

# Vale of Grwyney Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Fro Grwyney

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

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 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/Appeals:** to resolve responses to BBNPA/Planning Inspectorate:

- (i) **21/20333/FUL** – APPEAL against refusal to grant planning permission – CAS-02458-C7K0N5 – **Land adjoining Llwynytrych Farm Fields, Glangrwyney**

**3.2 Decisions/Other:** to receive the following decisions and other planning correspondence:

- (i) **22/21287/FUL:** proposed improvements to existing access including upgraded vision splays and resultant demolition of stable within current splay and repositioning of replacement stable and provision of new boundary treatment. Llangenny Stables, Llangenny, NP8 1ET has been **permitted**.

**4. County Council Report** to receive and discuss general Powys County Council Matters

**5. Minutes:** to approve the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 meeting

**6. Clerk's Report:** information from the minutes/progress up-date

**7. Queen Platinum Jubilee Commemorations:** to receive progress report

**8. Wind Farms:** to consider request from Brecon and Radnorshire One Voice Wales Area Committee to support letter to Welsh Government opposing Wind Farms

**9. IT Security:** to discuss council/councillor information security settings and investigate applying to use a .gov.uk domain for web site/email

**10. Annual Report 2022/23:** to receive/adopt annual report

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

**12. Finance:**

**12.1** To report & resolve to approve items for payment:

Staff (Salary); HMRC (Tax); G James (Office Exp £25/Travel Exp £6.30) £31.30; B Bermingham (Internal Audit) £157.95; Reimburse Clerk (Zoom £15.59; Stationery £40.73) £56.32; Glangrwyney Village Hall (Hire – 19.06.23) £30.00

**12.2** To receive Finance Report.

13. To receive **Highways** issues
14. To receive **Reports** on **Meetings Attended**
15. To receive items of **Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix A and discuss as appropriate:
16. 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 11<sup>th</sup> July 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,  
Fforest Coal Pit,  
Abergavenny,  
Monmouthshire  
NP7 7LH

**Officer:**

**PI Ref:** CAS-02458-C7K0N5

**NPA Ref:** 21/20333/FUL

**Date:** 28 June 2023

Dear Sirs,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - SECTION 78(1) APPEAL**

**Appellant:** Mr Daniel Games  
**Proposal:** Proposed site for 6 touring caravans.  
**Address:** Land Adjoining Llwynytrych Farm Fields, Glangrwyney, Crickhowell, Powys  
**Grounds:** Against Refusal of Permission

The appeal is to be decided by written representations and you are invited to submit **3 copies** of your comments in writing to the Planning Inspectorate, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or via email to [PEDW.Casework@gov.wales](mailto:PEDW.Casework@gov.wales) quoting reference CAS-02458-C7K0N5 **within 4 weeks of the appeal start date of 23 June 2023**. Any views expressed will be made known to the Appellant and to this Authority as well as to the Inspector appointed by the Welsh Government to decide the Appeal. Representations submitted after the deadline will not normally be seen by the Inspector and will be returned. Please note that representations should not exceed 3,000 words.

You may wish to follow the progress of the appeal online via the Planning Portal website. This facility allows you to view all appeal documents, submit your comments and view the decision online. The case can be searched using the following link: [Planning Casework \(gov.wales\)](https://www.planningportal.co.uk/cases/cas-02458-c7k0n5)

You may also view the appellant's grounds of appeal using the above link.

Please note that National Park main office in Brecon (Plas y Ffynnon) remains closed to the public until further notice. The Authority's statement has not yet been prepared but it is anticipated that it will be ready in the next few weeks. Planning Officers and planning support staff are working from home and are able to take phone calls and have access to their emails, but please communicate by email wherever practicable. This can be to individual Officers or to [planning.enquiries@beacons-npa.gov.uk](mailto:planning.enquiries@beacons-npa.gov.uk)

You can obtain a copy of A Guide to Engaging with the Planning Inspectorate Wales either free of charge from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority or through the Welsh Government website:  
<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/appeals/appeal-guidance-and-information/?lang=en>

If you wish to receive a copy of the appeal decision, you must write to the Planning Inspector to request one.

