

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 19th August 2013 at 7.30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs David Sharman (*Chairman*), Elaine Lusted (*Vice Chairman*), John Morris, Ian Mabberley, Roger Llewelyn, Caroline Fairclough & Prydderch Rees. *Also in attendance:* Phillip Bowker and Maria James (*Clerk*)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Prydderch Rees
2. **Declarations of interest in items of business listed below:** Cllr Mabberley (Item 17 (ii))
3. **Public Speaking Session:** Mr Bowker started by applauding Members for allowing the public opportunity to address the Council. As requested Mr Bowker had previously submitted a statement for circulation amongst Members which he now reiterated. The main items related to (i) Parking problems within Glangrwyney Village (ii) Loss of amenities within Glangrwyney Village. Mr Bowker wished to register these concerns and asked whether it was possible for the Council to help.

Members thanked Mr Bowker for being the first person to address the Council under the newly introduced Public Speaking Policy. Discussions then ensued as to how to tackle the issues reported. In response to the suggestion extra parking for the hall/community could be provided in the field by the village hall it was recommended the Village Hall Committee initially approach the owners of the land. Mr Bowker was asked to keep the Council informed of the outcome via Cllr Llewelyn.

4. Planning Matters

4.1 **Applications:** None received.

4.2 It was noted the following applications have been **Permitted**:

- (i) **12/08081/OUT Land adj to 1 Post Office Row, Glangrwyney** Outline application for detached house
- (ii) **13/09146/FUL Rose Cottage, Glangrwyney** Proposed two storey rear extension.
- (iii) **13/09377/LBC Ffordd Las Fawr, Fforest Coal Pit** change of use of first floor room over the cow house to a holiday let, repairs, adaptations & improvements.

5. **County Council Report:** Nil - *Cty Cllr Morris was not present.*
6. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 1012 – 1015] It was proposed by Cllr Fairclough, seconded by Cllr Mabberley and agreed the minutes of the July meeting be accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman. It was reported Page 1014 Item 16 should be amended to read “National Park Visitor Management Plan”.
7. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes** *for information purposes*

The Fire Community Officer was unable to come to this meeting however it is anticipated he or a representative will attend the September meeting.

Cllr Mabberley referred to an article in the press relating to the rave which recently took place in Grwyne Fawr. Whilst ravers were still present on the Monday morning the police state they had a “successful outcome”. He intends passing this onto The Park.

8. **Llanbedr Affordable Housing.** A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 27th August at 1pm in Llanbedr Village Hall with Alun Lock of Wales & West Housing and his colleague Jon Harvey. They have supplied a draft transfer document for consideration prior to the meeting. Susie Abson, Rural Housing Enabler would also like to be present. It was agreed to invite Ms Abson. Cllr Mabberley reported a meeting has been arranged with the potential allotment committee on Thurs, 22nd August at 7.30pm.
9. **Local Development Plan:** Cllr Sharman delivered the response to the Schedule of Matters Arising to the BBNPA offices. He thanked Members for their support and reported Kirsty Williams AM has also written a letter to BBNPA in support of the Council. Cllr Sharman will attend the Hearing Session on the 5th September at the Castle Hotel.
10. **Standing Orders/Policies:** A couple of amendments have been suggested to the Public Speaking Policy. These involve restricting those allowed to speak to being on the Vale of Grwyney Electoral Register, with the proviso the Chairman may allow presentations/questions from persons residing outside the Vale of Grwyney Electoral Register area at his/her discretion. It is also suggested requests to speak must be received by 5pm on the Friday prior to the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Fairclough to incorporate these amendments into the Public Speaking Policy. This was seconded by Cllr Mabberley and duly agreed.

Standing Orders: It was proposed by Cllr Mabberley the Council adopt the Standing Orders as previously circulated. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and unanimously agreed.

- 11. Llangenny Playing Field:** Councillors were informed Solicitors acting for the Church have written to PCC to determine what is happening with the lease. A copy of their response has been relaid to the Council via The Vicar who would like to ascertain whether the Community Council is prepared to take over the lease agreement. Discussions ensued as to how to proceed noting in order to acquire grant funding the playground will need to be held on a long lease (99 yrs) or the freehold acquired. In order to proceed it was suggested the Council needs to establish whether a long lease or the freehold can be obtained.

