

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 18th March 2013 at 7.30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

Present: Cllrs John Morris (*Chairman*), Sue Shaw, Ian Mabberley, Roger Llewelyn, Caroline Fairclough & Prydderch Rees. *Also in attendance:* County Cllr John Morris, One Member of the Public and Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Mike Shaw. Cty Cllr John Morris forwarded apologies he would be arriving late.
2. **Declarations of personal & pecuniary interest in items of business listed below:** Nil.
3. **Planning Applications:** Prior to consideration of the application listed below correspondence received from (a). The Applicant [Page 998 Item 13.8] and (b). PCC's Scrutiny Manager was reported to Council: The applicant's request for a personal interest to be declared in connection with Planning Application 13/08809/OUT was noted together with the response from PCC which stated it seems unlikely there is an interest however this is for the Councillor to decide. Councillors were also referred to the Localism Act – (*new legalisation which attempts to ensure Councillors are not prevented from taking part in decisions where they have expressed a view on related issues and enables them to campaign and represent their constituents and take part in decisions*)

- (i) **13/08809/OUT:** 5 houses, 4 as intermediate housing for local needs **Springfields, Llangenny NP8 1HA**
Letters received from (i) the Applicant [Page 998 Item 14.11] asking for support and (2) the response from BBNPA to questions raised at the last meeting were read to Members.

In response to the question of why this application was being discussed again Members were informed BBNPA has confirmed the proposal is for five market houses and there would not be a section 106 agreement to secure the four as intermediate housing as this is not possible.

7.55 Cty Cllr Morris arrived

Councillors recalled at the previous meeting the application was supported in principal and noted the houses are for local people therefore it was proposed by Cllr Mabberley and seconded by Cllr Rees that the application be approved. This proposal was put to the vote with four in favour and one against.

It was AGREED by majority vote to support the above application

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

- (i) **12/08564/FUL** Pencae Bleddyn, Llanbedr NP8 1SY (Demolition of rear timber entrance lobby, proposed ground floor extension and refurbishment. New first floor extension and refurbishment).
- (ii) **12/0833/FUL** Forge House, Glangrwyney NP8 1EW (Demolition of existing garage, erection of orangery, etc)

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Morris reported:

- Budget will involve a 2.75% increase in council tax. Proposals to charge for post 16 school transport have been stopped. The proposed cut of 75% in community grants has been reduced to 10%.
- PCC still has a tremendous amount of assets. He has asked for these assets to be reviewed with a view to selling and re-utilising funds. He has also suggested reducing county councillors by 50%.
- The transfer of land adjacent to St Peter's Close Llanbedr has been completed.
- The Cabinet is not totally objecting to the Cwrt Y Gollen application. It has concerns over primary school access and questions whether access to the site could be via Martell Way/Dan-y-Gollen. If the application is permitted PCC will request a high percentage of affordable housing or a commuted sum.
- Llangenny Bridge has been repaired.
- A salt bin is to be placed in Glangrwyney Village Hall car park (*subject to permission being granted*).

Councillors discussed organising a meeting with the Highways Department to discuss the problems currently experienced throughout The Vale. Cty Cllr Morris suggested Members identify key areas in this regard.

8.15 Cllr Lusted arrived.

5. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th February 2013** [Page 992 – 995]: Proposed by Cllr Prydderch Rees seconded by Cllr Fairclough and agreed the minutes of the February meeting be accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes** *for information purposes.* Page 993 Item 8: At the present time a date has not been set for Cwrt Y Gollen to go before PAROW.
7. **Llanbedr Housing/Allotments:** As reported previously it was noted the transfer of land from PCC to Wales & West Housing Association (WWHA) has been completed.

A draft Allotment Lease Agreement and draft Management Schedule were circulated for consideration. Concerns were raised that should the Council commit at this stage to such a scheme it could become liable for maintenance should the allotments fail. The lack of interest in the formation of an allotment society was discussed at length. It was believed demand will originate from the yet unknown occupiers of the new dwellings and also hoped the initial interest expressed by the community will reignite once the build starts and the allotments become a reality.