Yours faithfully,

Ryan Thomas  
Planning Officer

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

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990**  
**Town and Country Planning (Development Management  
Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012**

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

**Applicant/Agent:**

Mr Andrew Bevan  
A B Planning  
AB Planning  
2a High Street  
Crickhowell  
NP8 1BW  
United Kingdom

**Application Reference:**

22/21287/FUL

In pursuance of its powers under the above mentioned Act, Planning Permission is hereby **GRANTED** for the following development by the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (hereinafter called 'the Local Planning Authority'):

**"Proposed improvements to existing access including upgraded vision splays and resultant demolition of stable within current splay and repositioning of replacement stable and provision of new boundary treatment." (Full Application) at Llangenny Stables, Llangenny, Powys, NP8 1ET**

subject to the following condition(s):

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission.
2. The development shall be carried out in all respects strictly in accordance with the following approved plans and within the red-line site area only:
  - Ref: 1241(3)/S/001 Rev AB (31/05/2023) entitled "Existing Site Layout"
  - Ref: 1241(3)/PLN/001 Rev ABCDEF (31/05/2023) entitled "Site Location Plan"
  - Ref: 1241(3)/PLN/003 Rev A (12/04/2023) entitled "Site Access and Gates Layout"
  - Ref: 216242\_A02 (05/06/2022) entitled "Proposed Site Access General Arrangement"and the schedule of materials and lighting scheme indicated thereon except where otherwise stipulated by conditions attached to this permission.
3. Prior to their installation, details or samples of materials to be used externally on elevations, rainwater goods and roof of the stable block and of any walling to the site access and gates will have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.
4. The development shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the Conclusions and Recommendations in section of the ecological report dated 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The biodiversity mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures shall be undertaken and/or installed prior to first use of the development and maintained thereafter. Following the installation of the mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures, a report (prepared by a suitably qualified ecological consultant) confirming their adequate installation or implementation shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority.



5. The landscaping plan as shown on Plan Ref: 1241(3)/PLN/001 Rev ABCDEF (31/05/2023) entitled "Site Location Plan" and in accordance with the planting specifications as shown shall be implemented and completed in the first available planting season following the implementation of the development and maintained thereafter. Any plants, trees or shrubs that fail in the first five years after planting shall be replaced in the next available planting season on a like-for-like basis. A stock-proof fence shall be erected to the boundary of the planting to prevent damage by grazing animals.
6. The biodiversity enhancement scheme as shown on drawing no. 1241(3)/PLN/002 Revision A shall be undertaken and/or installed prior to the first beneficial use of the development hereby approved, in accordance with the approved details and maintained thereafter. Following the installation of the approved scheme, a report confirming adequate installation shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority.
7. External lighting shall only be installed as shown on drawing no. 1241(3)/PLN/001 Revision F. No additional external lighting shall be installed unless a revised external lighting plan is submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Any revised scheme shall avoid conflict with bat mitigation/enhancement measures and wildlife corridors shall be implemented as approved.
8. The stables shall be used for the private stabling of horses and shall not be used for livery or any commercial purpose.
9. Prior to first beneficial use of the new stable the access shall be constructed in full accordance with the approved drawing 216242\_A02 so that there is clear visibility from a point 1.05 metres above ground level at the centre of the access and 2.4 metres distant from the edge of the adjoining carriageway, to points 0.6 metres above ground level at the edge of the adjoining carriageway and 57 metres distant in each direction measured from the centre of the access along the edge of the adjoining carriageway. Nothing shall be planted, erected or allowed to grow on the area(s) of land so formed that would obstruct the visibility and the visibility shall be maintained free from obstruction for as long as the development hereby permitted remains in existence.
10. Upon formation of the visibility splays as detailed above the centreline of any new or relocated hedge should be positioned not less than 1.0 metre to the rear of the visibility splay and retained in this position for as long as the development remains in existence.
11. Prior to first beneficial use of the new stable the area of the access to be used by vehicles is to be finished in a suitably bound material for a distance of 15metres from the edge of the adjoining carriageway. This area will be maintained to this standard for as long as the development remains in existence.
12. The proposed vehicular entrance gate and bollard shall be set back at least 15 metres distant from the edge of the adjoining carriageway and shall be constructed so as to be incapable of opening towards the highway and shall be retained in this position and form of construction for as long as the dwelling/development hereby permitted remains in existence.
13. The demolition and construction works shall be implemented strictly in accordance with the best practice as outlined in the Guidance for Pollution Prevention documents issued by NetRegs.

**Reasons:**

1. Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
2. To ensure adherence to the approved plans in the interests of a satisfactory form of development.
3. In order to ensure the proposal is integrated into the landscape in line with Policy 1 of the Brecon Beacons National Park Local Development Plan and which safeguards the character and visual amenities of the locality.
4. To comply with Planning Policy Wales (2021), Technical Advice Note 5 and Policies SP3, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 12 of the adopted Local Development Plan for the BBNP. To comply with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.



