Vale of Grwyney Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned fro Grwyney

The next meeting will be held in Glangrwyney Village Hall, Glangrwyney

Monday 20th February 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) **22/21658/FUL**: "Proposed telecommunications installation: Proposed H3G 25.0m Francis & Lewis ATS1300 Lattice Tower mounted on new 5.6 x5.6 R.C. Foundation and associated ancillary works." Partishow Hill, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1TA
 - (ii) **22/21480/FUL**: "Full planning permission for the demolition of existing bungalow and replacement new dwelling." Ty Celyn, Bellfountain Road, Llangenny RECONSULTATION DUE TO AMENDMENT
 - (iii) 23/21715/FUL: "Replacement of existing single storey glazed conservatory with new single storey structure with larger footprint. Alterations to existing roof and gate way." Old Post Office, Llanbedr NP8 1SR
 - 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 16th January 2023 meeting.
- 6. Clerk's Report: information from the minutes/up-date
- 7. Queen's Platinum Jubilee: to receive up-date on commemoration plans
- 8. Community Pantry: to receive up-date on proposal to set up a community pantry
- **9. Communications Strategy/Facebook**: to receive up-date on proposal the council adopt a communications strategy and discuss whether to open/operate a Facebook Page.
- 10. King Charles III Coronation: to consider/discuss how to commemorate the King's Coronation
- **11. Certified Caravan Sites**: to note regulations applying to certified caravan sites in the National Park and discuss whether different rules should be implemented.
- 12. Information from Members to be included in the next Agenda
- 13. Finance:
 - 13.1 To report & resolve to approve items for payment:

Staff (Salary); HMRC (Tax); G James (Reimburse Zoom £14.39; Stationery £4.30) £18.69; G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30) £31.30; Powys County Council (Elections) £597.33; Llanbedr Hall Association (VofG Giveaway – Projector Screen)

£350.00; M Williams (Strimming Nature Garden £80.00; Wales & West Housing Association (Nature Garden Licence) £1.00

- 13.2 To receive Finance Report
- 13.3 To receive the external audit (Annual Return) and arrange internal audit
- 13.4 To conduct annual Risk Assessment
- 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 or contact the Clerk for details

What's Happening in The Vale?
Take a look at our Web Site - www.valeofgrwyney.org



AWDURDOD PARC CENEDLAETHOL BANNAU BRYCHEINIOG BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

From:

Vale Of Grwyney Community Council

C/o Maria James

Pleasant View,

Fforest Coal Pit, Abergavenny,

Abergavenny, Tel: (01874) 624437
Monmouthshire Email: planning.enquiries@beacons-npa.gov.uk

NP7 7LH App Ref: 22/21658/FUL

Officer: Christopher O'Brien
Date: 13 January 2023

Brecon

Plas y Ffynnon Cambrian Way

Powys, LD3 7HP

Dear Sirs,

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

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

Proposal: "Proposed telecommunications installation: Proposed H3G 25.0m Francis & Lewis ATS1300 Lattice Tower mounted on new 5.6 x 5.6 R.C. Foundation and associated ancillary works."

Address: Partishow Hill, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1TA

Grid Reference: E:324451 N:221207

The above application was received in this office on 23 December 2022 The full application can be viewed through our Authority's website 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 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.



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Vale Of Grwyney Community Council From: Plas Y Ffynnon

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Powys, LD3 7HP

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Abergavenny, Finally planning enquiries

Monmouthshire Email: planning.enquiries@beacons-npa.gov.uk

NP7 7LH **App Ref:** 22/21480/FUL

Officer: Clare Brooks

Date: 31 January 2023

Dear Sirs,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Proposal: "Full planning permission for the demolition of existing bungalow and replacement new

dwelling."

Address: Ty Celyn, Bellfountain Road, Llangenny Crickhowell Powys

Grid Reference: E:323059 N:218556

RECONSULTATION DUE TO AMENDMENT IMPORTANT PLANNING NOTICE

Amended/additional details in connection with the above application have been received by this Authority. We would ask that you forward any comments you may have on the amended proposal within 21 days of the date of this letter. The application is available to view on our website at https://planningonline.beacons-npa.gov.uk/online-applications If a response is not received within this period it will be assumed that you have no comments.