Cllr Fairclough proposed contacting the Solicitors acting for the Church to determine whether the Church is prepared to issue a long lease or whether it is prepared to issue the freehold. This was duly agreed.

- 12. Council Vacancies:** The Council is now free to co-opt. The necessary notices advertising the two vacancies are to be displayed on the noticeboards with the deadline for applications being 9th September.
- 13. Web Site:** The Clerk reported a domain name has been purchased and three website designers asked to quote for the new web site. These costings were relaid to Council for consideration prior to the meeting. From a brief examination Papergecko appeared most suitable. Cllr Mabberley offered to examine and contact the company to discuss in more detail.
- 14. Any Other Business:** *for information only:* Nil reported.

15. Finance

- 15.1** The following items were reported for payment:

G James (Salary £192/Exp £25) £217; HM Revenue & Customs £48; BDO £180; Mrs J Morgan (Care of Notice board) £12; Purchase of Domain Name £81.60 (£68 plus VAT)

It was proposed by Cllr Lusted, seconded by Cllr Fairclough and agreed to approve payment of the above.

- 15.2** Annual Return: BDO has now concluded the Audit. Conclusion of Audit Notices have been placed on the notice boards. The Council was asked to confirm the Annual Return has been approved and accepted. This was duly agreed.
- 15.3** Other: The Chairman as signatory signed an amended form to allow Cllr Lusted to be added as a signatory to the bank account.

16. Highways:

Llanbedr: Cllr John Morris reported he attended a meeting on the 12th August concerning the Bont Lane [Page 1014 Item 14]. The matter will be discussed further in the autumn.

Glangrwyney: The traffic lights in Glangrwyney were considered as being dangerous and it was reported works still haven't started. It was noted Kirsty Williams AM and the Council has written to complain and suggested the situation be monitored until the next meeting.

17. Reports on Meetings Attended:

- (i) Cllr Sharman, Fairclough and the Clerk attended the BBNPA planning training in Crickhowell. BBNPA has emailed the presentation slides which the Clerk will circulate to Members.
- (ii) Cllr Morris attended One Voice Wales AGM in Builth on the 26th July and the general meeting. David Jones Leader of PCC spoke on how PCC propose passing responsibility for toilets, playing fields, etc onto community councils. There are also cuts to highways budgets. Health care in Powys is costing a lot. They have to support this and therefore make cuts elsewhere.

Correspondence Item 18 (13) was discussed at this point when it was noted CRIC has been told money for toilets will decrease and the TIC grant of £15,000 is to disappear. It was suggested this should be discussed at the next Five Councils meeting and agreed the Council write a letter as requested to PCC.

