VALE OF GRWYNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 19th August 2019 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

Present: Cllr John Morris (Acting Chair)

Cllr Phill Bowker Cllr Colin Alford Cllr Elaine Lusted Cllr David Sharman Cllr Keith Powell

In attendance: Maria James (Clerk)

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Fairclough, Christy and Greenidge						
2.	Declarations of Interest: None declared.						
3.	Planning:						
	3.1 Applications: None received						
	3.2 Decisions/Other: The following application has been REFUSED:						
	19/17415/FUL: Proposed toilet block facilities on certified location for caravans/mobile homes. Llwyncytrych Farm, Glangrwyney NP8 1EE						
4.	County Council Report: None received - Cty Cllr Morris was not present.						
5.	Minutes [Page 1270-1273] Cllr Sharman proposed the minutes of the 15 th July 2019 meeting be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly approved.						
6.	Matters Arising from the above minutes for information purposes: None reported.						
7.	Consultation on Local Development Plan Documents: Cllr Morris, Sharman, Lusted and the Clerk had met to consider the reports prepared by the working group prior to the start of the meeting. The Clerk will circulate these and if no amendments are required submit them to the BBNPA by the 29 th August deadline. If amendments are required a meeting will be called next Tuesday/Wednesday to discuss and approve the Council's response to this consultation.						
8.	Llanbedr Nature Garden - to consider WWHA's offer to sponsor fruit trees: WWHA's offer to sponsor fruit trees for the nature garden was gratefully received. The Clerk will obtain prices and complete the required sponsorship form. It was suggested WWHA is asked to sponsor two dessert apple trees and two pear trees. Cllr Powell offered to plant the trees.						
9.	Llanbedr Telephone Kiosk - to discuss BT's proposal to remove telephone service: BT's proposal to remove the payphone from the kiosk in Llanbedr was discussed. Whilst the Council's initial response was to oppose removal of the phone, citing the area's patchy mobile service, it was agreed the community should be made aware the payphone is scheduled for removal and asked for its opinion, ie do residents want the council to oppose the payphone's removal or would they prefer the kiosk to be adopted for community use. The Clerk will display notices on the kiosk asking for comments to be submitted prior to the Council's September meeting. A decision on how to proceed will be taken at the next meeting.						
10.	Policies: Members were asked to consider adopting the policies drafted for co-opting members						

and welcoming members of the public to meetings (as circulated).

The co-option policy was considered to accurately set out the existing procedure - no alterations were proposed.

Cllr Bowkler requested the Welcoming Members of Public to Meetings policy is amended to include "on any specific item" at the end of the first sentence of the third paragraph.

Subject to the amendment detailed above Cllr Sharman proposed the above policies are adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Lusted and duly agreed.

11. Retrospective Planning - to receive up-date: Cllr Sharman prepared a report on retrospective planning as part of the LDP consultation. This report will be circulated for consideration during the Council's September meeting.

12. Community Projects:

Llangenny Water Fountain: Welsh Water will not permit a mains water connection to the existing fountain. A representative of Welsh Water will meet Cllrs Sharman, Lusted and the Clerk on Tuesday, 10th September to discuss this further. Cllr Lusted will make enquiries regarding the original supply.

Vale of Grwyney £1,000 Giveaway: Llanbedr Hall Association has applied for funding to purchase an electric projector screen (£350) and to develop a web site (£400). Members were unable to support both items however minded, in principle, to considering one. The Association will be asked to submit one item for consideration.

Cllr Bowkler confirmed Glangrwyney Village Hall would like the Council to fund the purchase of a baby changing facility.

The information/costings required to support the application to plant bulbs/plants in Llangenny village have not been received. Cllr Lusted will speak to the applicant.

- 13. Llanbedr Recycling Scheme: As reported in the July meeting [Page 1271 Item 6] PCC's senior Waste Awareness & Enforcement Officer, James Thompson, is unable to attend a meeting but has provided advice on recycling. He explained PCC's kerbside collection service has significantly reduced the need for recycling centres which suffer problems with fly-tipping, illegal use by businesses and contamination. He suggested other methods of fundraising, including a company called Terracycle which recycle niche, hard to recycle materials. Cllr Powell reported he had also spoken to Mr Thompson who had been extremely helpful. He will speak to him regarding Terracycle.
- Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was resolved to exclude the public and press during consideration of this item on the grounds that there would be disclosure of exempt information and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Alleged Planning Breach: It was agreed to write to BBNPA.