5. To comply with Planning Policy Wales (2021), Technical Advice Note 5 and Policies SP3, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 12 of the adopted Local Development Plan for the BBNP. To comply with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.
6. To comply with Planning Policy Wales (2021), Technical Advice Note 5 and Policies SP3, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 12 of the adopted Local Development Plan for the BBNP. To comply with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.
7. To comply with Planning Policy Wales (2021), Technical Advice Note 5 and Policies SP3, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 12 of the adopted Local Development Plan for the BBNP. To comply with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.
8. The National Park Authority is not prepared to allow the introduction of an unrestricted commercial stables in this particular location.
9. In the interest of Highways Safety.
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12. In the interest of Highways Safety.
13. To comply with Section 6 of Planning Policy Wales (2021), Technical Advice Note 5 and Policies SP3, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10 and 12 of the adopted Local Development Plan for the BBNP. To comply with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016

#### **Informative Notes:**

1. All nesting birds, their nests, eggs and young are protected by law and it is an offence to:
  - intentionally kill, injure or take any wild bird
  - intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird whilst it is in use or being built
  - intentionally take or destroy the egg of any wild bird
  - intentionally (or recklessly) disturb any wild bird listed on Schedule 1 while it is nest building, or at a nest containing eggs or young, or disturb the dependent young of such a bird.

The maximum penalty that can be imposed - in respect of a single bird, nest or egg - is a fine of up to 5,000 pounds, six months imprisonment or both.

The applicant is therefore reminded that it is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) to remove or work on any hedge, tree or building where that work involves the taking, damaging or destruction of any nest of any wild bird while the nest is in use or being built, (usually between late February and late August). If a nest is discovered while work is being undertaken, all work must stop and advice sought from Natural Resources Wales.
2. Work should halt immediately and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) contacted for advice in the event that protected species are discovered during the course of the development. To proceed without seeking the advice of NRW may result in an offence under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and/or the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) being committed. NRW can be contacted at: <https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/contact-us/?lang=en> Tel: 0300 065 3000.
3. Any manure produced must be managed (storage and application to land) in line with The Code of Good Agricultural Practice (CoGAP) for the Protection of Water, Soil and Air for Wales.

4. The Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPP) documents are available at:  
<https://www.netregs.org.uk/environmental-topics/guidance-for-pollution-prevention-gpp-documents/>

**Policies considered relevant to this decision:**

**Future Wales: the National Plan 2040 (Feb 2021)**

**Brecon Beacons National Park Local Development Plan (adopted 2013):**

- SP1 National Park Policy
- Policy 1 Appropriate Development in the National Park
- SP3 Environmental Protection – Strategic Policy
- Policy 3 Sites of European Importance
- Policy 4 Sites of National Importance
- Policy 6 Biodiversity and Development
- Policy 7 Protected and Important Wild Species
- Policy 8 Trees and Development
- Policy 9 Ancient Woodland and Veteran Trees
- Policy 10 Water Quality
- Policy 11 Sustainable Use of Water
- Policy 12 Light Pollution
- Policy 13 Soil Quality
- Policy 17 The setting of Listed Buildings
- SP 4 Climate Change
- SP10 Sustainable Distribution of Development
- CYD LP1 Enabling Appropriate Development in the Countryside
- SP11 Sustainable Design
- SP 12 Economic Wellbeing
- Policy 39 Equestrian Facilities
- SP16 Sustainable Infrastructure
- Policy 56 Water and Sewage Supply for New Development
- Policy 57 Use of Non Mains Sewerage Solutions
- Policy 58 Sustainable Drainage Systems
- SP17 Sustainable Transport
- Policy 59 Impacts of Traffic

**Brecon Beacons National Park Supplementary Planning Guidance:**

- Biodiversity and Development (2016)
- Landscape and Development (2014)
- Obtrusive Lighting and Light Pollution (2015)
- Enabling Appropriate Development in the Countryside (2019)
- Sustainable Development in the National Park (2015)

**Planning Policy Wales: 11th Edition 2021**

- Technical Advice Note (TAN) 5: Nature Conservation and Planning (2009)
- Technical Advice Note (TAN) 6: Planning for Sustainable Rural Communities (2010)
- Technical Advice Note (TAN) 12: Design (2016)
- Technical Advice Note (TAN) 16: Sport, Recreation and Open Space (2009)

