

Vale of Grwyney Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned fro Grwyney

**The next meeting will be held in Glangrwyney Village Hall
Monday 15th April 2024 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
 - (i) **24/22791/FUL:** “An application for the replacement of fallen agricultural sheds with a new shed to be used as a machinery store with PV panels on the roof to power the farm and dwellings. The proposal includes a new pond. (Part Retrospective)” **Ysgubor Newydd, Llanbedr Road, Crickhowell NP8 1SP**
 - (ii) **24/22771/FUL:** “Construction of an agricultural slurry tank”. **Gwernybutler Farm , Bellfountain Road, Llangenny Crickhowell NP8 1TD**
 - (iii) **24/22755/FUL:** “Replacement of existing single storey elements with two storey extension to create larger master bedroom and kitchen living area.” **Lynbrook , Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SR**
 - 3.2 Decisions/Other:** to receive decisions and any other planning correspondence
 - (i) **Application 24/22684/FUL:** “Proposed two storey gable end extension and one additional car parking space” **13 St Peters Close, Llanbedr, NP8 1SQ has been GRANTED**
- 4. County Council Report** to receive and discuss general Powys County Council Matters
- 5. Highways:** to receive and discuss highway issues
- 6. Minutes:** to approve minutes of the 11th March 2024 meeting.
- 7. Clerk’s Report:** information from the minutes/up-date
- 8. Llangattock Green Valleys Black Mountains Community Energy:** to consider request to assist by promoting community consultation events
- 9. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Walk:** to receive up-date
- 10. Meet the Councillor Event:** to receive feedback from Glangrwyney event
- 11. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW):** to consider adopting determinations/ payment of mandated allowances
- 12. River Banks/Trees in Waterways:** to discuss responsibility for maintenance
- 13. Information from Members to be included in the next Agenda**
- 14. Finance:**
 - 14.1** To report & resolve to approve items for payment:
Staff (Salary); HMRC (Tax); G James (Office Expense £25/Travel £6.30); G James (Reimburse - Zoom £15.59/Stationery £14.68) £30.27; ICO (Data Protection) £40

14.2 To approve March Finance Report

14.3 To consider application for funding from “Living with Dementia”


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

Signed:  Clerk to the Council Dated 9th April 2024
Maria James, Clerk, Pleasant View, Fforest Coal Pit - 01873 890777

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

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App Ref: 24/22791/FUL
Officer: Max Webb
Date: 5 April 2024

Dear Sirs,

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)**The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedures) (Wales) Order 2012**

Proposal: "An application for the replacement of fallen agricultural sheds with a new shed to be used as a machinery store with PV panels on the roof to power the farm and dwellings. The proposal includes a new pond.

(Part Retrospective)"

Address: Ysgubor Newydd, Llanbedr Road, Crickhowell NP8 1SP

Grid Reference: E:322631 N:219921

The above application was received in this office on 2 April 2024. The full application can be viewed through our Authority's website <https://bannau.wales/online-applications>

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,

Max Webb
Planning Officer (DC)

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App Ref: 24/22771/FUL
Officer: Ryan Thomas
Date: 5 April 2024

Dear Sirs,

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

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

Proposal: "Construction of an agricultural slurry tank"

Address: Gwernybutler Farm, Bellfountain Road, Llangenny Crickhowell NP8 1TD

Grid Reference: E:322924 N:219195

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Planning Officer (Development Management)

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App Ref: 24/22755/FUL
Officer: Max Webb
Date: 20 March 2024

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 elements with two storey extension to create larger master bedroom and kitchen living area."

Address: Lynbrook , Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SR

Grid Reference: E:323743 N:220308

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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:

Adrian Drew
14 Thornhill Close
Brynmawr
Blaenau Gwent
NP23 4SA

Application Reference:

24/22684/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 two storey gable end extension and one additional car parking space" (Full Application) at
13 St Peters Close, Llanbedr, Crickhowell, Powys NP8 1SQ**

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:

Drawing Number	Drawing Title	Date Received
N/A	Site Location Plan	19 February 2024
24/CJ/203	Proposed dwelling elevations and floor plans	13 February 2024
24/CJ/201	Proposed Site Location Plan	

and the schedule of materials indicated thereon except where otherwise stipulated by conditions attached to this permission.