Due to the uncertainty and vagaries involved it was AGREED not to proceed with management of the ground until such time as the houses are built and demand for allotments has been clarified.

ACTION Clerk to inform Mr Lyndon Griffiths of WWHA of the above.

8. **Local Development Plan:** It was noted the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and Home Builders' Federation have produced a Statement of Common Ground. Participants have until 21 March to submit comments. Hearing Session 13: Additional Information on Housing & Affordable Housing Viability will be held on 28th March 2013. It was agreed Cllr S Shaw should represent the Council at this hearing.
9. **Any Other Business:** None reported.
10. **Finance/Governance:**

10.1 The following items were reported for payment:

Clerk's salary £192 & Expenses £25, HM Revenue & Customs £48

Proposed by Cllr Mabberley, seconded by Cllr Shaw and agreed to pay the above.

- 10.2 **Risk Assessment:** In accordance with audit requirements the Council annually reviews the effectiveness of internal controls to ensure compliance. In the previous meeting a Risk Assessment Schedule was circulated amongst Members for consideration.

It was proposed by Cllr Mabberley, seconded by Cllr Lusted and unanimously agreed to accept the Risk Assessment presented which was duly signed by the Chairman.

- 10.3 **Other:** It was noted Standing Orders require revision from time to time. Members were asked whether they would like to implement a public speaking policy to provide an opportunity for the public to address Council by prior appointment – *full details to be agreed.* Members felt this should prove beneficial for both the electorate and the Council and asked the Clerk to forward details for consideration at the next meeting.

ACTION Clerk to email details for consideration/adoption at the next meeting.

11. **Highways:** Councillors reported the following matters:

Grwyne Fawr: Potholes; in particular: (i) between Gwern Y Bustach Farm and turning to Tyn Y Llyn (water on pitch); (ii) between Coed Farm and Coed Dias; (iii) between turning to Penwylodd Farm and Ty Hir – drain gets blocked /road is concave causing water to pool in the centre which freezes in adverse weather.

Partrishow: grit bin or salt (just up from Five Ways on junction where road divides to Partrishow Church or Llanbedr)

Llanbedr: whilst potholes have been repaired by The Dyffryn – there are more just past The Dyffryn before Craig Y Bwla – where the road is sinking.

Llangenny: Potholes: road by the Crossroads running back to main road (past Pen yr Worlodd) - water running down the road.

Glangrwyney: bollard broken by designated crossing area for the blind – bollard needs replacement .

ACTION The Clerk to (i) report the above matters to Highways (2) request meeting with Highways (3) Ask Dean Williams for up-date on traffic calming measures in Glangrwyney.

