planning Officer who acted for the original application should be acting in this application as he may have already predetermined his position. Cllr Sharman proposed writing to Chris Morgan, BBNPA, requesting a meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Shaw and unanimously agreed.

**ACTION Cllr Mike Shaw to draft a letter outlining the concerns discussed and circulate to Councillors for approval prior to submission.**

19.51 Cllr Rees arrived.

11. **Car Parking Charges in Powys:** The Cabinet Member for Highways, County Cllr Barry Thomas, responded to the request for free parking in Crickhowell for the first hour by explaining this would be difficult to police and mean lost revenue would have to be found elsewhere, possibly via increased council taxes. He reported PCC is considering a seasonal concession on parking charges in the run-up to Christmas. Councillors discussed whether or not to pursue the request for free parking. It was AGREED to accept and note the explanation given.
12. **Glangrwyney Traffic calming measures:** A meeting was held with Dean Williams (North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent) on 20<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the problem of speeding within the village. Items

under discussion included a zebra crossing and electronic flashing lights. Mr Williams reported they are proposing to install a pedestrian refuge in the middle of the road outside the entrance to Dan Y Gollen. He did not think a zebra crossing was feasible and believed the road in the middle of the village is too narrow to allow a pedestrian refuge to be sited. It was agreed flashing speed/slow-down signs on the approaches into the village would be beneficial however noted there is a large demand for these signs and funding is an issue. Cllr Morris reported he was told there were to be electrical connections for flashing lights and suggested it would be useful to ask Kirsty Williams AM to get involved. Cllr Morris reported Louisa Kerr of Powys Community Safety would also like to be kept informed concerning the speeding problem.

***ACTION the Clerk to write to Dean Williams asking that consideration be given to the matters discussed - zebra crossing, pedestrian refuge on the bridge (in addition to the one planned by Dan y Gollen) and speed warning signs (copying in Powys Community Safety Partnership, Kirsty Williams AM and Cllr Morris).***

*Cllr Morris left at 20.38*

- 5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012** [Page 974 - 976] Proposed by Cllr Sharman, seconded by Cllr Llewelyn and agreed the minutes of the September meeting be accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**6. Matters Arising from the Above Minutes** *for information purposes.*

**P974 Item 8:** The Clerk reported she had made enquiries regarding the public liability insurance as discussed last month and Zurich confirm the current insurance is sufficient.

- 7. Cwrt -Y- Gollen** [See also P977 Item 7]. Llanelly CC suggest meeting in Gilwern at 6.30pm on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November (*prior to the council's main meeting*). Cllr Sharman would prefer a different date/time, however appreciates this may not be possible. The Clerk will liaise with Llanelly CC and notify Cllrs Sharman, Mike Shaw, Llewelyn and Morris accordingly,

- 8. Five Councils Liaison Meeting.** The next Five Councils Meeting is being hosted by the VoGCC on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm. The Clerk has requested agenda items be submitted prior to the 9<sup>th</sup> November. She has been asked if a microphone could be used in future meetings due to the acoustic problems reported at the previous meeting. It was noted the Council does not have a microphone however felt there should not be a problem in Glangrwyney Village Hall. Walkers are Welcome have agreed to speak. Cllr Morris reported Clare Parsons, BBNPA, would like the opportunity to speak to Councillors on the scrutiny review process.

***ACTION agreed to discuss refreshments at the next meeting. Clerk to invite Clare Parsons to speak.***

- 9. Welsh Local Authorities Powers to Promote Wellbeing:** *to consider response to the Welsh Government Consultation on Local Authorities Powers to promote Economic, Social or Environmental Well-Being under the Local Government Act 2000.* Agreed to defer discussion until the next meeting. *Clerk to email link to Members.*

- 10. Llanbedr Housing:** As reported previously [Page 984 Item 10] David James has requested a meeting with the Council and Wales & West Housing Association. The date has provisionally been agreed for Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November – 2 o'clock Llanbedr Village Hall. Cllrs Morris, Sharman, Shaw (S), Fairclough and possibly Rees to attend. Clerk to take notes.

- 11. Car Parking Charges in Powys:** [See Page 977 Item 11]

- 12. Glangrwyney Traffic calming measures:** [See Page 977 Item 12]

- 13. Any Other Business:** Cllr Rees reported people moving into The Vale were given details of Crickhowell School rather than Llanbedr when asking PCC for advice on schooling. Councillors agreed this was unacceptable and a complaint should be made to the Director of Education.

It was reported the lock on the notice board outside Llanbedr School is broken. *Cllr Llewellyn to repair.*

**14. Finance:**

- 14.1** *To report & resolve to approve items for payment:*

G M James (Salary £192/Exp £25) £217; HM Revenue & Customs £48; BDO Auditors £144  
Proposed by Cllr Sharman and seconded by Cllr Mabberley and agreed to pay the above.

## 14.2 To approve and accept the post audit Annual Return:

BDO reported there were no matters which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report. The Annual Return was approved and accepted by Council.

**ACTION** The Clerk to place the requisite Conclusion of Audit Notice in the noticeboard.

## 15. To receive **Highways** issues

- (i) Cllr Mabberley reported speaking with PC Andy Pole from Crickhowell who suggests the Council write to him requesting the police investigate the problem with off-roaders in Grwyne Fawr.
- (ii) Road by The Neuadd, Fforest Coal Pit is in need of sweeping.
- (iii) Culvert remains blocked in Glangrwyney.