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Clare Brooks

Senior Planning Officer

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NP7 7LH App Ref: 23/21715/FUL

Officer: James Banks

Date: 7 February 2023

Plas y Ffynnon Cambrian Way

Powys, LD3 7HP

Brecon

Dear Sirs,

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

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

Proposal: "Replacement of existing single storey glazed conservatory with new single storey structure with larger

footprint. Alterations to existing roof and gate way."

Address: Old Post Office, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SR

Grid Reference: E:323931 N:220384

The above application was received in this office on 7 February 2023 The full application can be viewed through our Authority's website 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 or by post. If a response is not received within this period it will be assumed that you have no comments.

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Yours faithfully,

James Banks Senior Planning Officer

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Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 16th January 2023 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

Present: Cllr John Morris (Chairman)

Cllr Elaine Lusted Cllr Colin Alford Cllr Phill Bowker

Attended Remotely: Cllr Roger Bridgwater

Cllr David Sharman

In attendance: The Clerk

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Dean Christy, Cllr Jeff Greenidge and Cty Cllrs Beecham

Absent: Cllr Roger Llewelyn

1. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Morris declared he had no personal interest in Item 3.1 but lives opposite.

2. Planning:

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

Cllr Morris left the room whilst this item was discussed. Cllr Lusted took the chair.

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

Concerns were reported in relation to access/visual impact on landscape/size of development/light and noise pollution. For these reasons it was proposed the council object to the application [Proposed Cllr Bowker; Seconded Cllr Alford]. Unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED to: write letter of objection to the BBNPA

Cllr Morris returned to the meeting and took the chair.

- 2.2 **Decisions/Other:** no decisions were received.
- 3. County Council Report: Cllr Matt Beecham sent apologies. Both he and Cllr Sarah-Jane Beecham were unable to attend as they were preparing for the Cabinet meeting tomorrow when the future of Llanbedr School is to be decided. He asked to be notified of any highway issues.

Signed:		 	
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Cllr Lusted up-dated members with regard to the position regarding Llanbedr School. Members expressed concern at the social impact closure of this school would have on the community.

- **4. Minutes:** the minutes of the 19th December 2022 meeting [Pages 1445-1448] were approved as a true record (item of correspondence relating to energy to be placed on web site) [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Alford].
- 5. Clerk's Report/information from the minutes: no items to report.
- 6. Llangenny Water Fountain: up-date on restoration project.

The grant application to the Welsh Water Community Fund has been unsuccessful.

Welsh Water has agreed it will not charge for a revised quotation and will honour its quote of £2,364.20 (which is over a year old). The supply pipe has to be laid and approved by Welsh Water prior to connection. The Clerk is waiting to hear when the builders can commence restoration work on the fountain.

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

Cllr Morris reported one more site needs to be secured for the jubilee trees. The trees need to be planted (staked and fenced to make them stock-proof) before March. It is intended to print QR codes on either brass/slate/vinyl plaques mounted on angle irons/stone supports (materials to be confirmed). The working party will meet on Friday, 20th January 2023 at 2pm in Llanbedr Hall to discuss.

Members were advised the grant needs to be spent by the end of the financial year.

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

Due to the low confirmed attendance it was suggested and agreed the meeting is postponed to later in the year. The Clerk will notify all parties.

9. Communications Strategy: to receive up-date

The Clerk read out the questions circulated by Cllr Bridgwater to assist in his preparation of a draft communications strategy. Discussion ensued as to how best to represent/contact the electorate, ie leaflet drops? Meet the Councillor Evening? How effective is the web site? It was suggested and agreed the Clerk circulate data on the number of hits the web site receives with the monthly council papers. Another suggestion was for the council to operate a Facebook page. It was agreed to table this for discussion at the next meeting when more members may be in attendance.

10. Community Pantry: to receive up-date on proposal to set up a community pantry

The Clerk has asked Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau for advice. It was suggested and agreed discussion be deferred until this is received.

11. Information from Members to be included in the next Agenda

The following items (deferred previously due to time restraints) will be included in the February agenda:

- Rivers Sites of Special Scientific Interest: to discuss responsibility for maintenance.
- Certified Caravan Sites: to note regulations applying to certified caravan sites in the National Park and discuss whether different rules should be implemented.
- Boreholes and the effect on the water table: to discuss whether permission should be required for sinking bore holes.