12. **Reports on Meetings Attended.** None received. It was reported Cllr Fairclough will attend the PAVO meeting in Brecon on March 25th (6-8pm)
13. The following correspondence was noted and discussed as appropriate:
1. **OVW:** training: www.slcc.co.uk/content/higher-education-community-governance/39/
 2. **OVW:** Aber Valley Heritage Group – request to contribute towards a National Miners Memorial
 3. **BBNPA:** response to query relating to Planning Application 13/08809/OUT
 4. **Helen Wilson:** Further LDP hearing will be held on 28th March 2pm in the Castle Hotel. Agenda to follow.
 5. **OVW:** Consultation on Sustainable Development Bill White paper www.wales.gov.uk/sustainabledevelopment
 6. **Paul Wyatt, WWHA:** St Peters Close Allotments – draft document for consideration
 7. **OVW:** Training – Strong Roots Training – 7th March 2013
 8. **M Jones:** request for Councillor to declare personal interest in connection with discussions relating to Planning Application 13/08809/OUT
 9. **OVW:** Wales Audit Office report on The Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services.
 10. **Paul Wyatt:** Notice he is leaving WWHA. New contact from 22/03/13 is Lyndon Griffiths.
 11. **Paul Wyatt:** Confirmation land at St Peter's Close has been transferred from PCC to WWHA.
 12. **Helen Wilson:** NPA and NBF have produced Statement of Common Ground. Participants have until 5pm 21/03/13 to submit comments. If you not intend going to the 28/03/13 session please inform her.
 13. **OVW:** Model Concerns and Complaints Policy and Guidance
 14. **BBNPA:** response to query to state CYG will not be put before PAROW in April (no definite date at present)
 15. **BBNPA:** permission has been granted for Application 12/08564/FUL: Pencae Bleddyn, Llanbedr NP8 1SY
 16. **BBNPA:** Planning Services Consultee Survey 2013 (Deadline extended to the 19th March)
 17. **PCC:** Notice PCC can provide independent Annual Inspection of Children's Play Area – cost is £70
 18. **BBNPA:** Amendment to Traffic Regulation Order Unclassified Road U0139 Grwyne Fawr Valley. It is understood the County Council will be consulting on the revocation of the Order in due course.
 19. **HAFAN Cymru:** newsletter
 20. **BDO:** Audit Briefing 2013
 21. **HMRC:** Are you ready to report PAYE in real time?
 22. **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales:** Want to complain about a public body leaflets How to complain that a local authority member has broken the code of conduct leaflets
 23. **Christopher Salmon, Police & Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys:** will hold a public surgery in Llanelli Library on Saturday, 23rd February 2013 (from 1 - 5pm)
 24. **Paul Wyatt:** up-date request re Llanbedr allotments
 25. **BBNPA:** Tourism Conference 6th March - details on web site.
 26. **PAVO:** Meeting will be held in Brecon on March 25 6-8pm – to discuss engagement of your communities as part of the "One Powys yn Un" RSVP 15/03/13
 27. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** March 2013
14. *To receive Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence*
1. **OVW: Joint One Voice Wales/SLCC Training Seminar – 17 April, 2013** - focuses on devolution of services from unitary authorities, the new power of well-being and sustainability.
 2. **OVW:** Regenerating Wales – Huw Lewis AM, Minister for Housing, Regeneration & Heritage, has launched the Welsh Government's new regeneration framework, "Vibrant and Viable Places". <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/businessandeconomy/regeneration/?lang=en>
 3. **Lora Davies, BBNPA:** link to Scrutiny page of the BBNPA website to see the latest news on how the scrutiny process is progressing, <http://www.breconbeacons.org/the-authority/who-we-are/scrutiny>
 4. **Clare Parsons BBNPA:** Invitation to liaison meeting to which all Town/Community Councils in the National Park will be asked. It will be held **10am to 12pm Saturday 27th April** in the Brecon Subud Hall, Canal Bank, Brecon, LD3 7HH. RSVP by 19th April with any proposals for agenda items
 5. **Mr J Townsend:** Letter of support for Application 13/08809/OUT
 6. **OVW:** Membership 2013/14 - £100
 7. **Dyslexia Cymru/Wales Dyslexia:** donation request
 8. **BBNPA:** Notification Application 12/0833/FUL Forge House, Glangrwyney has been permitted
 9. **Helen Wilson:** Agenda for Hearing Session 13 Affordable Information on Housing & Affordable Housing Viability – 28/03/13
 10. **PC Andy Pole:** Request for Council to hire Glangrwyney Hall / Policing Up-date
 11. **Letter from Applicants:** few facts regarding Application 13/08809/OUT
15. **Clerk's Report/ Matters for the Clerk to Action:** PC Andy Pole has asked the Community Council to fund hire charges for Glangrwyney Village Hall in connection with police operations. This was agreed noting the hall would be required for no more than six hours. The Clerk to obtain further details and book the hall as required.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.