

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 19th November 2012 at 7.30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Cty Cllr Morris sent apologies he would be arriving late.

2. Declarations of interest in items of business: Cllr Sharman (*Item 3.1 iii: Chairman Glangrwyney Village Hall*).

3. Planning:

3.1 Applications to receive & resolve responses to consultations by BBNPA

- (i) **12/08564/FUL** Demolition of rear timber entrance lobby, proposed ground floor extension & refurbishment. First floor extension & refurbishment. **Pencaë Bleddyn, Llanbedr, NP8 1SY.** No objections were received. It was **AGREED** to support this application.
- (ii) **12/08542/FUL & 12/08543/LBC** Repairs, adaptations, improvements to C17th listed farmhouse & conversion of attached barn to provide extended residential accommodation & reinstatement of southern extension. **Ffordd Las Fawr, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LY.** No objections were received. It was **AGREED** to support this application.
- (iii) **12/08081/OUT** Reconsultation due to amendment: Outline application for detached 3 bedroom house. **Land adj to 1 Post Office Row, Glangrwyney.** Cllr Sharman informed Council this application was out for reconsultation due to the proposal to now use the original existing entrance. Council was reminded the original application claimed a parking space had been allocated in the village hall car park [Page 963 Item 3.1] which had been disputed.

Cllr Sharman left the room while Members considered the application

It was noted that whilst the Council had supported a previous application it had been refused on highways issues. Following discussion the Council **AGREED** to support this application however suggested clarification of access be sought, ie, will the access serve a single dwelling or is it to be shared with 1 Post Office Row.

Cllr Sharman returned to the table.

ACTION the Clerk to report the above observations to BBNPA.

- (iv) **12/08575/OUT** Re-submitted outline planning application for the re-development of the former army camp at Cwrt Y Gollen for mixed use development comprising residential development, employment, a pre-school day nursery, open space and community provision and associated infrastructure works. **Cwrt-Y-Gollen, Glangrwyney NP8 1TF.**

AGREED to defer discussion of this application until Cty Cllr Morris was present.

3.2 Decisions/Other: None reported.

4. County Council Report. *Deferred until Cty Cllr Morris was present.*

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th October 2012 [Page 977 - 980]: Proposed by Cllr Fairclough, seconded Cllr Mabberley and **AGREED** the minutes of the October meeting be accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

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

P977 Item ii: The Clerk reported Mark Stafford-Tolley (CSP: Countryside Services) and Tony Caine (CSP: Transportation & Development Enablement) have responded to the request to amend the TRO on the road at the top of Grwyne Fawr by stating the recent lifting of the moratorium only relates to traffic orders for restrictions on parking. Cllr Mabberley reported he had spoken to Mr Stafford-Tolley. The sign currently on display is incorrect. No vehicles should be using the restricted road by Blaen Y Cwm.

7. **Cwrt -Y- Gollen** *discussion deferred until Cty Cllr Morris was present.*

8. **Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** A meeting was held with Wales & West Housing, David James and Terry Flynn on the 8th November in which it was confirmed planning permission has been granted for the housing in St Peter's Close. Certain planning conditions have to be complied with before the build can start and whilst Wales & West are currently awaiting further information on what is required it is understood assurance is sought that a recognisable body, ie the Community Council will take over the allotments with a view to forming some sort of management organisation, possibly an Allotment Association, governed by the National Allotment Society's standard constitution. The Working Party's recommendation (*as outlined in notes previously circulated*) that a public meeting be held to ascertain numbers/details of those interested in allotments and/or being part of an allotment society, as well as community feedback on design of the nature garden were reported to Council for discussion and agreement.

It was RESOLVED to hold a meeting prior to Christmas which Cllr Mabberley agreed to chair aided by Cllr Fairclough. Wales & West Housing to be invited. It was agreed the emphasis needs to be placed on the allotments rather than housing and suggested a representative from Crucorney Community Council be invited as they have recently established allotments within their community.

The Clerk reported Wales & West has supplied a plan of the site with measurements for the allotment and nature garden areas. Their architect is willing to meet up with the school if necessary to discuss the school allotment project.

*It was proposed by Cllr Lusted that a meeting be arranged as outlined above. This was seconded by Cllr Mabberley and unanimously **AGREED** by Members.*

Cty Cllr Morris arrived, 8.43pm.

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

- (i) **Education:** The Council has received an adverse Estyn Report. School governors need to be aware that if the Education Department is seen to be failing the suggestion will be schools in Powys are also failing. The Director of Education has resigned and been replaced by the existing Director of Education for Ceredigion. If matters don't improve there will be intervention.
- (ii) **Street Lighting:** PCC have started to put LED lights up in Llanbedr and Llangenny.
- (iii) **Job Evaluation:** Jobs have now been standardised throughout Powys CC which has resulted in some employees receiving reduced or increased pay. There is an appeals policy in place.

7. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** As reported previously [Page 981 Item 3 (iv)] the planning application has now been validated. Due to the considerable number of reports submitted it was considered appropriate to ask BBNPA for an extension in which to submit a response and to formulate a working party to fully consider the application. It was agreed the working party should comprise Cllrs S and M Shaw, D Sharman, J Morris and R Llewelyn.