3. The biodiversity enhancement scheme as shown on "*drawing no. 24/CJ/203*" 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.
4. No external lighting shall be installed until an external lighting plan is submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall avoid conflict with wildlife corridors and biodiversity enhancement measures and shall be implemented as approved.

5. The proposed planting as shown in the Green Infrastructure Statement dated 26/2/2024 shall be implemented in the first planting season following the implementation of the extension to the side elevation of the property. Any 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. Any 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.
6. During the construction phase no machinery shall be operated, no process shall be carried out and no deliveries taken at or despatched from the site outside the following times: Monday- Friday 8.00 am-6.00pm, Saturday 8.00 am-1.00 pm nor at any time on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.

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. To comply with Planning Policy Wales (2024), 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.
4. To comply with Section 6 of Planning Policy Wales (2024), 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 Section 6 of Planning Policy Wales (2024), Technical Advice Note 5 and Policies SP3, 1, 6, 7 and 8 of the adopted Local Development Plan for the BBNP. To comply with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.
6. To protect the amenity of local residents.

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 Schedule1 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: NRW, Cantref Court, Brecon Road, Abergavenny, NP7 7AX Tel: 0300 065 3000.

Policies considered relevant to this decision:

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 6 Biodiversity and Development
- Policy 10 Water Quality
- Policy 12 Light Pollution
- Policy 27 House Extensions and Ancillary Buildings
- SP10 Sustainable Distribution of Development
- S LP1 Definition of Settlements
- S LP2 Settlements Appropriate Development
- S LP3 Mitigating Impact
- Policy 59 Impacts of Traffic

Brecon Beacons National Park Supplementary Planning Guidance:

- Householder Design Guide (2017)
- Biodiversity and Development (2016)
- Obtrusive Lighting and Light Pollution (2015)

National Planning Policy and Guidance:

Future Wales: the National Plan 2040 (Feb 2021)

Planning Policy Wales: 12th Edition 2024

Technical Advice Note (TAN) 5: Nature Conservation and Planning (2009)

Technical Advice Note (TAN) 12: Design (2016)



Signed:

National Park Authorised Officer

Date: 27 March 2023

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

Item 4

County Councillor Report:

To receive and discuss Powys County Council matters

Item 5

Highways:

To receive and discuss highway issues

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 11th March 2024 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

Present: Cllr John Morris (Chairman)
Cllr Colin Alford
Cllr Elaine Lusted

Attended Remotely: Cllr Phillip Bowker
Cllr David Sharman
Cllr Dean Christy

In attendance: County Cllr Chloe Masefield and the Clerk

Absent: Cllr Roger Llewelyn, Cllr Roger Bridgwater and Cllr Jeff Greenidge

1. Apologies for Absence: none received

2. Declarations of Interest: none declared

3. Planning Matters:

3.1 Applications: to consider and resolve responses to BBNPA:

- (i) **24/22684/FUL:** "Proposed two storey gable end extension and one additional car parking space" **13 St Peters Close, Llanbedr NP8 1SQ**

RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection

3.2 Decisions/Other: to receive decisions and other planning correspondence (if any)

- (i) The following application has been **Granted**:

Application 23/22536/LBC: "Works to Listed Barn, including new windows and barn doors, partial conversion to create an insulated home-working space, and bat mitigation work. Construction of unconnected adjacent 'Grotto Seat'." (Listed Building Consent) at **Henbant Fach, Llanbedr NP8 1TA**.

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

Cllr Masefield's report on Powys Council Matters was discussed.

It was noted Powys CC's budget has been approved. Other motions debated at the council meeting included:

- Changing term times and the impact on the Royal Welsh Show.
- Changes to the sustainable farming scheme.
- Impact of underground power cables - how to connect without unsightly pylons

Signed:.....

Chairman

Other matters reported included:

- Powys CC still have the keys for Llanbedr School (they are undertaking electrical works and have been asked to clean the building).
- The trunk road in Glangrwyney is being resurfaced - works commence on the 12th March.
- Powys CC is unable to do anything regarding parking in Glangrwyney – if the community have any proposals to alleviate parking pressures please inform Cllr Masefield.
- Cllrs Hall and Masefield are holding surgeries in Crickhowell Library on the last Saturday in the month (10am -1pm)
- A community survey on the provision of community transport in rural areas is underway.
- Communities are encouraged to produce or be involved in Place Plans.
- PCC is unable to erect signs to warn of the school bus pick-up point in Llangenny – the safety aspect will be pointed out.