Cllr Sharman reported the culvert at Millbrook has been cleared however there is a lot of silt and if the problem persists they may have to drag the river bed (Cllr Sharman to monitor)

**ACTION** Clerk to inform Highways

## 16. To receive **Reports on Meetings Attended**

- (i) Planning Training by BBNPA: Councillors Morris, S Shaw, Sharman and Fairclough attended the Crickhowell session and the Clerk attended the Brecon session. *Clerk to circulate Definition of Material Planning Considerations.*
- (ii) LAF meeting was attended by Cllrs Sharman and Mabberley. New maps are now out (not many changes). Looking for new members from the West of The Park (farmers /landowners/equestrian people). If interested write to Richard Ball.
- (iii) Cllrs Morris and Sharman attended the official launch and signing of the Community Charter. Cllr Morris signed on behalf of The Council. BBNPA is the first National Park to sign up and is now looking forward to other National Parks following suit.
- (iv) OVW: Cllr Morris attended the OVW AGM where 7 motions put forward, all carried – 2% membership fee increase was passed. He also attended the OVW Area committee in Builth. Brent Campbell spoke on Highways and Local Environment Areas. They have set up Area Managers and installed different procedures to enable highway matters to be dealt with asap. Clare Parsons also spoke on the scrutiny review which is due to be finalised by March.
- (v) Dyfed Powys Police Consulting meeting – Cllr Morris attended.
- (vi) Glangrwyney Traffic Calming meeting with Mr D Williams *reported previously*

## 17. To receive items of general **Correspondence** and discuss as appropriate:

- 1. **OVW: The Electoral Commission:** on the 15 November 2012 electors across England and Wales can vote in the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in their area.
- 2. **BCW Newsletter** - newsletter from the Boundary Commission for Wales regarding its 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies revised proposals. *(The Commission's revised proposals will be published on 24 October 2012 and will be available for consultation for a period of eight weeks, until 18 December 2012. The proposals can then be viewed [www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk](http://www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk))*
- 3. **Walkers are Welcome (WaW)** Letter to confirm attendance at Five Councils Meeting.
- 4. **OVW: CADW** is holding a number of drop-in events in Oct/Nov - 8 November – The Guildhall, Brecon (Drop in events between 10 and 3 – CADW will be giving presentations at 11 and 2pm. More information can be found on [www.cadwheritagebill@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:www.cadwheritagebill@wales.gsi.gov.uk) or [www.cadw.wales.gov.uk](http://www.cadw.wales.gov.uk)
- 5. **OVW:** Annual Conference 13<sup>th</sup> October & AGM – Agenda and list of Speakers
- 6. **OVW:** Planning Training Module – Arrangement with Planning Aid (Wales) for planning training to Councils. Lead councils are invited to request the training and provide venue/refreshments.
- 7. **BBNPA:** Good Business Sense Project – a social network platform set up for all Brecon Beacons Businesses interested in green and sustainable tourism
- 8. **Crick District Archive Centre:** Invitation for Chairman to the Opening of the Crickhowell History Weekend (3.45 for 4.00)
- 9. **PCC:** Response by Cllr Barry Thomas to request for free car parking for 1<sup>st</sup> hour in Crickhowell
- 10. **Glasdon** Catalogue
- 11. **BDO:** Annual Return and invoice
- 12. **OVW:** Agenda – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October / Minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> June meeting
- 13. **BBNPA:** Restricted Byway No 3 and Unclassified Road U0139 in the Town of Talgarth and the Community of the Vale of Grwyney (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012. Order in place

from 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 for 6 months to allow the authority to undertake improvement works on the route.

14. **Mid and West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority:** Draft Annual Improvement Plan 2013/ More details on this and how you can have your say can be found on [www.mawwfire.gov.uk14](http://www.mawwfire.gov.uk14)
15. **PCC: Play Safety This Season** – Free drop in sessions where you can find out more about all aspects of play safety. Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 12 – 4 and 15 – 17 PCC Offices, Brecon.
16. **PCC:** School Modernisation Programme: dispensation has been granted in relation to this matter as outlined in the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012.
17. **PCC:** The Standards Community Sub Committee has granted dispensation to all town and community councillors to speak and vote on matters relating to the hob and pylons as per 4<sup>th</sup> September minutes.
18. **PCC:** Declaration of Interest Forms
19. **OVW:** Appointment of the Expert Advisory Panel for the National Literacy Programme – deadline for applications 15/10/12
20. **Dyfed Powys Police:** Powys Joint Community Consultative Meetings – 8/10/12 – 6.45pm Conference Room, Brecon Police Station, Brecon / 22/10/12 - 6.45pm Welshpool Town Hall, High St, Welshpool. Questionnaire on Policing Priorities
21. **Powys Teaching Board:** South East Powys Consultation Document – Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October - 6.30pm, Clarence Hall, Crickhowell to consult with the local population on future plans to improve healthcare services in South East Powys

## **18. Miscellaneous/Late Items** *of correspondence*

- 18.1 **OVW:** Appt of Chair and Members to the Advisory Panel on Substance Misuse.

## **19. Clerk's Report/ Matters for the Clerk to Action**

Cllr Llewelyn asked that an item relating to a resident in Glangrwyney be placed on next month's agenda (*he will forward further information to the Clerk in due course*)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35pm