

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7.30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs John Morris (*Chairman*), David Sharman (*Vice Chairman*), Elaine Lusted, Caroline Fairclough and Prydderch Rees. *Also in attendance:* County Cllr John Morris, Five Members of the public and Maria James (*Clerk*)

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs M & S Shaw and I Mabberley. Apologies were submitted for Cllr Lusted who will be arriving late.

**2. Declarations of interest in items of business listed below:** Cllr Lusted: Item 3 (iv).

**3. Planning:**

(i) **13/08821/LBC (ii) 13/08820/FUL:** *Replace stone tiles with slate on front elevation extension left wing, provision of external boiler, increase pitch to roof of lean-to, removal of door in east elevation, provision of internal storage partition with central door: Penmoel Cottage, Llangenny NP8 1HD*

No objections. It was unanimously AGREED to support this application.

(iii) **13/08806/FUL:** *Change of use of first floor room over cow house to holiday let, repairs, adaptations and improvements to 17<sup>th</sup> Century stone built farmhouse building. Ffordd Las Fawr. Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LY*

No objections. Unanimously AGREED to support this application.

**Cllr Fairclough arrived 19.48pm. Cty Cllr Morris arrived 19.53.**

(iv) **13/08809/OUT:** *Five houses, four as intermediate housing for local needs Springfields, Llangenny NP8 1HA*

Following considerable discussion concerning the housing classification/history of site/access it was proposed by Cllr Rees the Council support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Fairclough. Further discussion ensued when upon it was AGREED (with one abstention) the Council support this application in principal but obtain clarification on the “intermediate housing for local needs” classification. The Park to be asked:

1. Whether this application is for low cost affordable housing or open market housing?
2. If low cost housing for local needs will a Section 106 agreement be formulated to ensure the properties remain affordable in perpetuity?

(v) **13/08891/TREES:** *Proposal to clean out deadwood in 3 Norway Maple, reduce 1 Sycamore by 3m distally, lime remove suckers, etc Cwrt Y Gollen Army Camp, A40, Crickhowell, Powys*

No Objection. Unanimously AGREED to support this application.

(vi) **12/08081/OUT:** *Reconsultation due to Amendment – Outline application for detached 3 bed house. Land adj to 1 Post Office Row, Glangrwyney*

Following consideration it was AGREED to support the application but ask if this provides 1 Post Office with a permanent access.

***ACTION the Clerk to write to BBNPA as outlined above.***

**3.1 Decisions/Other:** It was noted the following applications have been permitted

(i) **12/08710/OUT:** Proposed new dwelling in land adj to 1 Springfields, Llangenny.

(ii) **12/08564/FUL** Demolition of rear timber entrance lobby, proposed ground floor extension & refurbishment. First floor extension & refurbishment. **Pencae Bleddyne, Llanbedr, NP8 1SY.**

**4. County Councillor Morris's Council Report:**

- Some households in Llangenny/Llanbedr have complained rubbish was not collected during the snow. This was due to council personnel being deployed to gritting duties. Officers will investigate these concerns. Members stated the Council did a good job clearing snow during the adverse weather.

- Budget goes to full Council this Thursday when savings of £30 million need to be made over the next few years. Proposals include: increasing council tax 2.5% (with an additional 0.5% increase to cover costs of wind-farm appeals); post 16 pupils paying for school transport; 75% cut in community grants; 4% cut across all services. Whilst acknowledged cuts have to be made Cty Cllr Morris expressed the view the Council needs to be more efficient in its expenditure on adult services/education and questioned whether it's appropriate to increase council tax 0.5% for wind-farm appeals – an issue which does not concern the whole county.

## **20.27 Cllr Lusted arrived.**

- JGM attended the LDP Hearings concerning Housing and Affordable Housing and is due to attend the Hearing on Housing & Affordable Housing Provision. He noted The Park has come up with a lot of new sites to make up the 2000 houses suggested which professionals on other side of the table believe they will not achieve. Concern is if housing is not provided 1500/2000 jobs will be lost and we will become a retirement village.
- Street lights – please provide Cty Cllr Morris with the numbers of any lights not working.