**Other Legislation:**



- Environment Act 1995
- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Equality Act 2010
- Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
- Environment (Wales) Act 2016
- The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017



**Signed:**

**National Park Authorised Officer**

**Date: 30 June 2023**

**Brecon Beacons National Park Authority**



Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

**Present:** Cllr John Morris (Chairman)  
Cllr Roger Llewelyn  
Cllr Phill Bowker  
Cllr Colin Alford  
Cllr Elaine Lusted

**Attended Remotely:** Cllr David Sharman  
Cllr Jeff Greenidge  
One member of the public

**Absent:** Cllr Dean Christy  
Cllr Roger Bridgwater

**In attendance:** Eight members of the public and the Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Matt Beecham and PCSO Lee Garrett (who was due to give a policing report)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** none declared.
3. **Public Speaking Session:** **Members of the Public may address the meeting during this session provided they have given the requisite notice and adhere to the Council's Public Speaking Policy.**

One member of the public spoke to oppose the application to build a 25 metre telecommunications installation on Partrishow Hill (Application 23/21971/FUL). Concerns raised include: visual intrusion/danger to spring water supply/danger to wildlife etc. Strong local opposition has been received with 85 objections submitted to the planning authority.

**4. Planning Matters:**

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

- (i) **23/21971/FUL:** "Proposed telecommunications installation: Proposed 25.0m Francis & Lewis T3A Lattice Tower mounted on new 7.6 x 7.6 x 1.20m deep R.C. Foundation and associated ancillary works." **Partishow Hill, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1TA**

Following discussion it was proposed the council object to the application [Proposed Cllr Bowker; Seconded Cllr Llewelyn]. Unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED to: object to this application citing the concerns raised.**

*8:10 nine members of the public left the meeting*

Signed:.....  
Chairman

**4.2 Decisions/Other: to receive/discuss decisions and other planning matters:**

- (i) **Application 22/21578/FUL:** “Erect a small timber shed to house a milk vending machine with associated parking” (full application). **Rheld Farm, Crickhowell NP8 1ED** has been **permitted**.
- (ii) **Application 22/21563/FUL:** “Single storey side extension” (full application). **3 Maes Ffynnon, Llanbedr NP8 1SR** has been **permitted**.
- (iii) **Objection to Planning Application 22/21480/FUL (permitted)**

Following consideration it was proposed the council write to Highways to state the permitted application did not include the new access. [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Alford]. Unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED to: write to Highways to report the new access.**

**5. County Council Report to receive and discuss general Powys County Council Matters:**

Cllr Beecham was unable to attend so submitted a written report in which he stated:

- Cllrs Morris, Alford and he met Daniel Relf (PCC highways manager) to discuss ongoing Highways issues;
- Repairs to Llangenny Bridge will be undertaken shortly;
- Monmouthshire County Council intend imposing a 20 mph limit on their side of the iron bridge from Gilwern to Glangrwyney. He is awaiting a response on reinstating a footpath on the bridge;
- Repairs to the A40 between Glangrwyney and Crickhowell have been stalled due to opposition from residents and businesses during consultation (Cllr Beecham is seeking clarification on this)

**ACTION: to ask Cllr Beecham for clarification concerning the opposition to the repairs to the A40.**

**6. Minutes:** the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 annual meeting [Pages 1469-1470] and ordinary meeting [Pages 1471-1474] were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Alford].**7. Clerk's Report: information from the minutes**

- Llangenny Water Fountain has been pointed and whilst a tap has been installed the iron plate has not been reinstated.
- The next Five Councils meeting hosted by Cwmdu Community Council will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Any agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk within the next two days.

*Signed:.....*

*Chairman*

**8. “Meet the Councillor” Events: to discuss holding events in each of the village halls to enable members of the public to meet their ward councillors.**

It was agreed to hold a drop in session in each of the village halls (promoted via web site/noticeboards) to provide opportunity for members of the public to meet the council and discuss any concerns.

Meetings to be held on a midweek between 5:00 and 7:00pm every quarter. Notices/annual report to be placed on the noticeboard in each of the villages.

**AGREED to: proceed as detailed above.**

**9. Queen Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: to receive up-date**

Cllr Morris reported six trees have been planted (including the Llangenny tree). One more site is sought. It was agreed to order six angle irons (Cllr Alford was granted permission to spend up to £200 on the irons) Photos of royal visits were requested for the web site. A map detailing where the trees are planted to be prepared.

**AGREED to: grant Cllr Alford authority to purchase six A5 size angle irons up to £200 (galvanised – welded for security).**

**10. IT Security: to discuss council/councillor information security settings**

Deferred to following meeting.