Cllr Masefield was asked to emphasise the importance of repairing the road between Llanbedr and Fforest Coal Pit (currently closed due to a landslip).

20:15 Cllr Masefield left the meeting

5. Highways: to receive and discuss highway issues

A request for signs to warn of the narrow bridge in Llangenny was received at the last 'Meet the Councillor' event. Following discussion it was agreed to report this to Cllr Masefield.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Cllr Masefield

6. Minutes: the minutes of the 19th February 2024 [Pages 1512-1516] were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Lusted; Seconded Cllr Alford]. All agreed

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

- the internal auditor has signed the council's terms of engagement.
- a grant application form has been sent to Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau.
- Llangattock Green Valleys has been successful in its bid for funding.

8. Llangenny Water Fountain: to provide up-date

The Clerk is waiting to hear from BBNPA as to when they are available to attend the opening event.

The push-tap on the water fountain is either faulty or the water pressure needs adjusting. Cllr Alford has erected the information plaque. It was suggested the plaque advising the water is run before drinking is glued in place rather than drilling into the stonework.

ACTION: Cllr Alford will attach the plaque

9. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Walk: to discuss route/approve fact sheet

Signed:.....

Chairman

A fact sheet relating to Queen Elizabeth II's reign was drafted and circulated. Facts relating to local/historical events still need to be compiled.

Cllrs Morris and Alford will erect the tree plaques at the appropriate locations.

ACTION: Cllrs Morris and Alford to erect plaques. Clerk to compile fact sheet.

10. Meet the Councillor Event: to discuss arrangements for Glangrwyney event

The next event will be held in Glangrwyney Village Hall on Tuesday, 26th March 2024. Light refreshments will be provided. Notices promoting the event will be placed in the village noticeboards.

ACTION: Clerk to put notices in the village noticeboards

11. Llanbedr Noticeboard: to discuss/approve purchasing new noticeboard

A new noticeboard, similar to those in Llangenny and Glangrwyney, would cost approximately £1,900. Before taking a decision on whether to replace/relocate the noticeboard adjacent to the now closed school it was agreed to ask residents what they want.

ACTION: notice asking residents for their observations to be placed in the hall's noticeboard

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

- IRPW recommendations
- 31st March finance report
- NRW – responsibility for banks/trees in river

13. Finance:

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

Staff (Salary)	£	
HMRC (Tax)	£	
G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£	31.30
G James (Reimburse Zoom £15.59/Stationery £47.83)	£	63.42
Audit Wales (Audit 2021/22)	£	460.00
One Voice Wales (Subscription)	£	161.00

13.2 The February Finance Report was received and noted.

13.3 It was agreed to the general reserves should be increased to £5,000

13.4 It was agreed to adopt the risk assessment as circulated.

Signed:.....

Chairman

14. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended

Powys County Council Meeting with Town & Community Councils: the Clerk attended. Minutes have been circulated.

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

20. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence as itemised in Appendix B was received.

Item 4: Community Engagement Training – Cllr Lusted will attend

Item 6: Living with Dementia funding – grant application form will be sent.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.03pm

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Signed:.....

Chairman

Item 7

Clerk's Report:

Information from the minutes/up-date

Item 8

Llangattock Green Valleys Black Mountains Community Energy:
to consider request to assist by promoting consultation events

Item 9

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Walk:

to receive up-date

Item 10

Meet the Councillor Event:

to receive feedback from Glangrwyney event



Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Annual Report

February 2024

Community and Town Councils

The Panel continues to mandate payments for the extra costs of working from home and payments for office consumables. There is no change to the Determination made last year.

Mandatory Payments: Determination 6

Payment for extra costs of working from home

All councils must pay their members £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power, and broadband) of working from home.

Set payment for consumables

Councils must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables.

It is a matter for each council to make and record a policy decision in respect of when and how the payments are made and whether they are paid monthly, yearly, or otherwise. The policy should also state whether and how to recover any payments made to a member who leaves or changes their role during the financial year.