12. Finance:

12.1 To set the present for 2023/24:

Following consideration of the current year's receipts/expenditure and projected figures for the forthcoming year it was agreed to keep the precept at £10,000 [Proposed Cllr Sharman; seconded by Cllr Alford] and unanimously agreed.

12.2 To consider/agree donations:

It was agreed to donate £100 to each of the village halls (Llanbedr, Llangenny and Glangrwyney) and £100 to Wales Air Ambulance. [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Alford].

Cllr Bowker declared an interest (Chairman of Glangrwyney Village Hall) and abstained from voting; Cllr Morris declared an interest in Llanbedr Hall (spouse is on committee).

12.3 The following items were approved for payment: [Proposed; Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Alford] and duly agreed.

Staff (Salary)	£
HMRC (Tax)	£
Welsh Water (Llanbedr Water Trough)	£ 15.64
G James (Reimburse Zoom £14.39/Stationery £6.99	£ 21.38
G James (Expenses: Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£ 31.30
Glangrwyney Village Hall (Hire – 19.12.22)	£ 37.50
J Morris (reimbursement for daffodil bulbs)	£ 31.00

- 12.4 The finance report for January was noted the Clerk will circulate an amended report to include the invoice received from Cllr J Morris (reimbursement of daffodil bulbs).
- 12.5 It was unanimously agreed to appoint Ms B Bermingham as internal auditor for 2022/23. Ms Bermingham has given notice this will be her final year as the council's auditor. A new auditor will be appointed for 2023/24 onwards.

13. Highways:

PCC, in response to the request for "slow down" signs in Llanbedr, state roads limited to 30mph will be restricted to 20mph in September. PCC is waiting to see what changes need to be implemented before considering any additional warning messages.

The following items were reported as requiring repair:

Glangrwyney: potholes on A40 just past The Bell.

Llanbedr: water on Bellfountain Road – Cllr Morris will speak to landowner.

Llanbedr: Green Cottage – water on road - culvert blocked.

Llanbedr: water across road by The Neuadd – old culvert may be blocked – Cllr

Bridgewater will make enquires.

Henbant Road – culvert blocked - washing road away (past The Guddar)

Llangenny – potholes on Vicarage Pitch – drains blocked

14. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended:

Cllr Morris experienced sound issues when attempting to join the One Voice Wales Area Meeting which was held virtually.

15. Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A: was received and noted.

Item 5: **One Voice Wales (OVW):** Training – Cllr Bridgewater to attend training on 26th January (Community – Part 2)

16. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence as itemised in Appendix B: was received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:38 pm

Signed:	3	Chairman
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ITEM 9: COMMUNICATION STRATEGY/FACEBOOK

To receive up-date on proposal the council adopt a communications strategy and discuss whether to open/operate a Facebook Page.

QUESTIONS FOR DEBATE

- Do members agree that every resident of VoGCC area should be positively contacted at least once a year by a Councillor?
- Do members agree that if the VoGCC website is to be our primary communication tool with residents, an information campaign should be arranged to promote it?
- Do members agree that usage of the VoGCC website should be reported at each meeting to determine its effectiveness?
- Do members agree that a dedicated Facebook group be established to positively communicate information to our residents?
- If members do not agree with the above motion, do they agree that the existing Crickhowell Notice Board be approached to set up a VoGCC area for residents to join?
- Do members agree that the Clerk should be given automatic authorisation to notify residents on receipt of information the sender has requested be circulated?

Agenda Item 11 – Certified Caravan Sites

In November 2022 the council wrote to BBNPA to ask for clarification on when planning permission is required for certified caravan sites, ie does planning permission only have to be sought if there are more than five caravans on site.

BBNPA state:

Paragraphs 2-10 list the ways in which you can set out the use of caravans that fall within permitted development rights

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 (legislation.gov.uk)

With regards to Certified sites, this is the pertinent legislation:-

Sites approved by exempted organisations

- 5(1)Subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of this Schedule, a site licence shall not be required for the use as a caravan site of land as respects which there is in force a certificate issued under this paragraph by an exempted organisation if not more than five caravans are at the time stationed for the purposes of human habitation on the land to which the certificate relates.
- (2) For the purposes of this paragraph an exempted organisation may issue as respects any land a certificate stating that the land has been approved by the exempted organisation for use by its members for the purposes of recreation.
- (3) The certificate shall be issued to the occupier of the land to which it relates, and the organisation shall send particulars to the Minister of all certificates issued by the organisation under this paragraph.
- (4) A certificate issued by an exempted organisation under this paragraph shall specify the date on which it is to come into force and the period for which it is to continue in force, being a period not exceeding one year.