**11. Standing Orders: to consider adopting OVW revised standing orders issued to incorporate changes in governance law introduced by the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.**

It was proposed the revised standing orders as circulated are adopted [Proposed Cllr Sharman; seconded Cllr Lusted] and unanimously agreed.

**12. Llanbedr Nature Garden: to discuss and approve future maintenance requirements**

Cllr Alford has supplied woodchip which Cllrs Morris and Alford plan to use to create a path around the bench and towards the bug hotel. The rest will be left for biodiversity purposes.

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

Nothing to report.

**14. Finance:**

- 14.1 The following items were approved for payment [Proposed; Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Bowker] and duly agreed:

Staff (Salary)	£
HMRC (Tax)	
G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£ 31.30

Signed:.....

Chairman



G James (Reimburse Zoom	£ 15.59
Welsh Water (Llanbedr Water Trough)	£ 16.09

14.2 The Finance Report was noted.

**15. To receive Highways issues:**

Dealt with under Item 5 – County Councillors Meeting;

It was suggested parking problems in Glangrwyney could be resolved by approaching residents to enquire whether they would be interested in contributing towards the purchase/lease of land (if possible/feasible) to create a parking area for residents.

**16. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended**

Cllrs Morris and Alford meet Cllr Beecham and Dan Relf to discuss/see highways issues  
Cllr Morris reported on the One Voice Wales AGM

**17. Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix A was received and noted.

**18. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence** as itemised in Appendix B was received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:28pm

*Signed:.....*

*Chairman*

## **Item 8**

### **Wind Farms:**

**(letter drafted by Chairman of Brecon & Radnorshire Area Committee to follow)**

# Vale of Grwyney Community Council

## ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023



(PHOTO TO CHANGE)

## INTRODUCTION TO THE VALE OF GRWYNEY

The community of The Vale of Grwyney is the most south-easterly community in Powys. The area is defined by two valleys: the Grwyne Fechan (to the west) and the Grwyne Fawr (on the eastern boundary) which rise in the Black Mountains and converge near Llanbedr before joining the River Usk, which forms the southern boundary of the community.

The northern half of the community comprises largely uninhabited moorland and the extensive Mynydd Ddu Forest. To the south Llanbedr, Llangenny and Glangrwyney are the major villages, with the remainder of the population living in scattered farms and dwellings in the two valleys and in the small settlement of Partrishow. The whole of this community lies within the Brecon Beacons National Park.

The eastern boundary mostly follows the Grwyne Fawr River (an SSSI) which acts as the border between Powys and Monmouthshire.

Llanbedr, Llangenny and Glangrwyney each have a pub, but there are no shops in the community. There is primary school serving the area in Llanbedr and a chapel in Glangrwyney and churches in Llanbedr, Llangenny and Partrishow.

The community is 11.3 miles (18.2Km) in length and 4.25 miles (6.9Km) at its widest point. It has a population of around 700.



## THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Councils are local authorities created by statute to represent the communities they serve. As the lowest tier of local government they are closest to the people of Wales and therefore able to represent local views and support their communities by providing local services and facilities.

The Vale of Grwyney Community Council consists of nine people (Councillors) elected to serve the community in which they live or work.

Each year in May the Council holds an Annual Meeting in which it elects a Chairman.

In 2022/23 the Council elected Cllr John Morris as Chairman and Cllr Elaine Lusted as Vice Chair. Cllr John Morris was also appointed One Voice Wales and Llanbedr Allotment Society representative. Cllr Elaine Lusted was appointed the Llanbedr School Board of Governors representative and Cllr Jeff Greenidge the Glangrwyney Village Hall representative.

The Council strives to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the people and community it serves.

Whilst the Council does not own any premises and has limited tangible assets it has leased an area of ground off St Peter's Close in Llanbedr to provide a nature garden and community orchard. It was also instrumental in creating community allotments in Llanbedr. The Council is supported by one member of staff, the Clerk, who is employed on a part-time basis.

Its activities fall into three main categories:

- Representing the local community;
- Delivering services to meet local needs;
- Striving to improve quality of life and well-being.

The Council has established strong partnership links with Powys County Council and other organisations and influence other decision makers for delivery of services to meet local needs. It aims to represent the community by:

- campaigning on local issues
- commenting on planning
- organising community events
- improving the local environment
- supporting local organisations/activities

Whilst the Council has an extensive range of discretionary powers which enables it to provide and maintain a variety of important and visible local services, it cannot spend money if there is no statutory power to do so, it must operate within the powers and duties laid down in statute.