18. The following items of correspondence were received and noted:

1. **Llanbedr Hall Association:** receipt and thanks for donation
2. **Fire & Rescue Service:** investigation has concluded the complaint is not upheld.
3. **Alun Lock WWA:** proposed transfer document for the allotments/nature garden with plan
4. **BBNPA:** Powerpoint slides from Community Council cluster group training.
5. **Brecknock & Radnor Community Health Council:** Media release: "Local Voices Needed for Health Watchdog" - recruitment of members.
6. **Welsh Government:** Reminder consultation on Renting Homes White Paper closes 16th August.
7. **TraCC Bus & Community Transport Network Strategy Stakeholder & Partner Consultation:** Consultation Draft of the Network Strategy
8. **Natural Resources Wales / Open Access Mapping Team:** Review of maps showing open country and registered common land in Wales (wales@pins.qsi.gov.uk).
9. **OVW:** TraCC Bus & Community Transport Network Strategy Stakeholder & Partner Consultation
10. **Alun Lock:** suggested date for meeting - 27th August at 1pm.
11. **Alastair Knox - Local & Environment Strategy Manager PCC:** Intension to transfer provision of public conveniences to community interest groups
[http://www.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=47&L=0&membs2\[formname\]=meeting_form&membs2\[meetingId\]=2013-07-30c1&membs2\[limit\]=0](http://www.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=47&L=0&membs2[formname]=meeting_form&membs2[meetingId]=2013-07-30c1&membs2[limit]=0)
12. **OVW:** Latest edition of The Ombudsman's Case (April 2013 and June 2013)
<http://www.ombudsman-wales.org.uk/en/publications/the-ombudsmans-casebook.aspx>
13. **D Thomas CRIC:** notification funding from PCC for TIC is under threat. Asking community councils to send letter to PCC in support of keeping the TIC funding.
14. **OVW:** photos from the recent Larger Councils Conference on 10th July 2013 in Llandrindod Wells.
15. **Brecknock & Radnor Community Health Council:** poster advertising the NHS Wales online health advice service - www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk
16. **Sian Davies Elections Officer:** confirmation no requests for election have been received and the Community Council may now op-opt new members.
17. **Timothy Williams, Mid Wales Fire Service:** unable to attend August meeting - has passed request onto CS Manager Neil Evans.
18. **Dean Williams, North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent:** traffic lights in Glangrwyney – land required to rebuild a new wall. No budget assigned for traffic island/pedestrian refuge in Glangrwyney.
19. **OVW:** Energy Efficiency Loans in Wales Salix Finance
20. **OVW:** Training Programme Sept – Dec 2013
21. **OVW:** Age Cymru Scams and Swindles Campaign: – <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/cymru/get-involved/make-a-donation3/scams-and-swindles/>
22. **OVW:** NALC 2013/2014 National Pay Awards for Clerks/RFOs etc
23. **Llanbedr Hall Association:** receipt for donation/ thank you for continued support.
24. **OVW:** Essential Skills in the Workplace – free training
25. **OVW:** notification the latest edition (No 23) of The Voice is now available online
26. **OVW:** Badger Vaccination Grant – opportunity to apply for grant
27. **PCC:** latest edition of Funding Opportunities
28. **Dyfed Powys PCC:** Police & Crime Commissioner July Newsletter.
29. **Susie Abson, Rural Housing Enabler South Powys:** introduction
30. **WG:** New edition of the Community and Town Councils Welsh Government News -
<http://wales.gov.uk/ds/jlg/publications/localgov/ctcnewsaugust/ctcnews-august-2013?lang=en>
31. **BBNPA:** Notice Applications 12/08081/OUT & 13/09146/FUL are going before PAROW on 30th July (Previously Circulated)
32. **Glangrwyney Village Hall:** receipt for donation
33. **Wales Air Ambulance:** receipt and thanks for donation
34. **Shelter Cymru:** newsletter and funding request
35. **BBNPA:** Consultation on BBNPA Local Guidance for Validation Requirements on Major Developments. (Previously Circulated)
36. **Edwina Hart AC/AM, Minister for Economy, Science & Transport:** scheme to replace boundary wall in Glangrwyney in development.
37. **Brecon Advice Centre:** Annual report and accounts. Funding request.
38. **Play for Wales:** Issue 40 – Summer 2013
39. **St Peter's Church Llanbedr:** thank you for donation to Churchyard Fund.
40. **BBNPA:** Applications 12/08081/OUT and 13/09146/FUL have been permitted.
41. **PCC – Deputy Returning Officer:** confirmation no request to hold election
42. **OVW:** receipt for One Voice Wales Conference & AGM 5th October 2013
43. **BBNPA:** thank you for comments on the BBNP LDP Matters Arising Changes
44. **Llangenny PCC:** thank you for donation to Churchyard Fund.
45. **BDO Auditors:** Completion of audit – invoice £180 and notice for display on noticeboards
46. **NatWest Bank:** amendments to action new signatory request
47. **BBNPA:** Application 13/09377/LBC has been permitted

19. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence

1. **Llangynidr CC:** is there interest for collaborative web site
2. **Glangrwyney Hall Committee:** request to act as third party trustees
3. **OVW:** changes to Householder Permitted Development Rights in Wales (effective from 30/09/13)
4. **OVW:** Appointment of Members to the Wales Tourism Advisory Board
5. **GMP/Diverse Solutions/Papergecko:** quotes for web site

20. Clerk's Report/ Items for inclusion in the next Agenda

Glangrwyney Village Hall Lease Arrangement [Item 19.2]

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.