

# Vale of Grwyney Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned fro Grwyney

The next meeting will be held in Llangenny School Hall, Llangenny


**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7:30pm**

## AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Members to declare any interest in items under consideration
3. **Planning Matters:**
  - 3.1 **Applications:** to resolve responses to consultations received from BBNPA including any received after publication of this agenda.
    - (i) **22/21145/FUL:** "Proposed are a total of 6 handmade timber shepherd's huts for guests along with parking/turning areas, a storage unit to house a reception, bike storage, a wood store and refuse/recycling facilities, and also general maintenance supplied for the site and the applicant. One parking bay per hut is proposed with an entrance track/road. Also intended are associated footpaths and landscaping".  
**Land north of Sunnybank, Llanbedr NP8 1SY**
  - 3.2 **Decisions/Other:** to receive decisions and any other planning correspondence (if any)
4. **County Council Report** to receive and discuss general Powys County Council Matters
5. **Minutes:** to approve minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 meeting.
6. **Clerk's Report:** information/up-date from the minutes
7. **Llangenny Water Fountain:** up-date on restoration project
8. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** to receive up-date on commemoration plans
9. **Five Councils:** to discuss arrangements for 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 meeting
10. **Communications Strategy:** to receive up-date
11. **Community Pantry:** to receive up-date on proposal to set up a community pantry
12. **Information from Members to be included in the next Agenda**
13. **Finance:**
  - 13.1 To set precept for 2023/2024
  - 13.2 To consider/agree Donations
  - 13.3 To report & resolve to approve items for payment:  
Staff (Salary); HMRC (Tax); Welsh Water (Llanbedr Water Trough) £15.64; G James (Reimburse £21.38 - Zoom £14.39; Stationery £6.99); G James (Office Expense £25/Travel £6.30) £31.30
  - 13.4 To receive Finance Report
  - 13.5 To agree appointment of internal auditor for 2022/2023
14. To receive **Highways** issues
15. To receive **Reports** on **Meetings Attended**
16. To receive items of **Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix A and discuss as appropriate
17. To receive and discuss **Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix B

## Everyone Welcome to Attend

Members of the Public can attend also virtually by using the link published on our web site: [www.valeofgrwyney.org](http://www.valeofgrwyney.org) or contact the Clerk for details

Signed:  Clerk to the Council Dated 10th January 2023

Maria James, Clerk, Pleasant View, Fforest Coal Pit - 01873 890777

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**AWDURDOD PARC CENEDLAETHOL BANNAU BRYCHEINIOG  
BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

Vale Of Grwyney Community Council  
C/o Maria James  
Pleasant View,  
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NP7 7LH

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**App Ref:** 22/21145/FUL  
**Officer:** Christopher O'Brien  
**Date:** 20 December 2022

Dear Sirs,

**The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)**

**The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedures) (Wales) Order 2012**

**Proposal:** "Proposed are a total of 6 handmade timber shepherd's huts for guests along with parking/turning areas, a storage unit to house a reception, bike storage, a wood store, and refuse/recycling facilities, and also general maintenance supplied for the site and the applicant. One parking bay per hut is proposed, with an entrance track/road. Also intended are associated footpaths and landscaping."

**Address:** Land North Of Sunnybank, Llanbedr, Crickhowell Powys NP8 1SY

**Grid Reference:** E:324244 N:222205

The above application was received in this office on 16 December 2022 The full application can be viewed through our Authority's website [www.beacons-npa.gov.uk](http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk)

Please forward any comments you may have on the proposal within 21 days of the date of this letter. You can submit your comments via our web site at <https://planningonline.beacons-npa.gov.uk/online-applications> or by email at [planning.enquiries@beacons-npa.gov.uk](mailto:planning.enquiries@beacons-npa.gov.uk) or by post. If a response is not received within this period it will be assumed that you have no comments.

The majority of planning applications submitted to the Authority will be considered under 'Officer Delegated Powers' (Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972). This enables the Authority to make a decision without referring an application to the Planning Committee.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher O'Brien  
Principal Planning Officer

*Yr ydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg. Bydd unrhyw ohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg yn cael ei ateb yn y Gymraeg a ni fydd unrhyw gyswllt trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi yn y mater sy'n cael ei drin.  
We welcome correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in the matter being dealt with.*

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7:50pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

**Present:** Cllr John Morris (Chairman)  
Cllr Elaine Lusted  
Cllr Colin Alford  
Cllr Jeff Greenidge  
Cllr Roger Llewelyn  
Cllr Phill Bowker  
**In attendance:** The Clerk  
**Attended Remotely:** Cllr Roger Bridgwater  
Cty Cllr Matt Beecham

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr David Sharman. **Absent:** Cllr Dean Christy

2. **Declarations of Interest:** none declared.