## MEETINGS

The pandemic has changed the way the Council works. Legalisation now enables it to hold hybrid meetings. This gives people the option of attending either physically (in the village hall) or remotely (via the video conferencing platform Zoom). Meetings take place on the third Monday of the month and start at 7:30pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and may request permission to speak on a relevant topic by contacting the Clerk. The agenda, details of how to join remotely and minutes of our meetings can be found on our web site:

[www.valeofgrwyney.org](http://www.valeofgrwyney.org)

The Council can be contacted via the Clerk:

email [valeofgrwyneycc@gmail.com](mailto:valeofgrwyneycc@gmail.com) telephone 01873 890777

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The council precept is the main source of council income and represents the amount of council tax paid by households in the Vale of Grwyney that is allocated to the Community Council.

The annual precept in 2022/23 was £10,000 (equating to £19.95 per household per annum based on a Band D property)










During 2022/23 Council expenditure was:

Salary	4,608.00
Office Expenses	300.00
General Administration	281.44
Hire of Halls/Zoom	580.37
Professional Fees/Subscriptions	1,139.07
Water Charges	29.57
Donations	1,290.00
Travelling Expenses	75.60
Community Events/Projects (supported with funding from the National Lottery and Brecon Beacons National Park)	3,639.55
Training	175.00
Elections	597.33
Nature Garden	81.00

The Council retains reserves of approximately £3,000 to deal with unforeseen contingencies and emergencies and has earmarked £5,000 towards the cost of restoring Llangenny Water Fountain and creating a “Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Walk” in commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II’s 70 year reign.

## COUNCILLORS (2022/2023)

Following the May 2022 elections a new council was formed.  
Members are elected to serve a period of 5 years.

	<b>Cllr Colin Alford</b> Llanbedr Ward
	<b>Cllr Roger Bridgwater</b> Llanbedr Ward
	<b>Cllr John Morris (Chairman)</b> Llanbedr Ward  Llanbedr Allotment Representative One Voice Wales Representative
 AWAITING PHOTO	<b>Cllr Roger Llewelyn</b> Llanbedr Ward
	<b>Cllr Phillip Bowker</b> Llangenny & Glangrwyney Ward
	<b>Cllr Dean Christy</b> Llangenny & Glangrwyney Ward
	<b>Cllr Jeff Greenidge</b> Llangenny & Glangrwyney Ward  Glangrwyney Village Hall Representative
	<b>Cllr Elaine Lusted (Vice Chair)</b> Llangenny & Glangrwyney Ward  Vice Chair Llanbedr School Representative
	<b>Cllr David Sharman</b> Llangenny & Glangrwyney Ward



## COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

Payments to members are made available to encourage a diversity of willing and able people to undertake local governance through their elected, appointed or co-opted roles. These expenses are determined by an independent body, the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

The Panel determined all community and town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses. It also mandated the council must reimburse costs for the care of dependent children and adults.

In 2022/2023 no payments were claimed.

Councillor Name	Payments for costs incurred in respect of telephone, broadband etc. (£156 per member plus £52 reimbursement for consumables)	Responsibility Payment (up to £500 to a maximum of 5 members)	Chair's & Deputy Chair Allowance	Financial Loss Allowance	Travel & Subsistence expenses	Care Allowance (up to a maximum of £403 per member per month)	Other	Total
Cllr D Sharman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cllr E Lusted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cllr J Morris	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cllr C Alford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cllr D Christy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cllr R Bridgwater	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cllr C Fairclough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cllr P Bowker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cllr J <u>Greenidge</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0.00