Members asked Cty Cllr Morris to explain his position together with that of Powys County Council. Cty Cllr Morris stated he understood PCC to be in the same position as per the previous application. Whilst more houses are needed in Powys PCC state housing needs to be built where there is need. He also stated there are a number of sites in Crickhowell which could be used and questioned why responsibility for Crickhowell should be offloaded onto another village.

Proposals on how to proceed involve:

- i. Carrying out a leaflet drop amongst residents to ensure they were aware of who they need to contact should they wish to submit objections.
- ii. Writing to the Minister to ask him to call the application in (*noting a similar request for the previous application was refused*). It was suggested Kirsty Williams AM be contacted for advice in this regard.

Councillors reported attending a meeting with representatives from Llanelly Community Council in which it was agreed to set up a working party between the two Councils. The views of the neighbouring Councils will be sought at the Five Councils Meeting on the 22nd November.

It was agreed the Council should be wary of incurring costs should the advice of professionals be sought.

ACTION: Clerk to contact: i. BBNPA requesting extension. ii. Kirsty Williams AM requesting advice on calling in planning applications. iii. Llanelly CC to inform the application has been submitted stating the working party will be in contact.

- 9. Local Development Plan:** The Clerk reported an extension (20th November) has been granted in which to respond to the question of whether the Council wishes to have representation at any of the hearings. Cllrs Shaw and Sharman have expressed interest in attending Session 2 (Housing) and Session 3 (Affordable Housing) and Cllr Sharman is registered to speak under Session 11 (General).

Cllr Shaw reported that whilst originally wishing to speak/attend the above sessions her understanding of the guidance supplied indicates only those parties seeking specific changes to the plan are able to comment and if you support the plan there is no need to speak. Cllr Shaw also reported Helen Wilson had assured her that should Cwrt Y Gollen come up the Council will be informed and given the opportunity to speak.

Cty Cllr Morris confirmed he was registered to speak in the Sessions on Housing and Affordable Housing. He believes the heavy reliance on windfall sites is not sound. Not enough sites have been allocated outside key settlements and there are not enough employment sites. Cllr Sharman explained he is up to speak in Session 11 General.

Debate ensued as to the necessity to speak at the hearings considering the guidance supplied. It was considered inappropriate to speak considering the Vale of Grwyney CC considers the plan sound.

AGREED the Clerk inform Helen Wilson that Cllrs Sharman and Sue will attend (not speak) at Sessions 2 and 3.

Cty Cllr Morris left the meeting at 9.45pm

- 10. Five Councils Liaison Meeting:** Cllrs S Shaw, Sharman, J Morris and Rees will attend. The provision of refreshments was finalised with Cllr S Shaw offering to supply cakes/sausage rolls, Cllrs Morris and Rees sandwiches and the Clerk to provide tea/coffee etc.
- 11. Welsh Government Consultation on Local Authorities Powers to promote Economic, Social or Environmental Well-Being under the Local Government Act 2000:** An email link had been circulated prior to the meeting to enable Councillors to decide whether to submit a response to the Welsh Government. It was RESOLVED to note this item with Council making no formal response.
- 12. Repairs to Path:** Cllr Llewelyn asked the Council to consider whether it was possible to help facilitate repairs to a private path in Glangrwyney. The path serves the homes of four senior citizens and is currently in a dangerous condition. Cllr Llewelyn provided a brief history of how the path had been repaired ineffectively and asked the Council to bring this matter to PCC's attention and ask whether funding could be obtained to implement repairs.

RESOLVED to write to PCC as stated above.

- 13. Glangrwyney Traffic Calming:** The Clerk reported Kirsty Williams AM has written to state she will bring the matter up with Carl Sergeant AM (Minister for Local Government and Communities).
- 14. Noticeboards:** Cllr Llewelyn has repaired the lock on the notice board by the school in Llanbedr and supplied the Clerk with the keys, one of which she will pass onto the school. The other is to be retained for use by Council when displaying agendas. The Noticeboard in Llangenny was reported as still in need of restraining/waxing.

The Council thanked Cllr Llewelyn for carrying out the repair to the Llanbedr notice board for which he refused payment.

- 15. Any Other Business:** Cllr Fairclough asked if PCC could supply a grit type bin in Grwyne Fawr (by the turning to the Tabernacle Chapel) for residents to place their rubbish bags (prior to collection). Currently animals are breaking open the bags creating litter.

Cllr Lusted previously informed the Clerk a former Community Councillor (Alec James) will be celebrating his 100th Birthday on 26th November. A card was circulated for Councillors to sign and send with their congratulations.

16. Finance:

16.1 To report & resolve to approve items for payment:

G M James (Salary £192/Exp £25) £217; Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £17.00

Proposed by Cllr Lusted and seconded by Cllr Sharman and AGREED to pay the above

16.2 PCC inform the costs of the uncontested elections amount to £392. This sum will be deducted from the December precept payment.