3. **Planning:**

**3.1 Applications: to resolve responses to consultations received from BBNPA including any received after the publication of the agenda.**

- (i) **22/21480/FUL:** Full planning permission for part extension of domestic garden including the demolition of existing bungalow, replacement new dwelling and relocation of vehicular access. **Ty Celyn, Belfountain Road, Llangenny**

Following discussion it was agreed to submit a response of no objection providing highways are satisfied the proposed access provides sufficient visibility. BBNPA to be informed no planning notice is apparent on site.

**RESOLVED to: respond as detailed above.**

- (ii) **22/21578/FUL:** Erect a small timber shed to house a milk vending machine with associated parking. **Rheld Farm, Crickhowell, NP8 1ED**

**RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection**

- (iii) **22/21563/FUL:** Single storey side extension and roof dormer extension. **3 Maes Ffynnon, Llanbedr, NP8 1SR**

**RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection**

**3.2 Decisions/Other: it was noted the following application has been permitted:**

- (i) **22/1403/FUL:** "Extension of conservatory" **Trederwen, Llangenny NP8 1TD**

4. **County Council Report:** Cty Cllr Matt Beecham reported:

- Despite being informed the future of Llanbedr School would not be decided this side of Christmas the Cabinet is voting tomorrow on whether to keep the school open - officers

*Signed:*.....

*Chairman*

recommend PCC proceed with closure. Cllrs Beecham have requested the decision is delayed to allow the proposal of merging Llanbedr School with Llangattock to be fully explored. A delay will enable them to speak with the Church, the governing bodies and the head teacher (who oversaw the successful federation in Pembrokeshire) and put a proposal together. The Church in Wales is keen to support a merger of Llangattock and Llanbedr, and potentially the High School, which would mirror the model in Pembrokeshire. A model upheld by Estyn as an example of good practice.

Cllr Beecham intends asking PCC why it is attacking a catchment with four excellent primary schools and one of the best high schools in the country? He asked the council to write to the Leader of PCC, Cllr James Gibson-Watt and The Cabinet Member for Learning, Cllr Pete Roberts, to request the decision on Llanbedr School is delayed to allow the proposed federation of Llangattock and Llanbedr schools to be fully explored.

Members unanimously supported this request agreeing the closure of this school will have a catastrophic effect upon the community.

- PCC will look at Glangrwyney Bridge when they look at the 20mph zones.
- The street lights in Standard Street, Crickhowell (from chip shop to car park) were reported to not be working. Cty Beecham will report to Highways.

**RESOLVED to: write to PCC requesting it delay the decision on Llanbedr School's future to enable the proposal to federate Llangattock and Llanbedr Schools to be fully explored.**

*8:30 Cty Cllr Beecham left the meeting*

- 5. Minutes:** subject to amending Item 18 to read "*access to the stile on a footpath*" the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 meeting [Pages 1441-1444] were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Bowker].
- 6. Clerk's Report/information from the minutes:** no items to report which are not already on the agenda.
- 7. Llangenny Water Fountain: to discuss how to proceed with restoration**

The application to the BBNPA Sustainable Development Fund has proved successful with £3,841 being awarded towards the cost of restoring Llangenny Water Fountain. An application has been submitted to the Welsh Water Community Fund however it is not known whether this will be successful. The council previously allocated £4,000 towards the restoration however as costs have increased significantly it was agreed to allocate an additional £1,000 - £5,000 in total. The council asked the Clerk to instruct Welsh Water and Anthony Davies Ltd. [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Alford].

**RESOLVED to: allocate an additional £1,000 towards the restoration costs (£5,000 in total). The clerk to instruct Welsh Water/Anthony Davies Ltd to proceed. [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Alford] and unanimously agreed.**

Signed:.....  
Chairman

**8. Five Councils Meeting: to receive notes and discuss meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner:**

The report on the Five Councils meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 was noted.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, PCC Llywelyn, has agreed to attend a Five Councils meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022. As Llangattock CC is unable to host the Vale of Grwyney CC will arrange. The Fire Brigade (who were unable to attend the last meeting) will be invited to give a presentation.