## WHAT WE DID IN 2022/2023

- During 2022/2023 the Council donated £1,290 to charitable organisations including Wales Air Ambulance, The Royal British Legion, Llangenny, Llanbedr and Glangrwyney Village Halls.
- We successfully applied for funding from the National Lottery to hold a community “Bring Your Own Picnic & Fun Day” in the grounds of Llanbedr School to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II’s Platinum Jubilee. We also held a photographic exhibition of events which had taken place during the Queen’s reign attended by local people.
- We are planting seven trees to create a “Queen’s Jubilee Walk”. The trees each represent a decade of the Queen’s life and are planted at strategic points in The Vale to highlight landmarks and commemorate her 70 year reign. Daffodils have also been planted in each of three villages.
- Whilst Welsh Government rejected our request to install electronic signs in Glangrwyney they have agreed to erect static camera signs however inform us these will not be installed until the next financial year.
- The Council supported Glangrwyney Village Hall’s bid to purchase the field behind the hall for community use and whilst disappointed it proved unsuccessful commended the trustees’ intentions.
- The Council is developing a communications strategy to help convey information to residents, encourage engagement, listen to concerns and receive ideas on what the community would like the Council to do.
- We have been successful in obtaining £3,841 in grant funding from the Brecon Beacons Sustainable Development Fund towards the restoration of Llangenny Water Fountain. The works are currently ongoing.
- The Council cancelled its September meeting as a mark of respect to Queen Elizabeth II who died on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The Council joined the nation in a period of mourning.
- We have produced a training plan to ensure members and staff are equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to deliver the Council’s services effectively, efficiently and safely.
- The Council is extremely disappointed that despite its continued opposition Powys County Council has taken the decision to close Llanbedr School at the end of the current academic year (July 2023).

- The adjacent community councils of Llangattock, Crickhowell, Cwmdru and Llangynidr support the Council's suggestion that a Community Pantry should be operated in the locality.
- To celebrate King Charles III's Coronation the Council agreed to give Llanbedr School pupils a commemorative gift and make a donation of £100 to any of the village halls which decided to hold a Coronation event.
- The Council wants to engage with residents and intends holding "Meet your Councillor" events in each of the village halls every quarter to give residents opportunity to speak to them, explain what they want the council to do on their behalf. We hope you will come for a coffee and a chat.

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## WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

The restoration of Llangenny Water Fountain continues, albeit very slowly.

Stonework has now been pointed and a new tap awaits connection to the mains water supply. We hope to have a fully working water fountain very soon!

PHOTO

The apple and pear trees planted in the nature garden and community orchard off St Peter's Close in Llanbedr are now well established and bearing fruits

PHOTOS

We are currently in the process of renewing the woodchip paths and are informed the bug hotel and hedgehog houses are well used.

PHOTO

The work is ongoing and we are keen to hear from residents about how they would like to see this space developed for the community to use and enjoy.

## WHAT WE CONTINUE TO DO

The Council is committed to working for its residents. It regularly takes action in the interests of the community and routinely:

- reports potholes/highway issues
- comments on planning applications
- responds to Welsh Government consultations

We care about our community and want to continue to make it a great place in which to live.

**If you have an idea or plan which you think will benefit the community, either socially or environmentally please let us know.**

**MONTH 4 - JULY 2023**

ITEM	ANNUAL BUDGET	SPENT	REMAINING	TRANSFERS	CURRENT BUDGET
SALARIES	5,000.00	1,536.00	3,464.00		3,464.00
SERVICED OFFICE (Broadband/Electric/Storage)	300.00	100.00	200.00		200.00
OFFICE EXPENSES (Post/Stationery/Photocopying, etc)	300.00	91.69	208.31		208.31
HALL HIRE/ZOOM FEE	800.00	122.36	677.64		677.64
MEMBERS ALLOWANCE	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
WEB SITE	500.00	0.00	500.00		500.00
AUDIT	800.00	157.95	642.05		642.05
INSURANCE	300.00	279.05	20.95		20.95
CARE OF BENCHES.NOTICE BOARDS	100.00	0.00	100.00		100.00
WATER RATES	100.00	16.09	83.91		83.91
SUBSCRIPTIONS	300.00	112.00	188.00		188.00
DONATIONS	1,500.00	700.00	800.00		800.00
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	250.00	25.20	224.80		224.80
TRAINING/CONFERENCE	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00		3,000.00
ELECTION EXPENSES	600.00	0.00	600.00		600.00
CONTINGENECIES	500.00	0.00	500.00		500.00
ICO (DATA PROTECTION	40.00	40.00	0.00		0.00
NATURE GARDEN	300.00	0.00	300.00		300.00
EVENTS (JUBILEE/CORONATION)	1,000.00	227.92	772.08		772.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£18,190.00</b>	<b>£3,408.26</b>			<b>£14,781.74</b>