Clerk asked two signatories to sign a letter to instruct the bank to transfer £500 from the Reserve A/C to the Current A/C. This is with the aim of transferring this sum back next year.

Proposed by Cllr Lusted and seconded by Cllr Sharman and AGREED to action the above.

17. To receive **Highways** issues: It was reported that roads in Grwyne Fechan need sweeping and the paving by the bus stop in Glangrwyney has been disturbed by root growth.

ACTION Clerk to notify Highways

18. To receive **Reports** on **Meetings Attended**:

- (i) **Brecon Beacons LDP Examination Meeting 2pm 19th November to discuss progress:**
DS, SS and JM attended (reported previously).
- (ii) **Llanelly Community Council Meeting to discuss Cwrt Y Gollen 12th November:** SS, DS and JM attended (reported previously)

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

- 1. **BCW/OVW:** Notification that the Boundary Commission for Wales has published revised proposals for changes to Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales. Full details are available at www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk
- 2. **D Thomas** – New Website log on details
- 3. **BBNPA:** Confirmed Minutes for the Local Access Forum Meeting held on 19/07/12
- 4. **OVW;** Climate Change Adaption Project /Survey
- 5. **OVW:** Balloon & Chinese Lanterns – publication of petition submitted by Keep Wales Tidy who are concerned about the effect of balloons and lanterns on wildlife at sea and on land.
- 6. **Powys Teaching Health Board:** Listening Events across South Powys to engage with people regarding the future of specialist hospital services across South Wales and discuss how they will affect Powys – 4 December 7 pm Clarence Hall, Crickhowell. Questionnaire.
- 7. **Dyfed Powys Police:** Neighbourhood Management Up-date –off-road vehicles in Grwyne Fawr.
- 8. **Helen Wilson:** BBNPA LDP Examination Plan: Agenda for Pre Hearing Meeting (2.00 pm 19/11/12 at The Castle Hotel, Brecon. 2. Draft Hearing Sessions Timetable 3. List of the Candidate Sites and the Site Alternatives (SALTS) 4. Guidance Notes for Participants
- 9. **Welsh Government:** Marine Conservation Zones – Task and Finish Team is being created with this aim and plans to report by April 2013. Further information can be found <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/consmanagement/marinefisheries/conservation/protected/conservationzones/nextsteps/?lang=en>
- 10. **OVW:** Invitation to PAVO Conference & AGM – Tuesday 4th December 2012 “Well Placed Trust - A Celebration of Trustees” Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground
- 11. **OVW:** The Ombudsman's Casebook - Issue 10 summaries of reports issued by the Ombudsman between July 2012 and September 2012 <http://www.ombudsman-wales.org.uk/en/publications.aspx>
- 12. Mark Stafford-Tolley (CSP-Countryside Services) response to request for amendment to TRO in Grwyne Fawr
- 13. Tony Caine (CSP - Transportation & Development Enablement)" response in connection with request to amend TRO in Grwyne Fawr
- 14. BBNPA: Copies of handouts given at planning training sessions.
- 15. **Brecon Advice Centre** Invitation to 10th Anniversary Party on Tuesday, 4th December 2012 (12 – 2pm)
- 16. **BDO:** BDO LLP extranet for local councils: change of web address: <https://extranet.bdo.co.uk/Councils/Pages/Default.aspx>

17. **PCC:** B2N in Powys Conference – Summary of B2N recommendations. Further information can be found at www.business2nature.eu
18. **Janet Finch-Saunders AM/AC: Assembly Member for Aberconwy:** wants to establish database of community councillors/ be informed of any issues of concern to the Council which she should take forward in her Shadow Ministerial role.
19. **PCC:** Invoice to cover the costs of the uncontested community council elections (£392) – to be deducted from precept payment on 31.12.12.

Circulars

1. **Fforest Fawr Geopark News** Issue 12 Autumn 2012
2. **The Voice** Issue 20 Autumn 2012 Edition
3. **Clerks & Council Direct** November 2012 Issue 84

Previously Circulated

1. **OVW:** Training Module – Understanding the Law 07/11/12 – Gilwern – currently undersubscribed
2. **BBNPA:** Good Business Sense Project events; 15/11/12 10-3.30 Brynich Barn, Brecon – Future-Proofing Your Business. Lighting up Tourism – 28/11/12 – 10 – 1 at Peterstone Court
3. **BBNPA:** Community Council Development Control Training – Feedback Evaluation Form for completion by Councillors who attending planning training session.
4. **Llanelly CC:** Public Meeting – Meet the Gwent Police & Crime Commissioner Candidates 01/12/12 St Michaels Centre, Abergavenny
5. **Focus on Bronllys:** Hands off Bronllys Hospital again!

20. Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence

1. Kirsty Williams AM: email to inform she will raise the matter of traffic calming measures in Glangrwyney will be raised with the Minister for Local Government and Communities, Carl Sergeant AM.

21. Clerk's Report/ Matters for the Clerk to Action: None reported.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Councillors for their time and closed the meeting at 10.10pm.