

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 17th December 2012 at 7.30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Prydderch Rees & Cllr Caroline Fairclough.

2. **Declarations of interest in items of business listed below:** Nil

3. **Planning:**

3.1 **Application 12/08710/FUL: Proposed new dwelling on land adjacent to 1 Springfields, Llangenny.** Following examination and discussion of the plans supplied it was proposed by Cllr Lusted that the Council support this application subject to highway/access considerations. This was seconded by Cllr M Shaw. *The Council **RESOLVED** to support this application as outlined above with one abstention.*

3.2 **Decisions:** It was noted the following applications have been **permitted**:

- (i) **12/08474/FUL** High head micro hydro scheme, etc **Coed Dias, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LY**
- (ii) **12/08123/FUL** Provision of two wheeled Sheppard huts comprising one unit of temporary holiday accommodation. **Pen Lan, Llangenny NP8 1HF**

4. **County Council Report:** JGM reported:

- (i) **Llangenny Bridge:** the bridge has been damaged on the Glangrwyney side with a number of marks/dislodged coping stones. JGM will report the damage and suggested the Community Council do the same.
- (ii) **Crickhowell High School:** Crickhowell High School has received a good Estyn report and has moved up from Band 3 to Band 1.

5. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th November 2012** [*Page 981 - 985*]: Proposed by Cllr Mabberley, seconded by Cllr S Shaw and agreed the minutes of the November meeting be accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman subject to Page 983 Item 9 being amended to read "Cllr Shaw" rather than "Cllr Sue".

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

7. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** BBNPA has granted the Council an extension in which to submit its response to the planning application to the 20th December. The working party met with Llanelly Community Council on the 7th December. Cllr Sue Shaw outlined the draft response for Council's approval.

It was proposed by Cllr Sharman that the document be supported. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

8. **Local Development Plan:** Following the last meeting the Clerk informed Helen Wilson Cllr Sharman and S Shaw would like to attend Sessions 2 and 3. Ms Wilson stated only one Member can sit at the table, but they can swap around. Originally it was not considered necessary to speak at the hearings, however the situation has now changed. It was reported that despite not being entered on the first schedule Cwrt Y Gollen has been entered in the second version. It was questioned (a) why did the Council waste time carry out consultations on whether to put sites in or out of the plan when it is not being listened to? (b) Why were the land agents contacted? (c) Should the Council request a meeting with the Planning Inspector? It was agreed a working party should be set up to consider how to proceed.

Cty Cllr Morris informed Council he had attended a meeting with Powys officers and reported they were concerned The Park had afforded very little consultation with neighbouring authorities. He also stated strategy states you put sites in key settlements, ie Crickhowell, Brecon, where the services are yet questioned why were there no sites in Llangattock?

RESOLVED working party (Cllrs S and M Shaw, Morris, Sharman and Llewelyn) will meet to consider how to proceed.

9. **Police Meeting:** The Clerk reported PC Andy Pole had contacted her concerning the Council hosting a meeting with various authorities to discuss the problem of off-roading in the Grwyne Fawr area. Cllr Mabberley reported this is something he is organising as part of his role as a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator and confirmed arrangements have been made for representatives from the Police/Fire

Brigade/BBNPA/Forestry Commission to meet on 7th January 2013 in Grwyne Fawr. This will enable them to view the affected sites.

The Council noted the above and RESOLVED to support the meeting.

- 10. Llanbedr Allotments:** A meeting was organised in Llanbedr on the 13th December to determine interest in creating an allotment committee. Turnout proved disappointing. Council discussed how to proceed noting the occupiers of the affordable housing were the most likely candidates. This was however impossible to ascertain until the houses have been built and occupied. If there was no interest then it was questioned whether the land could be used for building more houses? It was suggested the Council contact Wales & West Housing Association to determine what the deal is should the Council take over responsibility for the land.

ACTION Clerk to contact Wales & West to outlined above.

- 11. Any Other Business** for information only. Nil.

- 12. Finance:** The following items were reported for payment: G M James (Salary £192/Exp £25) £217; Stationery & Post £129.59; Welsh Water: Llanbedr Water Trough - £18.47; Peter Draper (Planning Consultant) Final Instalment: £1,000.