## **20.35pm JGM and Members of the Public left the meeting**

5. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013 [Page 989 - 991]** Proposed by Cllr Fairclough, seconded by Cllr Rees and agreed the minutes of the January meeting be accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes:** It was reported the vehicle registration number of the pick-up involved in an attempted theft in Llangenny was available for circulation if required.
7. **Llanbedr Housing/Allotments:** Cllr Mabberley was unable to attend the meeting, but Cllr Fairclough reported there was no further news to date.
8. **Local Development Plan:** During the LDP hearings it was reported that despite more housing needed in the area lots of sites are undeliverable due to sewerage provision/water pressure. Cllr Shaw represented the Council during the Hearing relating to Salt 50 during which the National Park corrected any misleading statements made concerning the Cwrt y Gollen site.

***It was AGREED the Council should write to Rhodri Davies (BBNPA) to ask if it is possible to receive prior notice of when the Cwrt y Gollen site is to be discussed at PAROW.***

9. **Llangenny Playing Field:** As reported above reductions in revenue has resulted in PCC significantly reducing community grants, etc, with subsequent concerns raised for funding of the playing field. Cllr Lusted reported there are a lot of children in the village and the community is prepared to fundraise. It was AGREED to defer further discussion on this matter until firm proposals for the site have been received.
10. **Beacons Bus:** At the last meeting the question of whether to consider funding for the Beacons Bus was discussed. Following this Richard Tyler (*Sustainable Tourism Manager for BBNPA*) offered to attend a meeting to explain more about the Beacons Bus and the need for funding. Councillors agreed this should be taken to the next Five Councils Liaison meeting.
11. **Any Other Business:** *for information only.* None reported.
12. **Finance:**

12.1 The following items were reported for payment:

Clerk's salary £192/Expenses £25 (£217), HM Revenue & Customs £192, CRiC Membership £30

It was proposed by Cllr Rees and seconded by Cllr Lusted and agreed to pay the above.

12.2 A Risk Assessment Schedule was circulated for Council to consider in the March meeting.

12.3 The Clerk reported a VAT refund of £1097.16 had been received

13. The following highway matters were reported:

**Partrishow/Grwyne Fawr:** Road between Gelliwelltog towards Five Ways – potholes. Road is collapsing between Cefn Farm/The Neuadd, Partrishow. Road up the Grwyne Fawr has several nasty potholes along length

**Llangenny:** Some drains still blocked by The Bungalow / Crossroads (some have been cleared) – water not getting to the gullies - drains set too high.

**Grwyne Fechan/Llanbedr:** Nasty potholes along bottom road from Grwyne Fechan Chapel towards The Pentre. Road travelling between Craig Y Bwla and The Dyffryn, Llanbedr – several nasty potholes

14. The following Meetings were attended:

**One Voice Wales:** Cllr Morris and the Clerk attended and reported The Post Office is currently undertaking an investment/modernisation programme. No more programmes of closure are planned.

**Llanbedr School Governors Meeting:** Cllr Lusted attended the January meeting and reported the new head teacher is advocating the use of modern technology. An Estyn inspection will take place next year.

**CyMAL/Heritage Lottery Fund:** Cllr Fairclough attended. She reported a series of events are planned to commemorate the First World War next year. This meeting provided advice on how to apply for funding. It was noted Partrishow Church does not have a memorial to remember those fallen and suggested one could be provided. Cllr Rees informed Members a memorial was sited in the old Fforest Coal Pit School which was moved following the sale of this building. The Clerk will make enquiries as to where it is located.

15. The following correspondence was noted and discussed as appropriate:

1. **BBNPA:** Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> LAF meeting of the BBNPA and Agenda for 30<sup>th</sup> January meeting.

2. **Welsh Government:** Principal authorities have been given £500 per t/c council for website development.