**EARMARKED RESERVES**

LLANGENNY WATER FOUNTAIN	2,635.80	0.00	2,635.80
JUBILEE EXPENSES (GRANT)	2,279.65	0.00	2,279.65

**GENERAL RESERVES**

ONE QUARTER OPERATIONAL COSTS	3,000.00
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**SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS 2023/24**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE NO	AMOUNT	POWERS & DUTIES
Staff	Salary	001757		Local Government Act 1972 s112
HMRC	Tax	001758		Local Government Act 1972 s112
G M James	Serviced Office £25 Travelling Exp £6.30	001759	31.30	Local Government Act 1972 s111
B Bermingham	Internal Audit	001760	157.95	Local Government Act 1972 s111
G M James - reimbursement	Zoom £15.59 Stationery £40.73	001761	56.32	Local Government Act 1972 s111
Glangrwyney Village Hall	Hire - 19.06.23	001762	30.00	Local Government Act 1972 s111
<b>TOTAL</b>				

<b>VIREMENTS:</b>	
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<b>INCOME - 2023/24</b>	<b>June/July</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
PRECEPT £10,000 (PAYABLE IN 3 INSTALMENTS)	0.00	3,334.00
MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	0.00
BANK INTEREST (BUSINESS A/C)	16.14	0.00
GRANT	0.00	0.00
VAT REFUND	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£16.14</b>	<b>£3,334.00</b>

<b>BALANCE ON BANK STATEMENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Current Account	02/06/2023	£7,783.10
Business Reserve Account	30/06/2023	£5,996.28

**£13,779.38**

CURRENT ACCOUNT BANK STATEMENT NOT RECEIVED

Signed: .....

Chairman

# July 2023

## APPENDIX A

### List of Correspondence

#### Via Email:

1. **Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA):** weekly planning registers (19/06/23; 23/06/23, 30/06/23, 03/07/23; 07/07/23) (c)
2. **PAVO:** E-Bulletin June 2023 (c)
3. **Planning Aid Wales:** Events from Planning Aid Wales (c)
4. **One Voice Wales (OVW):** Consultation on extending the term of office for the Older People's Commissioner for Wales from 4 to 7 years (c)
5. **OVW/Welsh Government (WG):** Procurement Bill Secondary Legislation: Consultation Launch – Part One (c)
6. **WG:** Invitation Get ready for 20mph meeting (c)
7. **Cwmdu Community Council:** Five Councils Meeting – 28/06/23 (c)
8. **PAVO:** Powys Volunteer Involvers Network (c)
9. **OVW:** June & July 2023 Training Dates (c)
10. **National Park Authority:** Agenda for National Park Authority, 30th June, 2023, 10.00 am (c)
11. **OVW:** Audit Process for the 2022/23 Audit Of Accounts
12. **Crickhowell Assemblies:** Crickhowell: creating a good future in a changing climate (c)
13. **BBNPA:** Agenda for Planning Committee, Tuesday, 4th July, 2023, 10.00 am (c)
14. **OVW:** Bronllys Well Being Park AGM Reminder - Thursday 29th June 2023 (c)
15. **OVW:** Latest on Wales Air Ambulance in Welshpool (c)
16. **Urdd:** Montgomery Urdd Eisteddfod Proclamation Event (c)
17. **PAVO:** Locality Network Representatives (c)
18. **BBNPA:** Appeal against refusal of planning permission - Land Adjoining Llwynytrych Farm Fields, Glangwynne (c)
19. **Locality Networks:** Crickhowell Locality Network - minutes of meeting 20/06/23 (c)
20. **Llais:** how Llais can work with people of Wales for better health and social care services (c)
21. **Powys County Council (PCC):** National; 20mph Restricted road Scheme (c)
22. **PCC:** CANCELLATION Quarterly PCC & Town & Community Council Meeting 06/07/23 (c)
23. **BBNPA:** 22/21287/FUL decision notice - Llangenny Stables, Llangenny NP8 1ET (c)
24. **Crickhowell Town Council:** Crickhowell Place Plan - representatives to meet consultant (c)
25. **MOD:** 20230704-Army at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show (c)
26. **OVW:** Reminder - June & July 2023 Training Dates (c)
27. **PCC:** agenda and minutes of Town and Community Council Meeting (c)
28. **OVW:** Sustainable Drainage Feasibility Grant (c)
29. **PCC:** Appointment to the Standards Community sub-committee (c)
30. **Powys Volunteer Centre:** Informal volunteering need (survey) (c)
31. **OVW:** Keep Wales Tidy - training and contract services survey (c)
32. **Police and Crime Commissioner:** Policing Accountability Board meeting be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Gwernyfed High School. (c)
33. **20sPlenty:** Zoom with Deputy Minister Lee Waters MS (c)
34. **PCC:** Opportunity to train as a nurse without leaving Powys and get paid at the same time (c)

#### Via Post

1. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** July 2023 – Issue 148  
(c) Circulated