Proposed by Cllr Mabberley and seconded Cllr Sue Shaw and agreed to pay the above. It was noted PCC would deduct the cost of the elections (£392) from the next precept payment payable on 31/12/12.

- 13. Highways:** The following matters were reported as being in need of attention:

Grwyne Fawr: water on road due to blocked drain causing icy patches outside Nant y Bedd. This has been reported, but not repaired. Llangenny: water running down from top of the hill by The Bungalow – drains blocked – tarmac lifted – dangerous in icy condition. Grwyne Fechan: Bont Lane – drains blocked – water running across the road from top to bottom – reported a fortnight ago, but not repaired.

RESOLVED to write to Highways requesting drains are cleared/lanes swept in the Grwyne Fechan/Grwyne Fawr and Llangenny areas

- 14. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended:**

Five Councils Liaison Meeting: Due to adverse weather the meeting was postponed until the 10th December. The meeting was well attended. Notes will be circulated in due course.

- 15. Correspondence:** the following correspondence was noted:

- BBNPA: Up-dated Public Speaking guidelines.** Further information can be found on their web site.
- OVW:** Sustainable Development Bill Bulletin - summary of consultation responses/ report can be found on <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/sustainabledevelopment/sdbill/?lang=en> ,
- BCW: Have your Say on Changes to Parliamentary Constituencies** (deadline 18 December 2012) Full details are available at www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk
- OVW: climate change adaptation survey** – request to complete survey
- Society of Local Council Clerks:** Wales Teaching Seminar – 17th April 2012 Liberty Stadium, Swansea - £49 plus VAT – open for Councillors and Clerks
- Helen Wilson** - The draft agenda for Session 2 can be downloaded at www.breconbeacons.org/the-authority/planning/strategy-and-policy/ldp-examination/hearing-session-2-agenda-1 Request to confirm who will be attending to represent your organisation/client.
- OVW: Keep Wales Tidy Annual Review** - www.KeepWalesTidy.org/aboutus/annual-reviews
- Helen Wilson** BBNPA LDP Examination Plan – Agenda for Session 11a is now available at www.breconbeacons.org/the-authority/planning/strategy-and-policy/ldp-examination/hearing-session-11a-agenda
- OVW:** Policy Consultation - Volunteer Responders – Relaunching of Scheme
- National Assembly for Wales:** Consultation on the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill. www.senadd.assemblywales.org/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?lId=5052&AIID=8648 deadline for comments - 31/01/13
- PCC Heads of School Service:** response to letter [Page 978 Item 13].
- PCC:** Annual Village Hall Revenue Grant Scheme Form
- PCC:** Statement of Licensing Principles – Draft Consultation 2012 on revised policy.
- PCC:** LED streetlight replacement scheme – Clarification of Scheme
- PCC:** Electoral Register
- Welsh Affairs Committee:** will question Mr Paul Silk, Chair of the Commission, on his findings relating to financial devolution in Wales on 18 December. The Committee will also question the Secretary of

State for Wales, the Rt Hon David Jones MP, about the Silk Commission Report (and a range of other issues) on 11 December.

17. **Focus on Bronllys** - Save Bronllys Hospital request to sign petition

18. **Powys Teaching Board:** deadline has been extended to 14/12/12 for feedback on '*Improving Healthcare Services for South East Powys*'

16. Miscellaneous/Late Items *of correspondence*

1. **PCC:** Copy of Electoral Register

2. **PCC: Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation:** opportunity to respond as the impact of the new scheme will mean there will be less funding raised via the new scheme than the current Council Tax Benefit Scheme. See <http://surveys.powys.gov.uk/index.php?side=77339&lang=en>

3. **PCC: LED Streetlight Replacement Scheme:**

4. **The Green Valleys:** Autumn Newsletters. Website: www.thegreenvalleys.org

5. **PCC:** Request for details of the Precept 2013/14 required by 25/01/13. Estimated product of £1 Council tax equates to £479.95

6. **Powys Age Concern:** Winter edition of Powys AGEnda

17. Clerk's Report/ Matters for the Clerk to Action: Llangenny Playground to be placed on the agenda for discussion next month

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.04pm.