

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2013 at 8.00pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

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

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

2. **Declarations of interest:** Nil.

3. **Planning:**

3.1 **Applications:**

- (i) 13/09377/LBC and 13/09376/FUL – Change of use of the first floor room over cow house to holiday let, repairs, adaptations and improvements to C17th listed stone built farmhouse building. **Ffordd Las Fawr, Fforest Coal Pit, NP7 7LY.** No objection. It was unanimously **AGREED** to support this application.
- (ii) Reconsultation due to amendment – 12/08081/OUT **Land adj to 1 Post Office Row, Glangrwyney** Outline application for detached 3 bed house. Several Members voiced ongoing concerns regarding parking and shared access noting the previous reconsultation [Page 981 Item (ii)] was approved by Council subject to clarifying access. No objection was voiced against the building/design of house however it was felt problems with parking and shared access still exist. It was **AGREED** by majority vote to support the application subject to parking/access being resolved to the satisfaction of the Highways Authority.

RESOLVED to write to BBNPA as outlined above.

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

- (i) 13/08821/LBC replaces stone tiles with slates, provision of external boiler, etc **Penmeol Cottage, Llangenny, Crickhowell NP8 1HD**
- (ii) 12/08335/LBC demolition of garage, proposed orangery, etc, **Forge House, Glangrwyney NP8 1EW**

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

- 1. Crickhowell High School Funding: The Fair Funding Formula is to be reviewed and should prove fairer for Crickhowell in the future. Crickhowell High School does not need to make a redundancy this year.
- 2. New Post 16 Transformation: Consultation on new education provision for 16 to 19 years and older learners. It is proposed a Board will decide which school will offer which subject for all full-time courses in schools and colleges. Coleg Powys has been taken over by Neath Port Talbot College and a new multi-million campus will be built in Brecon within the next 5 years.
- 3. The Cabinet has reshuffled – same faces different portfolios.
- 4. Kirsty Williams has written to Edwina Hart regarding the roadworks in Glangrwyney.

A full and frank discussion ensued between Members and Cty Cllr Morris regarding the letters sent to him reference the LDP hearings [Page 1000 Item 9]. Cty Cllr Morris refuted the claim he had failed to support the community stating the problem was BBNPA had put forward a plan which was unsound and undeliverable with insufficient housing allocations throughout The Park - the Inspector now has to decide whether there is enough housing and where should it go. The manner in which the hearings were conducted was questioned. Cty Cllr Morris informed Members Kirsty Williams AM requested a meeting with Carl Sargeant to discuss this however her request was refused. Members agreed if the Examination was not totally independent then it was a complete waste of time. Following further discussion Cty Cllr Morris asked the Council to withdrawn the letters.

It was proposed by Cllr Mabblerley that the letter be withdrawn. This was seconded by Cllr Morris and put to the vote with 4 for, 2 against and 1 abstaining. It was therefore RESOLVED by majority vote that the letter be withdrawn.

Cllr Lusted asked why there were two waste collection vehicles serving Llangenny – Cty Morris reported highways state they should only be one.

Cllr Llewelyn reported a property in Glangrwyney has been damaged by traffic (Whitehall) and suggests the lights present be extended on either side of the A40.

JGM left the meeting

5. **Minutes of Meeting** [Page 999 – 1002]: Cllr Mabberley reported Page 1001 Item 15 (ii) should read TIC and not CRiC as stated. It was proposed by Cllr Dave Sharman seconded by Cllr Ian Mabberley and agreed the minutes of the April meeting be accepted as a true record subject to the above amendment.
6. **Matters Arising from the Above Minutes** *for information purposes* Nil.
7. **Local Development Plan:** Members RESOLVED to send a letter (as circulated) objecting to the recommendation Salt 50 be included in the LDP subject to several minor amendments as suggested by Cllr Sharman. The letter to be sent to Mr Chris Morgan, Director of Planning, copying in Mr J Cook, CEO and Ms T Nettleton. A copy of this letter to be sent to Ms Julia Gruffydd for distribution to Members prior to The Park's EGM on 11th June.

The question of whether to release a press release was discussed and whether to approach Talgarth Town Council in this regard. It was agreed Cllrs Shaw should draw up a draft for circulation and approval. It was also agreed Cllr S Shaw will make representations on the day. Cllr Sharman will attend independently.

8. **Llanbedr Housing/Allotments:** Cllr Mabberley reported the allotment meeting on the 30th April revealed a number of people interested in becoming part of an allotment committee. Cllr Mabberley attended a training session organised by One Voice Wales/Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens and reported it as quite interesting. He is currently arranging for the speaker, Mr Gary Mitchell, to meet with Llanbedr residents at a date to be confirmed. Cllr Morris reported he had spoken to a representative from The National Allotment Society who advised they will help community councils with the legal side, constitution, etc.