Compensation for Financial Loss; Determination 7

Compensation for financial loss is an optional payment. The amount for financial loss was not increased last year. Previously, the Panel determined that an appropriate level of payment should be set at the daily rate of ASHE. To maintain this link, the figures for 2024 are now set at £119.62 for a full day and £59.81 for a half day.

Reporting Requirements; Determination 8

Community and Town Councils are required to submit an annual statement of payments to the Panel by the 30 September each year, and also publish this on their website. The Panel have provided a template return for clerks to use.

The Panel have discussed and considered changing the requirements for Community and Town Councils when submitting their statement of payment returns. The Panel's aim is to simplify administration and encourage Councils to ensure all mandatory payments are made to individual members.

The Panel proposes that from September 2024, the returns need only show the total amounts paid in respect of the mandatory payments mentioned above. That is the £156 contribution to the costs of working from home and the £52 set rate consumables allowance and the travel and subsistence expenses paid.

This brings these in line with the reporting of the costs of care and personal assistance allowances.

Payments to Community and Town Councils

Type of Payment	Group	Requirement
Extra costs payment	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Mandatory for all members
Senior role	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Mandatory £500 for 1 member; optional for up to 7
Mayor or chair	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional: up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy mayor or deputy chair	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional: up to a maximum of £500
Attendance allowance	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional
Financial loss	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional
Travel and subsistence	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional
Costs of care or personal assistance	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Mandatory
Extra costs payment	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Mandatory for all members
Senior role	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Mandatory for 1 member; optional up to 5
Mayor or chair	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Optional: up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy mayor or deputy chair	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Optional: up to a maximum of £500
Attendance allowance	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Optional
Financial loss	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Optional
Travel and subsistence	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Optional
Costs of care or personal assistance	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Mandatory
Extra costs payment	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Mandatory for all members
Senior role	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Optional up to 3 members
Mayor or chair	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Optional - Up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy mayor or deputy chair	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Optional - Up to a maximum of £500
Attendance allowance	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Optional
Financial loss	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Optional
Travel and subsistence	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Optional
Costs of care or personal assistance	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Mandatory
Extra Costs Payment	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Mandatory for all members

Senior Role	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Optional up to 3 members
Mayor or Chair	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Optional - Up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Optional - Up to a maximum of £500
Attendance Allowance	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Optional
Financial Loss	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Optional
Travel and Subsistence	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Optional
Costs of Care or Personal Assistance	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Mandatory
Extra Costs Payment	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Mandatory for all members
Senior Role	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Optional up to 3 members
Mayor or Chair	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Optional - Up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Optional - Up to a maximum of £500
Attendance Allowance	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Optional
Financial Loss	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Optional
Travel and Subsistence	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Optional
Cost of Care or Personal Assistance	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Mandatory

There have been no changes made to payments for undertaking senior roles; allowances for Travel and subsistence; Care and Personal Assistance or Attendance allowance. All current Determinations are published on our website.

Summary of Determinations for 2024 to 2025

Determination 1:

The basic level of salary for elected members of principal councils will be set at £18,666.

Determination 2:

The salary of a leader of the largest (Group A) council will be £69,998. All other payments have been decided in reference to this.

Determination 3:

The salary of a chair of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be £9,333.

The salary of vice chair will be £4,667.

Determination 4:

The basic pay of members of National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities has been increased.

All current Determinations, including restrictions on receiving double allowances, will be published on our website. Other than the above increases, there are no changes proposed this year.

Determination 5:

For co opted members of Principal Councils, National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities, payments, the Panel proposes there should be local flexibility for the relevant officer to decide when it will be appropriate to apply a day or a half day rate or to use an hourly rate where it is sensible to aggregate a number of short meetings.

The full and half day rates remain unchanged from 2023 to 2024. The only change is the stipulation of hourly rates.

Determination 6:

Members of Community and Town Councils will be paid £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power, and broadband) of working from home. And Councils must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables. Therefore, there is no change from last year.

Determination 7

Compensation for financial loss is an optional payment. The amount for financial loss was not increased last year. The Panel determined that this payment should continue to be linked to the daily rate of ASHE. To maintain this link, the figures for 2024 are now set at £119.62 for a full day and £59.81 for a half day.

