

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

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

**Attended Remotely:** Cllr Jeff Greenidge

**In attendance:** PCSO Lee Garrett and the Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cty Cllr Beecham, Cllr David Sharman and Cllr Roger Llewelyn

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

**Prior to the start of the meeting proper PCSO Lee Garrett provided a policing report.**

PCSO Garrett informed members that whilst not 100% official it appears both Crickhowell and Hay on Wye Police Stations are scheduled for closure. It is anticipated a public consultation will be held.

During the last month it has been quite quiet with only 7 calls in the area (of which 3 were duplicates). These included theft of a quad bike from Bwlch and 4 quads from Llandovery (subsequently recovered), a domestic, online scams and mental health crisis. A suspect has been found for the burglary which occurred in Glangrwyney last May. PCSO Garrett advised farmers to be vigilant whilst the Royal Welsh Show is running as criminals are known to target farms whilst farmers visit the show.

Scams are particularly prevalent at present with people reported losing significant sums of money via investment scams involving Bitcoin. Other scams include messages via WhatsApp stating a family member needs help as they have lost their phone, etc. PCSO Garrett provided posters advising on how to avoid getting scammed for distribution within the community.

*8:00 PCSO Garrett left the meeting*

### **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**

Following discussion it was proposed the council respond by stating it supports the officer's report and stands by its original recommendation that this application is refused (reiterating previous objections/attaching previous correspondence).

*Signed:.....*  
*Chairman*

[Proposed Cllr Christy; Seconded Cllr Bridgwater]. Agreed by majority vote (one abstention).

**RESOLVED to: write to the Planning Inspectorate as detailed.**

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

- (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

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

Cllr Beecham submitted a written report in which he reported:

- A40 through Glangrwyney: the Trunk Road Agency (TRA) has asked its design team to carry out a feasibility study as it now intends to link in drainage, signage and Active Travel plans prior to resurfacing. Works scheduled for the A40 are not anticipated to start until 2025. Cllr Beecham's suggestion the council write to the TRA to register dissatisfaction with the current state of the A40 and the proposed time in which the works will be carried out was agreed.
- Llangenny Bridge Repairs – work should commence within the next couple of weeks.
- Glangrwyney Bridge and 20mph limit – a response is awaited from PCC regarding the request to reinstate the footpath.

PCC has confirmed the limit on the A40 in Glangrwyney village and between the pub and the 40mph sign by the iron bridge will be reduced to 20mph in September. It was questioned why the 20mph speed hasn't been extended to the bridge?

- Glangrwyney Parking Issues – no meaningful response has been received possibly because PCC is unlikely to be able to fund or help fund any such project.
- Powys Wide Street-lighting Project - all street lighting (except those managed by the TRA) will be upgraded (lower wattage/high pressure) with some lights switched off or dimmed by 50% between 00.30 and 05.30. Some lights are to be permanently removed/turned off. PCC has asked for feedback on the proposal to remove two lights in Llanbedr (Pontfaen between No 10 and 15/by Glebe Farmhouse/Rock Cottage).

Cllr Bridgwater will contact residents to gauge their opinion and report back at the next meeting.

The playground in Llanbedr was reported to be in poor condition. It was suggested this is reported to Cllr Beecham.

**5. Minutes:** the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 [Pages 1475-1478] were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Bowker].

*Signed:.....*

*Chairman*

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

- The unauthorised access on Bellfountain Road is being investigated.
- Llangenny Water Fountain – restoration works are now complete. Welsh Water are due to connect the mains water supply. The plate on which the tap is mounted is black (not green as requested). The Clerk will speak to the Heritage Officer to find out if this colour is acceptable.

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

Cllr Morris reported one more site is sought for the seventh tree. It was decided to proceed with the quote for the stainless steel plaques from a local company. Cllr Alford will order the angle irons on which the plaques will be mounted.

**ACTION: Clerk to order plaques; Cllr Alford to order angle irons.**

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

It was agreed further research needs to be undertaken to determine whether the council supports or opposes wind farms. Cllr Bridgwater offered to make enquiries. The decision will be deferred to the next meeting.

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

The Clerk will investigate the costs involved in setting up a .gov.uk domain.

**ACTION: Clerk to determine costs of setting up a .gov.uk domain.**

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

The Annual Report as circulated was approved for publication.

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

- Llanbedr Nature Garden
- Community Pantry
- Parking in Glangrwyney
- Responsibility for weeding in Glangrwyney village

**12. Finance:**

- (i) The following items were approved for payment [Proposed; Cllr Bowker; Seconded Cllr Lusted] and duly agreed.

Staff (Salary)

£

Signed:.....

Chairman

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

12.2 The Finance Report was noted.

**13. Highways:**

No new items. It was suggested difficulties with both parking and speeding in Glangrwyney need further investigation.

**14. Reports on Meetings Attended:**

Cllrs Lusted and Morris attended the environment meeting. Race to Zero in 2030.  
Cllr Morris attended the Five Councils Meeting.

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

**16. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence was noted.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:35pm

*Signed:.....*  
*Chairman*