Notes of the meeting attended on the 7th May by Cllrs Morris, Sharman and Fairclough with Eleanor Badham and colleague from Wales & West Housing were circulated for information. Eleanor Badham has been recently appointed to the scheme and wished to introduce herself, familiarise herself with the site and receive an up-date. She confirmed Wales & West Housing need to have an agreement formulated prior to the build and was happy to provide a draft for consideration by Council as well as a comprehensive schedule of maintenance liabilities. These meetings demonstrated the situation had changed considerably since the March meeting when the Council was of opinion it should not proceed with an agreement at that time. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Morris the previous decision be revoked and the Council look again at formulating agreement with Wales & West Housing. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and agreed. It was noted Wales & West were due to forward a draft agreement and schedule of maintenance liabilities for consideration at this meeting but negotiations with the BBNPA concerning the Section 107 agreement had resulted in this being delayed.

9. **Standing Orders & Financial Regulations:** Due to time restraints agreed to defer until the next meeting.
10. **Public Speaking Session:** Due to time restraints agreed to defer discussion until the following meeting.
11. **Any Other Business:** *for information only.* The Clerk reported the Police booked the hall in Glangrwyney for the 28th April however did not turn up. The Council will be liable for hire charges.
12. **Finance:**

12.1 The following items were reported for payment:

Clerk's Salary (£192) Expenses (£25) Reimbursement of Stationery (£90.69); HMRC £48; Bronwen Bermingham £87.75; Zurich Insurance £243.80; Chairman's Allowance £75; Communication Allowance £20 (payable per Councillor per annum).

It was proposed by Cllr Lusted the above payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Morris

12.2 Other: Internal/External Audit:

The Internal audit was carried out on the 25th April. A copy of the report was circulated, together with relevant sections of the Annual Return. The internal audit section of the Annual Return was completed and signed without qualification. The Clerk/RFO certified the accounting statement of the Annual Return and asked the Council to approve the annual return prior to submitting a copy to the external auditor.

Proposed by Cllr Mabberley seconded by Cllr Morris and agreed to approve the annual return.

13. **Highways:** A meeting was held with Mr Brian Price of Highways on the 16th April. Cllrs Morris, Sharman, Fairclough & Mabberley attended. Mr Price was due to submit a report on this meeting which has not been received to date - the Clerk was asked to chase this up.

Grwyne Fawr: Cllr Mabberley reported some pot-holes have been patched, but other matters remain outstanding. **Llanbedr:** The Clerk was asked to inform Mr Price the tree above the school (*in need of trimming*) belongs to the Church of Wales. **Llangenny:** a site visit was not conducted due to time restraints however Cllr Sharman reported the cracking in the road by the previous landslip and noted Mr Price will arrange another meeting with Llangenny Councillors if required.

Glangrwyney: two burger vans are operating from the layout opposite Cwrt Y Gollen causing regular blockage/congestion. It was noted from previous correspondence PCC do not issue licences however it was suggested Highways be asked to carry out a risk assessment of the lay-by considering a child nearly got run over.

The situation with the failed stone wall in Glangrwyney was discussed previously. Concern was again voiced at the length of time it would take to repair and the positioning of the traffic lights. It was agreed the situation is bad and could be ongoing – the Clerk was asked to write to Edwina Hart to determine a time scale.

14. Reports on Meetings Attended:

Ian Mabberley: Allotments Community Growing 8th May: reported previously

Wales & West Housing Association: reported previously

BBNPA Town & Community Liaison meeting and Charter Update: Cllrs Morris and Sharman attended on the 27th April meeting – useful exercise.

Five Councils Liaison Meeting: Cllrs Sharman, Morris and Fairclough attended. (CTC will circulate notes)

Management Plan for Tourism for National Park: Cllr Sharman attended (representing the Local Access Forum) and reported the plan goes on deposit in June/July – it recognises the way walkers park their cars – roads north of Crickhowell were shown as parking blackspots.

Scrutiny on Pre Planning Applications Advice: Cllr Sharman reported some recommendations have been accepted and there will be a report at some stage - *ongoing*

Llanbedr Governors Meeting : Cllr Lusted attended and reported the school is within budget for the next 3 years which puts them in a good position. An Estyn Inspection is due to be undertaken in February.