However, Natural Resources Wales ("NRW") has recently issued interim planning advice to all relevant local planning authorities in Wales relating to developments that are subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment ("HRA") owing to potential effects on river special area of conservation ("SAC") due to increased amounts or concentration of phosphate.

Several classes of development benefit from permitted development rights under Article 3 of the GPDO, subject to conditions and limitations specified in the Order. However, the Habitats Regulations impose controls on permissions granted by the GPDO to prevent any development benefiting from permitted development rights which are likely to significantly affect SAC's, unless local planning authorities have determined, after consultation with NRW, that it would not adversely affect the integrity of the site.

This does not automatically withdraw permitted development rights for such developments, but instead requires them to be subject to a prior approval procedure. Consequently, any development proposal within the catchment of a River SAC, which benefits from permitted development rights under the GPDO and involves increasing the amount or concentration of wastewater discharge, should be subject to prior approval.

Welsh Government Technical Advise Note 5: Nature Conservation and Planning (2009) sets out the procedure for assessing whether development can proceed without prior approval. I enclose a usual flow chart that explains this process. (Attachment labelled TAN 5, please see pages 72,73)

Please see the link in blue which will direct you to the relevant section of NRW should you wish to contact them for further advise. NRW

In the first instance it would be worth contacting NRW to gain their opinion on whether your proposal is viewed as having a likely significant effects on the SAC.

MONTH 11 - FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM	ANNUAL BUDGET	SPENT	REMAINING	TRANSFERS	CURRENT BUDGET
SALARIES	5,000.00	4,224.00	776.00		776.00
SERVICED OFFICE (Broadband/Electric/Storage)	300.00	275.00	25.00		25.00
OFFICE EXPENSES (Post/Stationery/Photocopying, etc)	250.00	242.20	7.80		7.80
HALL HIRE/ZOOM FEE	800.00	444.78	355.22		355.22
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	69.30	180.70		180.70
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	597.33	2,202.67		2,202.67
ICO (DATA PROTECTION	40.00	40.00	0.00		0.00
NATURE GARDEN	300.00	81.00	219.00		219.00
QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS	3,555.00	809.09	2,745.91		2,745.91
CONTINGENCIES	500.00	0.00	500.00		500.00
TOTAL	£20,445.00	£8,437.34	£12,007.66		£12,007.66

EARMARKED RESERVES (Reserve A/C)				
LLANGENNY WATER FOUNTAIN	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
PROJECTOR SCREEN - LLANBEDR HALL	350.00	350.00	0.00	0.00
Payment for projector screen taken from current a/c	£25,795.00	£8,787.34	£17,007.66	£17,007.66

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS 2022/23

DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE NO	AMOUNT	POWERS & DUTIES
Salary	001715		Local Government Act 1972 s112
Tax	001716		Local Government Act 1972 s112
Zoom £14.39 Stationery £4.30	001717	18.69	Local Government Act 1972 s111
Serviced Office £25 Travelling Exp £6.30	001718	31.30	Local Government Act 1972 s111
Elections	001719	597.33	Local Government Act 1972 s111
Projector Screen	001720	350.00	Local Government Act 1972 s133
Strimming Nature Garden	001721	80.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9&10
Nature Garden Licence	001722	1.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9/10
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VIREMENTS:	0
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INCOME - 2022/23	January/February	TOTAL
PRECEPT £10,000 (PAYABLE IN 3 INSTALMENTS)	0.00	10,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	0.00
BANK INTEREST (BUSINESS A/C)	0.00	12.80
GRANT - NATIONAL LOTTERY	0.00	3,555.00
VAT REFUND	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	£0.00	£13,567.80

BALANCE ON BANK STATEMENT	DATE	TOTAL
Current Account	03/02/2023	£11,873.75
Business Reserve Account	30/12/2022	£5,966.77

Signed:	
	Chairman

£17,840.52

Community and Town Councils in Wales Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Accounting statements 2021-22 for:

Name of body: Vale of Grwyney Community Council

	Year e	nding	Notes and guidance for compilers
	31 March 2021 (£)	31 March 2022 (£)	Please round all figures to nearest £. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or nil balances. All figures must agree to the underlying financial records for the relevant year.
Statement of inco	me and expendi	ture/receipts an	nd payments
Balances brought forward	9456	10360	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Must agree to line 7 of the previous year.
2. (+) Income from local taxation/levy	8000	8000	Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies.
3. (+) Total other receipts	66	131	Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4. (-) Staff costs	3500	3500	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and related expenses eg. termination costs.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing (if any).
6. (-) Total other payments	3662	3394	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	10360	11597	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal $(1+2+3) - (4+5+6)$.
Statement of bala	nces		
8. (+) Debtors	0	0	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of debts owed to the body at the year-end.
9. (+) Total cash and investments	10360	11597	All accounts: The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts cash holdings and investments held at 31 March. This must agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the bank reconciliation
10. (-) Creditors	0	0	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the year-end.
11. (=) Balances carried forward	10360	11597	Total balances should equal line 7 above: Enter the total of (8+9-10).
12. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	7077	7077	The asset and investment register value of all fixed assets and any other long-term assets held as at 31 March.
13. Total borrowing	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
14. Trust funds disclosure note	Yes No N/A	Yes No N/A	The body acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing (a) trust fund(s)/assets (readers should note that the figures above do not include any trust transactions).

Annual Governance Statement

We acknowledge as the members of the Council/Board/Committee, our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, that:

THE REAL PROPERTY.		A	greed?		'YES' means that the	PG Ref
	建设设施,是是不是数据的	Yes		Vo*	Council/Board/Committee:	
1.	We have put in place arrangements for: effective financial management during the year; and the preparation and approval of the accounting statements.	6		C	Properly sets its budget and manages its money and prepares and approves its accounting statements as prescribed by law.	6, 12
2.	We have maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption, and reviewed its effectiveness.	e		C	Made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.	6, 7
3.	We have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the Council/Board/ Committee to conduct its business or on its finances.	e		c	Has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it has done so.	6
4.	We have provided proper opportunity for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.	e		C	Has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect the body's accounts as set out in the notice of audit.	6, 23
5.	We have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the Council/Board/Committee and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	Œ		c	Considered the financial and other risks it faces in the operation of the body and has dealt with them properly.	6, 9
6.	We have maintained an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems throughout the year and have received a report from the internal auditor.	e		c	Arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the body.	6, 8
7.	We have considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the Council/Board/Committee and, where appropriate, have included them on the accounting statements.	e		c	Disclosed everything it should have about its business during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.	6
8.	We have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in previous reports from internal and external audit.	6		c	Considered and taken appropriate action to address issues/weaknesses brought to its attention by both the internal and external auditors.	6, 8, 23
9.	Trust funds – in our capacity as trustee, we have: discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s) including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination	Yes	No C	N/A	Has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.	3, 6

^{*} Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'no' response given; and describe what action is being taken to address the weaknesses identified.

Additional disclosure notes*

The following information is provided to assist the reader to understand the accounting statement and/or the Annual Governance Statement

1. Expenditure under S137 Local Government Act 1972 and S2 Local Government Act 2000

Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits the Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Section 137(3) also permits the Council to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2021-22 was £8.41 per elector.

In 2021-22, the Council made payments totalling £_184.00 _______ under section 137. These payments are included within 'Other payments' in the Accounting Statement.

2.

Council/Board/Committee approval and certification

The Council/Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounting statements and the annual governance statement in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (the Act) and the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.

Certification by the RFO I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return present fairly the financial position of the Council/Board/ Committee, and its income and expenditure, or properly present	Approval by the Council/Board/Committee I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council/Board/Committee under minute reference:			
receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2022.	Minute ref: 14 4 91420 / MOZ			
RFO signature: Mannes	Chair of meeting signature:			
Name: Maria James	Name: JoHN MO/RRIS			
Date: 16th May 2022	Name: JoHN MORRIS Date: 16th May 2022			

^{*} Include here any additional disclosures the Council considers necessary to aid the reader's understanding of the accounting statements and/or the annual governance statement.

Auditor General for Wales' Audit Certificate and report

I report in respect of my audit of the accounts under section 13 of the Act, whether any matters that come to my attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. My audit has been conducted in accordance with guidance issued by the Auditor General for Wales.