3. **OVW:** request that Members do not contact principal authorities for website funding until detailed proposals are finalised.

4. **BBNPA: Invitation to Talgarth Mill:** Tues 26<sup>th</sup> February (7-9pm)

5. **BBNPA:** selection of free courses for Tourism. To reserve a plan contact Nicola Williams BBNPA

6. **OVW:** Response to Crime & Police Commissioner expressing disappointment at short closing date of consultation (4 days) and request to extend this deadline by one month.

7. **Richard Tyler BBNPA:** Notification that Tourism in Action Conference will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March (9.30 – 1.00pm) in Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon.

8. **OVW:** The Big Lunch 2013 will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. ([www.thebiglunch.com](http://www.thebiglunch.com))

9. **Helen Wilson:** Additional Information from the NPA on Housing: deadline for response 14/02/13

10. **PC Pole:** Up-date on Illegal Off Roading – Grwyne Fawr

11. **Brecknock & Radnor Community Health Council:** Agenda of Meeting 28/01/13 – PR

12. **Richard Tyler, BBNPA:** offer to attend meeting to explain more about the Beacons Bus and the need for funding. <http://www.travelbreconbeacons.info/beacons-bus>

13. **Office of Police & Crime Commissioner:** response to letter sent concerning short turnaround.

14. **BBNPA:** Invitations (i) Transport from a Visitor's perspective – 20/02/13 Angel Hotel, Abergavenny (ii) Saving Energy without compromising service – 06/03/21 Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon. Also information on a WRAP Cymru FREE Workshop; Act on Waste today to save your business money - 14/03/13 Llansantffraed Court.

15. **Kidney Wales Foundation:** Fundraising/Donation Request – Walk for Life 2013 March 24

16. **OVW:** Re-scheduled Brecon & Radnor Committee Meeting Agenda. Minutes of 5/10/12 Meeting

17. **Welsh Government:** Stopping Up of Highways (Unclassified) Highway adjacent to Coed Mill, near Llanbedr Order 2013 - Copy of Order which has now been made.

18. **PAVO:** Invitation to "Community Engagements, Building relationships with local people – whose role is this?" and Agenda: Meetings will be held on 25/03/13 in Brecon (6-8pm), 26/03/13 Llandrindod Wells (6-8pm), 27/03/13 Y Drenewydd (6-8pm)

19. **Urdd Gobaith Cymru:** Nation Eisteddfod 2013 27/05 – 01/06 – funding request

20. **CRiC:** Community Life Membership Fee £30 (£25 plus VAT)

21. **BBNPA:** Reconsultation due to amendment – Application No 12/08081/OUT land adj to 1 Post Office Row, Glangrwyney (placed on agenda)

22. **OVW:** Climate Change Adaptation Survey – deadline for completion 28 January: [http://eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_8CH5HKSv3b71VR3](http://eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8CH5HKSv3b71VR3)

23. **BBNPA:** Notice that Application 12/08564 Pencae Bleddyn, Llanbedr NP8 1SY went before Members at the 29/01/13 PAROW meeting with the recommendation it be permitted (permitted)

24. **Police & Crime Commissioner:** Consultation letter inviting views in relation to the proposed precept and Police & Crime Plan

**25.PC Pole:** Crime up-date

**26.Kirsty Williams AM:** response from John Griffiths AC/AM to letter asking CYG planning application to be called in

**16. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence**

**1. One Voice Wales:** Training - Strong Roots – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013 6.30 to 9 Bishop Bevan Hall, Brecon

**2. Ian Jones:** Application on Springfields (*circulated and read to Councillors under Item 3 (iv)*)

**3. Helen Wilson:** Agenda for Sessions 2/3 and Inspector's Summary

**4. Helen Wilson:** Inspector's Paper for Sessions 3

**17. Clerk's Report/ Matters for the Clerk to Action:** PCC cannot help with repairs to the private path in Glangrwyney [Page 983 Item 12] and suggest Care & Repair be approached.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.32 pm.