**9. Queen's Platinum Jubilee: to receive up-date on commemoration plans**

Six of the seven locations required to plant the jubilee trees have been identified - one more is required. Discussion ensued as to which type of tree is required, ie oak/fruit/silver birch and whether potted or bare rooted trees should be purchased. Cllr Morris will contact members of the working party after Christmas to arrange a meeting.

Cllr Morris has purchased daffodils which Cllr Bridgwater offered to plant in St Peter's Close, Llanbedr. [Bulbs have already been distributed for planting in Glangrwyney Hall and the community land in Llangenny].

**10. Annual Report: to receive/adopt annual report**

The additions to the Annual Report were noted. It was agreed to adopt the report.

**RESOLVED to: adopt the Annual Report.**

**11. Glangrwyney Village Hall: to discuss/agree draft deed of covenant**

The deed of covenant as drafted was agreed to be acceptable to the council [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Alford].

**RESOLVED to: accept the deed of covenant as drafted.**

**12. Information from Members to be included in the next Agenda**

The Clerk informed members items deferred from the November meeting (which are not time critical) may have to be deferred to later meetings. The precept has to be determined in January.

**13. Finance:**

- 13.1 The following items were approved for payment: [Proposed; Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Greenidge] and duly agreed.

Staff (Salary)	£
HMRC (Tax)	£
G James (Reimburse Zoom £14.39/Stationery £47.07)	£ 61.46
G James (Expenses: Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£ 31.30
Glangrwyney Village Hall (Hire – 09.11.22)	£ 37.50

Signed:.....

Chairman

13.2 The finance report for December was noted.

**14.Highways:** Complaints of vehicles speeding down the pitch into Llanbedr village were received. It was suggested “slow down” signs, similar to those present in Llangenny, are erected. Prior to further action PCC will be asked to install “slow down” signs.

**15.Reports on Meetings Attended:** no meetings attended.

**16.Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A:** was noted.

**17. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence as itemised in Appendix B:** was noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25 pm

*Signed:.....*

*Chairman*

**PRECEPT – 2023/2024**

**TO FOLLOW**

## **DONATIONS/FUNDING REQUESTS**

### **Donations Made (01.04.19 – 31.03.20)**

£ 50	-	Llanbedr School (Competition)
£336	-	Glangrwyney Village Hall (baby changing facility)
£100	-	Glangrwyney Village Hall
£100	-	Llanbedr Village Hall
£100	-	Llangenny School Hall
£100	-	Wales Air Ambulance
£100	-	Llanbedr Churchyard Fund
£100	-	Llangenny Churchyard Fund
£100	-	Patricio Churchyard Fund
£ 72	-	Friends of Llangenny Playground
£ 34	-	The Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal)

### **Agreed – not paid/claimed:**

£350	-	Llanbedr Village Hall – projector screen – (VoG Giveway Grant)
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### **Donations Made (01.04.20 – 31-3.21)**

£100	-	Wales Air Ambulance
£100	-	Llangenny School Hall (other halls received Covid grant - £10,000)
£ 34	-	The Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal)
£500	-	CRiC
£ 70	-	Friends of Llangenny Playground
£ 55	-	Llanbedr Churchyard Fund
£ 55	-	Llangenny Churchyard Fund
£ 55	-	Patricio Churchyard Fund
£ 65	-	Llangattock Litter Pickers

### **Donations Made (01.04.21 – 18-10.21)**

£100	-	Glangrwyney Village Hall
£100	-	Llanbedr Hall Association
£100	-	Llangenny School Hall
£100	-	Wales Air Ambulance
£100	-	Llanbedr Churchyard Fund
£100	-	Llangenny Churchyard Fund
£100	-	Patricio Churchyard Fund
£ 72	-	Friends of Llangenny Playground – St Cenau's Church
£ 34	-	The Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal)

### **Donations Made/Agreed – 19-10-21 – 21.11.22**

£2,000	-	Glangrwyney Village Hall (agreed £2,000 over 3 years if grant successful)
£1,000	-	Glangrwyney Village Hall (Paid 17/01/22)
£ 500	-	Glangrwyney Village Hall (Paid 25/04/22) (£500 to be paid April 2023)



£ 50 - Llangenny Village Land Group: Himalayan Balsam control  
£ 40 - The Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal)

**Funding Requests received (October 21 – January 2023)**

Oct	Llanbedr Village Hall – noticeboard (asked in Oct 21 for £1,125)
Dec	Marie Curie Cancer Care Hope House Ty Gobaith Children's Hospices
Feb	Llangollen Eisteddfod 2022
March	Kids Cancer Charity
Sept	Tenovus Cancer Care Cerebral Palsy Hope House Ty Govaith Children's Hospices
November	Brecon Advice Centre
January	Yes Cymru