I certify that I have completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2022 of:

Vale of Grwyney Community Council

Auditor General's report

Audit opinion - Unqualified

On the basis of my review, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention giving cause for concern that in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return:

- has not been prepared in accordance with proper practices;
- that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met;
- is not consistent with the Council's governance arrangements; and
- that the Council does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use
 of resources.

Other matters arising and recommendations

There are no further matters that I wish to draw to the Council's attention

Deryck Evans, Audit Manager, Audit Wales

For and on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales

* Delete as appropriate.

Date: 07/02/2023

Annual internal audit report to:

Name of body: Vale of Grwyney Community Council

The Council/Board/Committee's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, has included carrying out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ending 31 March 2022.

The internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the Council/Board/Committee's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the following control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the Council/Board/Committee.

1			Ag	reed?	Contract of	Outline of work undertaken as part
		Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered*	of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
1.	Appropriate books of account have been properly kept throughout the year.	G	C	C	c	Insert text
2.	Financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	6	C	c	C	Insert text
3.	The body assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	(°	c	c	C	Insert text
4.	The annual precept/levy/resource demand requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process, progress against the budget was regularly monitored, and reserves were appropriate.	æ	C	C	C	Insert text
5.	Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked, and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	e	C	C	c	Insert text
6.	Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	C	C	e	c	Insert text
7.	Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with minuted approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	e	C	c	C	Insert text
8.	Asset and investment registers were complete, accurate, and properly maintained.	6	C	C	C	Insert text

		A	greed?		Outline of work undertaken as part of
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
 Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out. 	œ	C	c	c	Insert text
10. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments/income and expenditure), agreed with the cashbook, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate, debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	•	C	c	c	Insert text
 Trust funds (including charitable trusts). The Council/Board/ Committee has met its responsibilities as a trustee. 	c	C	e	c	Insert text

For any risk areas identified by the Council/Board/Committee (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed) adequate controls existed:

		A	greed?	Outline of work undertaken as part of		
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)	
12. Insert risk area	c	C	c	c	Insert text	
13. Insert risk area	c	c	c	C	Insert text	
14. Insert risk area	c	C	c	C	Insert text	

^{*} If the response is 'no', please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

[My detailed findings and recommendations which I draw to the attention of the Council/Board/Committee are included in my detailed report to the Council/Board/Committee dated 5 MAY 2022...]* Delete if no report prepared.

Internal audit confirmation

I/we confirm that as the Council's internal auditor, I/we have not been involved in a management or administrative role within the body (including preparation of the accounts) or as a member of the body during the financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22. I also confirm that there are no conflicts of interest surrounding my appointment.

	there are no conflicts of interest surrounding my		
Name of p	erson who carried out the internal audit:	BRONNEN A.P. BERMINGHAM	
	of person who carried out the internal audit:	: BAPBerniglen	
Date:	5 MAY 2022		

^{**} If the response is 'not covered', please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not.

VALE OF GRWYNEY RISK ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

The main purpose of Risk Assessment is to ensure that the Council achieve their budgetary & strategic objectives thereby providing assurance to the public and meet requirements of the Account Regulations. Members must also take all necessary steps:

- 1. To minimise any risk facing the Council
- 2. Identify risk areas
- 3. Evaluate consequences and adopt measures to avoid, reduce or control the risk.

Topic	Risk Identified	Potential Consequence	Classificati on	Measures to be taken to Reduce/Minimise/Control Risk
Precept	Not Submitted	Council may not receive the preceptCouncil seen as ineffective	Low	Full Budget process in place. Clerk/RFO to prepare budget annually in December. Full Council to determine precept annually in December/January Clerk/RFO to notify County Council by date specified in January
	Not paid by County Council	Complaint from the community	Low	Clerk/RFO to monitor and report to Council Paid directly to bank account by BACS
	Adequacy of Precept	Reputation damaged	Medium	Clerk/RFO to prepare and circulate monthly Finance Reports Receipts and Expenditure monitored.
Reserves – General	Adequacy	 Council being seen as ineffective Disruption of services Bankruptcy	Medium	Consider at Budget Setting. It is generally suggested reserves should cover approximately six months expenditure.
Reserves – Earmarked	Adequacy	Council being seen as ineffective	Medium	Consider in March meeting prior to year end to ensure sufficient funds are earmarked.
Legal Powers	Illegal Payment or Activity	Censure by auditLoss of reputationCouncil being seen as ineffective	Medium	Statutory powers to undertake work recorded. Ensure compliance with Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Annual review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
Salaries	Wrong Salary Paid	Council being seen as ineffective	Low	Clerk's salary is presented to Council for approval on monthly basis. Members to scrutinise details of expenses claim – receipts provided.
	Wrong deductions	Potentially detrimental to staff	Low	Use of payroll software. Annual return completed electronically.
VAT	Not claimed within time limits	Loss of revenue	Low	Analysis sheet provided to HM Revenue & Customs. Reclaimed on annual basis or sooner if amount claimed exceeds £100.