15. Any Other Business - for information only: Cllrs Powell and Morris will attend the Pen-y-cae event on 13/14th September

16. Finance:

16.1 Cllr Sharman proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Alford and agreed:

Staff (Salary £255.87/Expenses £25)	£280.87
HMRC (Tax)	£ 35.80
OVW (Conference)	£ 90.00

Cllr Lusted (reimbursement of	£53.67*
refreshments re nature garden event	
G M James (reimbursement of costs	£38.00*
re nature garden event)	

- * Expenses to be reimbursed by WWHA
- 16.2 The finance report was received and noted.
- 16.3 HMRC has advised OVW that all allowances are taxable and should be paid via PAYE. Payment of the communication allowance/mayoral allowance will be placed on the next agenda.
- 16.4 Copies of the external auditor' queries and responses given by the Clerk/RFO were circulated.
- **17. Highways**: the following items were reported:
 - Grit box required on Bellfountain Road.
 - Hedging past Dower House, Partrishow needs cutting.
 - Bridge in Llangenny has been hit on both sides.
- **18.** Reports on Meetings Attended: Cllr Morris attended an OVW area meeting with representatives from the IRPW who confirmed expenses are taxable.
- **19. Correspondence:** the following correspondence was received and discussed:
 - 1. **OVW:** public toilet provision survey from Welsh Senate of Older People (circulated)
 - 2. **OVW:** News Bulletin (circulated)
 - 3. **BBNPA:** BBNPA LDP2 Community engagement events (circulated)
 - 4. **PCC:** PSB Engagement with Town/Community Councils 19/09/19 Llandrindod Wells (Circulated) *Cllr Sharman to attend.*
 - 5. **BBNPA**: Application 19/17415/FUL has been refused (circulated)
 - 6. **OVW**: Strategy for Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management in Wales (Circulated)
 - 7. **BBNPA**: Agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee, 26th July, 2019, 10.00 am (circulated)
 - 8. **FCA** (via resident): VoG Community Land Trust Ltd cancellation of registration
 - 9. **BBNPA**: Agenda for PAROW meeting, 30th July, 2019, 1.00 pm (circulated)
 - 10. **WWHA**: offer to sponsor fruit trees for nature garden.
 - 11. **BBNPA**: weekly planning registers (12/07/19, 19/7/19, 26/07/19, 02/08/19) (Circulated)
 - 12. Llangenny Resident: request to adopt Llangenny telephone box (subsequently withdrawn).
 - 13. **OVW**: Llanbedr phone box on list for removal
 - 14. **Broadway Partners:** Full Fibre: Available, Do-able and Affordable (circulated)
 - 15. **OVW:** Older People's Commissioner for Wales Impact & Reach Report 2018-19 (circulated)
 - 16. **Grant Thornton:** queries (circulated)
 - 17. **PAVO:** training session designing posters (circulated).
 - 18. **Data Cymru:** results of Society for Wales town and community council survey.(circulated)
 - 19. **OVW:** Legal Topic Note Financial Assistance to Churches
 - 20. **OVW:** Wales Audit Office's Good Practice Exchange programme for 2019/20.(circulated)
 - 21. **OVW**: Long Forest Project Free App for CCs to Survey Hedgerows (circulated)
 - 22. **PCC**: Blue Badge refresher email (circulated)
 - 23. **OVW:** New Governance & Accountability a Practitioner's Guide Wales 2019 (circulated)
 - 24. **OVW:** National Development Framework Newsletter August 2019 (circulated) -
 - 25. **Michael Armitage:** full fibre do-able affordable (circulated)
 - 26. **OVW:** Training sections (circulated)

OVW: Revised model financial regulations (circulated) 27. **PAVO:** How Best to Deliver Services in Welsh Event - 2 October – Newtown (circulated) 28. 29. Brecon Advice Centre: annual accounts and funding request Police & Crime Commissioner: Annual Report/bi-monthly newsletter Community Link 30. 20 Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence: 1. **OVW**: News Bulletin (circulated) PCC: BT Programme of Intended Public Payphone Removals 2019 (circulated) 2. 3. **BBNPA**: weekly planning register 9/8/19 (circulated) **OVW**: guidance on payment of communication allowance (circulated) 4. Planning Aid Wales: questions on National Development Framework answered (circulated) 5. 21. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda: Length men's Scheme Broadband Communication allowance

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:47 pm

Signed:	 	 		
			Ch	airman