**MONTH 10 - JANUARY 2023**

ITEM	ANNUAL BUDGET	SPENT	REMAINING	TRANSFERS	CURRENT BUDGET
SALARIES	5,000.00	3,840.00	1,160.00		1,160.00
SERVICED OFFICE (Broadband/Electric/Storage)	300.00	250.00	50.00		50.00
OFFICE EXPENSES (Post/Stationery/Photocopying, etc)	250.00	237.90	12.10		12.10
HALL HIRE/ZOOM FEE	800.00	392.89	407.11		407.11
MEMBERS ALLOWANCE	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
WEB SITE	100.00	36.00	64.00		64.00
AUDIT	800.00	536.52	263.48		263.48
INSURANCE	300.00	260.55	39.45		39.45
CARE OF BENCHES.NOTICE BOARDS	50.00	0.00	50.00		50.00
WATER RATES	100.00	29.57	70.43		70.43
SUBSCRIPTIONS	300.00	112.00	188.00		188.00
DONATIONS	1,500.00	540.00	960.00		960.00
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	250.00	63.00	187.00		187.00
TRAINING/CONFERENCE	1,000.00	140.00	860.00		860.00
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
ELECTION EXPENSES	2,800.00	0.00	2,800.00		2,800.00
ICO (DATA PROTECTION	40.00	40.00	0.00		0.00
NATURE GARDEN	300.00	0.00	300.00		300.00
QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS	3,555.00	778.09	2,776.91		2,776.91
CONTINGENCIES	500.00	0.00	500.00		500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£20,445.00</b>	<b>£7,256.52</b>	<b>£13,188.48</b>		<b>£13,188.48</b>

<b>EARMARKED RESERVES (Reserve A/C)</b>					
LLANGENNY WATER FOUNTAIN	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00		4,000.00
PROJECTOR SCREEN - LLANBEDR HALL	350.00	0.00	350.00		350.00

**SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS 2022/23**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE NO	AMOUNT	POWERS & DUTIES
Staff	Salary	001708		Local Government Act 1972 s112
HMRC	Tax	001709		Local Government Act 1972 s112
G M James (Reimbursement Zoom/Stationery)	Zoom £14.39 Stationery £6.99	001710	21.38	Local Government Act 1972 s111
G M James	Serviced Office £25 Travelling Exp £6.30	001711	31.30	Local Government Act 1972 s111
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	Llanbedr Water Trough	001712	15.64	Public Health Act 1936 s125
<b>TOTAL</b>				

**VIREMENTS:**

<b>INCOME - 2022/23</b>	<b>December/January</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
PRECEPT £10,000 (PAYABLE IN 3 INSTALMENTS)	0.00	6,667.00
MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	0.00
BANK INTEREST (BUSINESS A/C)	0.00	3.51
GRANT - NATIONAL LOTTERY	0.00	3,555.00
VAT REFUND	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£10,225.51</b>

BANK STATEMENTS NOT RECEIVED TO DATE

<b>BALANCE ON BANK STATEMENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Current Account	02/12/2022	£9,613.33
Business Reserve Account	30/09/2022	£5,957.48

**£15,570.81**

Signed: .....

Chairman

# January 2023

## APPENDIX A

### List of Correspondence

#### Via Email:

1. **PAVO:** CEO Connecting / Cyswilt Y PSG (c)
2. **Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA):** Planning Application Consultation Letter 22/21145/FUL (C)
3. **Yes Cymru:** Town Council Grant Allocation (c)
4. **BBNPA:** weekly planning registers (26/12/22 06/01/23;
5. **One Voice Wales (OVW):** Training dates (c)
6. **OVW:** Make a positive start to 2023 with Regen's Green Energy Awards (c)
7. **Powys Community Health Council (CHC Powys):** Notice of Powys CHC Executive Committee Meeting 10th January 2023 (c)
8. **Powys Teaching Health Board (Powys THB):** Cochlear & BCHI Services in South Wales (c)
9. **PAVO:** PAVO E-Bulletin January 2023 (c)
10. **Powys THB:** Important Information: Belmont Branch Surgery in Gilwern (c)
11. **Public Ombudsman:** response - 202204559 [REF/Le/ey/WZ/jK/] (c)
12. **Planning Training Wales:** Latest training from Planning Aid Wales (c)
13. **OVW:** Democratic Engagement Grant (c)
14. **OVW:** Public Appointments WG (c)

#### Via Post

1. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** newsletter

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