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Donations/Financial Assistance	Power to pay	 Censure by audit/inspection Loss of reputation Council being seen as ineffective 	Low	Compliance with section 137 and other legislation. Powers and Duties under which payments can be made are listed on the monthly Finance Reports.
Members	Conflicts of Interest	 Loss of reputation Council being seen as ineffective Censure by audit/inspection 	Medium	The agenda requests Members to declare interests in agenda items at the beginning of every meeting. Register of Members Interests published on web site.
Assets	Loss/Damage	Council being seen as ineffective	Medium	Insure against all risks. Review annually.
	Risk or damage to third party	Censure by audit/inspection	Medium	Review adequacy of Public Liability insurance.
	Maintenance		Low	Maintenance free plastic benches/noticeboards.
Staff	Fraud by Staff	Loss of reputationDisruption to service	Low	Fidelity Guarantee Insurance along with checks by Members –bank statements normally signed by non-signatory members at monthly meetings.
	Loss of Clerk through ill health/long term sickness		Medium	The Clerks to the Five Councils to be approached to provide cover and/or SLCC asked to facilitate a locum Clerk
Document Security	Appropriateness of existing facilities	Loss of important records	Medium	External hard drive purchased – scheduled regular back-up undertaken Deposit historical records with County archives – ongoing
Computer	Danger of damage/theft	Loss of documents/Cost of replacement equipment	Medium	Laptop, projector and external hard drive included in insurance cover
Financial Records	Inadequate records	Council being seen as	Low	RFO/Clerk to check regularly. Independent internal auditor appointed.
	Loss of Financial Records through fire, etc	ineffective Censure by audit/inspection	Medium	Financial records are stored electronically but printed and backed-up on regular basis. Suggest investigate cost of up-loading documents to the cloud
Minutes	Accurate and Legal	Council being seen as	Low	Reviewed and signed at following meeting.
	Loss of original Minutes	ineffective Censure by audit/inspection	Low	Copy stored off site in library/web site
Members Interests, Gifts and Hospitality	Conflict of interest	Council being seen as ineffective	Medium	Register of Interests held by Council and published on web site – updated as required. Register of Remuneration Received by Councillors held and published

		Censure by audit/inspection		on web site. Declaration of Office signed by all members and copies held by Council.
Complaints	Complaint from member of public	 Council being seen as ineffective Loss of reputation 	Low	Members must comply with the requirements of the Standing Orders; Code of Conduct and all other policies & procedures including complaints procedure. Staff must comply with the requirements of the Employee code of conduct and all other policies & procedures including complaints procedure. Public welcome to meetings. General council policies to be reviewed and adopted.
General Data Protection Regulations	Compliance with GDPR requirements	 Council being seen as ineffective Financial penalties if regulations breached 	Medium	Council registered as data controller – privacy policies adopted and reviewed on regular basis.
Nature Garden	Breach of maintenance responsibilities Health and safety. Monitoring of environmental hazards	Complaint from the community Council being seen as ineffective Breach of licence agreement	Medium	Maintenance schedule to be considered on a regular basis and works undertaken as required. Area inspected on monthly basis.
Chain of Office	Security	Loss of chain	Medium	Responsibility for security of the chain of office lies with the Clerk.
Hybrid meetings	Adequate equipment/technology Wi-fi facilities for hybrid meetings	 Acting unlawfully Council being seen as ineffective Loss of reputation Complaint from the community 	Medium	Section 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 requires community councils to make and publish arrangements for convening meetings which allows, but not requires, participants to be in multiple locations. The minimum requirement is that members are able to hear and be heard by others. Conference microphone to be trialled to improve sound quality.