15. Correspondence: the following correspondence was noted:

1. **One Voice Wales:** details of training programme
2. **Zurich Insurance:** insurance cost is for a flat rate package.
3. **County Cllr Morris:** response to letter requesting copy of minutes and specifics of concern
4. **Crickhowell TC:** Agenda for Five Councils Meeting on 24/04 in the Parish Hall, Crickhowell. *Circulated*
5. **Welsh Government:** link to Statutory Guidance to Welsh Local Authorities on the Power to promote or improve Economic, Social or Environmental Well-Being under the Local Government Act 2000 - <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/localgovernment/publications/?lang=en>
6. **One Voice Wales:** consultation on Welsh Government's draft Social & Environmental Guidance to Ofwat Consultation document and response form <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/?lang=en> views on this draft guidance can be submitted via: water@wales.gsi.gov.uk (closes 15/07/13)
7. **Eleanor Badham of Wales & West Housing Association:** request to meet
8. **CRiC:** confirmation replacement cheque for CRiC Membership has been received.
9. **PC A Pole** – off road operation 28/04/13 – intercepted 4 off-road motorcycles in Grwyne Fawr area.
10. **OPCC:** (a) Public launch of the 2013/18 Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Plan (b) Search for individuals to sit on the Joint Audit Committee to scrutinise police services in Dyfed Powys. Further information can be found on www.dyfed-powys.pcc.police.uk
11. **One Voice Wales:** The Ombudsman Casebook Issue 12 available on the following link: <http://www.ombudsman-wales.org.uk/en/publications/the-ombudsmans-casebook.aspx>
12. **One Voice Wales:** details of training courses running in Mid Wales.
13. **Rosie Burton:** Copy of presentation shown at the Liaison Meeting on 27th April concerning the Local List. Ms Burton will attend meeting to discuss further if required. *Put forward to Five Councils*
14. **Crickhowell Town Council:** copy of letter from Roger Williams MP's office concerning Powys Fair Funding Formula for Schools Budgets agreeing it unfair Crickhowell receives less per head than other High Schools
15. **Crickhowell Town Council:** copy of letter from Kirsty Williams AM confirming she made representations to Cllr Myfanwy Alexander, Portfolio Holder for Learning and Leisure, about the current funding formula. Copy of letter from the Head of Schools Service to the Chair of Crickhowell High School Governors with breakdown of funding.
16. **Bronwen Bermingham:** Audit Report concerning there are no issues arising together with Invoice (£87.75)

17. **Llangattock CC:** proposed date for next Five Councils Meeting is either 10 or 17th July
 18. **Crickhowell TC:** Letter from PCC with copy of letter to Governors of Crickhowell High School concerning Powys Fair Funding Formula for School Budgets
 19. **BBNPA:** notice permission has been granted for a) Application 13/08821/LBC: Penmeol Cottage, Llangenny b) Application 12/08335/LBC: Forge House, Glangrwyney.
 20. **B Vaughan:** request for funding in order to purchase hockey sticks for Llanbedr School (£9 x 26)
 21. **British Redcross:** funding request.
 22. **PAVO:** Powys Befrienders scheme. *Refer to Five Councils*
 23. **PCC:** Powys Post 16 Transformation: Strategic framework for planning and commissioning full time education provision for 16 – 19 year old learners in Powys Consultation runs from 26/04/13 to 31/05/13. Further information can be found on PCC's web site.
 24. **PCC:** Notice of Audit for placement on notice board.
 25. **BBNPA:** Applications 13/09377/LBC and 13/09376/FUL – Ffordd Las Fawr, Fforest Coal Pit.
 26. **OVW:** receipt of membership & request to nominate councillor to represent the council at area meetings.
 27. **BBNPA:** Reconsultation due to amendment – 12/08081/OUT Land adj to 1 Post Office Row, Glangrwyney
 28. **Helen Wilson:** Inspector's Preliminary Findings on Housing and Employment Land Provision April 2013
 29. **CRiC:** Notice of AGM on 1st May & Appointment and re-appointment of trustee/directors
 30. **BBNPA:** Community Newsletter
 31. **Richard Tyler BBNPA:** Invitation to Visitor Management Plan Workshop - 9 May to discuss management options to be included in this Plan.
 32. **OVW:** S4C recruiting people for new 'living history' TV series for S4C.
 33. **Cty Cllr Morris:** copy of letter from Talgarth TC to BBNPA highlighting concerns re the BBNPA LDP
 34. **The Voice:** Issue 22 Spring 2013
 35. **Clerks & Councils Direct**
 36. **Police & Crime Commissioner:** Mr Salmon not available on 10 or 17th July to attend next Five Councils.
 37. **Powys Rural Housing Newsletter**
 38. **Dean Williams North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent:** details of repairs required to wall in Glangrwyney
 39. **Brecknock & Radnor Community Health Council:** agendas/papers for AGM & 21/05 meeting in Brecon
 40. **One Voice Wales:** Series of Free Wind Energy Seminars and Wind Farm Visits (20th June Carno Wales)
 41. **Roger Williams' Office:** request for information on date of local events/contact details of event organiser – they can promote local event through their social media.
 42. **Cty Cllr Morris:** response to letter
 43. **Dwr Cymru Welsh Water:** Invoice for Llanbedr Water Trough £15.80
 44. **One Voice Wales:** further information recipes etc for Big Lunch
17. **Clerk's Report/ Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:** The Clerk asked whether she should make enquiries regarding staining/oiling the notice boards. It was noted that the notice board in the playground in Llangenny is in dire need of redecoration as well as the one in Glangrwyney. **Cllr Llewelyn will investigate.**

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