Other points: All new activities are risk assessed.

Cllr. John Morris, Chairman, Vale of Grwyney Community Council

Adopted by Members of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council during their meeting of the2023
Signed: Date:

February 2023

APPENDIX A

List of Correspondence

Via Email:

- 1. One Voice Wales (OVW): Ombudsman new appointments to governance roles (c)
- 2. **OVW**: Historic Environment and Climate Change Adaptation Activity Survey for 2022 (c)
- 3. Powys County Council (PCC): Quarterly PCC & Town & Community Council Meeting (c)
- 4. **Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA):** POSTPONED Agenda for the Brecon Beacons National Park Local Access Forum, Thursday, 19th January, 2023, 2.00 pm (c)
- 5. **Powys Engagement**: Important Information: Belmont Branch Surgery in Gilwern (c)
- 6. **UK Defence Training Estate**: Exercise Longreach (c)
- 7. **OVW**: Rally North Wales (c)
- 8. **OVW**: Wales Air Ambulance Montgomeryshire Area Committee (c)
- 9. **OVW**: Draft Minutes Brecon Area Committee (c)
- 10. **BBNPA**: weekly planning register (20/01/23; 03/02/23; 10/02/23) (c)
- 11. **OVW**: Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: Development, flooding and coastal erosion further amendments (c)
- 12. **Powys CHC**: Setting priorities for Llais in 2023-24 (c)
- 13. **PCC**: Community Grant to Support Cost of Living Activity(c)
- 14. **OVW**: The importance of Community/Town councils in building resilient spaces for nature (c)
- 15. **OVW**: January, February & March 2023 training dates (c)
- 16. **OPCC**: Save the date: Policing By Consent March 3 (c)
- 17. **PCC**: PSB Wellbeing Plan Consultation (c)
- 18. **PCC**: Minutes of the PCC and Town/Community Councils meeting 19.01.23 and Survey (c)
- 19. **OVW**: Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: Development, flooding and coastal erosion further amendments (c)
- 20. **BBNPA**: Planning Application Consultation Letter 22/21480/FUL (c)
- 21. **Valuation Tribunal for Wales**: recruiting people to become voluntary members (c)
- 22. **OVW**: Learning from the Great Tide (c)
- 23. Cwmdu & District Community Council: Gilestone Farm, Talybont (c)
- 24. **BBNPA**: Agenda for National Park Authority, Tuesday, 7th February, 2023, 1.00 pm (c)
- 25. **PAVO**: Powys Volunteer of the Year Awards (c)
- 26. **PCC:** Winter care and support communications toolkit
- 27. **Powys Teaching Health Board**: Important Information: Belmont Branch Surgery, Gilwern (c)
- 28. **PAVO**: training (c)
- 29. **OVW**: Consultation on the Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill (c)
- 30. **OVW:** Ministerial Review of Play Report (c)
- 31. **OVW:** National Forest Woodland Liaison Officers (c)
- 32. **BBNPA:** Planning Application Consultation Letter 23/21715/FUL (c)
- 33. Audit Wales: Completion of audit (c)
- 34. **Macmillan:** Funding Support Request Macmillan Cancer Support (c)
- 35. **Planning Aid Wales:** Latest training from Planning Aid Wales (c)
- 36. Cllr Beecham: Appointment of LA Representative Governor Crickhowell C.P School (c)
- 37. **Glasdon:** Commemorative Ideas for a Royal Occasion (c)
- 38. OPCC: Reminder: Policing By Consent March 3 (c)
- 39. **OPCC:** January PCC Bulletin (c)
- 40. **PAVO**: Crickhowell Network invitation to meeting 01/03/23 (c)
- 41. **Cwmdu CC**: Wales Audit Report Gilestone (c)

- 42. **OVW**: Important information Section 6 reports (c)
- 43. **OVW**: BRIEFING Invitation to online launch of Welsh Water's Biodiversity Report (c)
- 44. **PCC**: Quarterly PCC & Town & Community Council Meeting (c)
- 45. PCC: Cancelled: Quarterly PCC & Town & Community Council Meeting (c)
- 46. **OVW**: People's Practice Peer-to-Peer Network Transition Towns (c)
- 47. **PAVO**: E-Bulletin February 2023 (c)

Via Post

- 1. The Pensions Regulator: re-enrolment and re-declaration
- (c) Circulated