Determination 8:

The Panel has determined that from September 2024, the returns due from all Community and Town Council need only show the total amounts paid in respect of the mandatory payments mentioned above. That is the £156 contribution to the costs of working from home and the £52 set rate consumables allowance and the travel and subsistence expenses paid.

This brings these in line with the reporting of the costs of care and personal assistance allowances.

All other Determinations set out on our [website](#) remain valid and should be applied.

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This Annual Report and other information about the Panel and its work are available on our [website](#).

Item 12

River Banks/Trees in Waterways:

to discuss responsibility for maintenance

Item 13

Information from Members to be included in the Next Agenda

MONTH 1 - APRIL 2024

ITEM	ANNUAL BUDGET	SPENT	REMAINING	TRANSFERS	CURRENT BUDGET
SALARIES	5,500.00	420.00	5,080.00		5,080.00
SERVICED OFFICE (Broadband/Electric/Storage)	300.00	25.00	275.00		275.00
OFFICE EXPENSES (Post/Stationery/Photocopying)	300.00	14.68	285.32		285.32
HALL HIRE/ZOOM FEE	800.00	15.59	784.41		784.41
MEMBERS ALLOWANCE	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00		3,000.00
WEB SITE	200.00	0.00	200.00		200.00
AUDIT	800.00	0.00	800.00		800.00
INSURANCE	300.00	0.00	300.00		300.00
CARE OF BENCHES.NOTICE BOARDS	100.00	0.00	100.00		100.00
WATER RATES	100.00	0.00	100.00		100.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	300.00	0.00	300.00		300.00
DONATIONS	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
TRAVELLING EXPENSES	200.00	6.30	193.70		193.70
TRAINING/CONFERENCE	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
ELECTION EXPENSES	600.00	0.00	600.00		600.00
CONTINGENECIES	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
ICO (DATA PROTECTION	40.00	40.00	0.00		0.00
NATURE GARDEN	400.00	0.00	400.00		400.00
TOTAL	£19,440.00	£521.57			£18,918.43

EARMARKED RESERVES

LLANGENNY WATER FOUNTAIN	352.60		
JUBILEE EXPENSES (GRANT)	1,496.36		

GENERAL RESERVES

ONE QUARTER OPERATIONAL COSTS	5,000.00
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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS -

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE NO	AMOUNT	POWERS & DUTIES
Staff	Salary	001815		Local Government Act 1972 s112
HMRC	Tax	001816		Local Government Act 1972 s112
G M James	Serviced Office £25 Travelling Exp £6.30	001817	£ 31.30	Local Government Act 1972 s111
G M James - reimbursement	Zoom £15.59 / Stationery £12.98 / Postage £1.70	001818	£ 30.27	Local Government Act 1972 s111
Data Protection	Subscription	001819	£ 40.00	Local Government Act 1972 s111
TOTAL			£ 521.57	

VIREMENTS:	
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INCOME - 2023/24	Mar/April	TOTAL
PRECEPT £11,000 (PAYABLE IN 3 INSTALMENTS)	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	0.00
BANK INTEREST (BUSINESS A/C)	0.00	0.00
GRANT	0.00	0.00
VAT REFUND	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	£0.00	£0.00

BALANCE ON BANK STATEMENT	DATE	TOTAL
Current Account	04/03/2024	XX
Business Reserve Account	28/03/2024	£4,044.06

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bank statement not received for current a/c

Signed:

Chairman

Item 14

Grant Application:

To consider grant application from Living with Dementia

Item 15

To receive Reports on Meetings Attended

April 2024

APPENDIX A

List of Correspondence

Via Email:

1. **Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority (BBNPA):** weekly planning registers (8/03/24; 15/03/24; 22/03/24; 29/03/24; 05/04/24) (c)
2. **BBNPA:** Decision Notice - 23/22536/LBC - Henbant Fach, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1TA(c)
3. **PAVO:** Powys Volunteer of the Year Awards (c)
4. **LAIS:** Join a National Conversation with Llais (c)
5. **Crickhowell Assemblies:** Would you like a regular local Community Shuttle Bus? (c)
6. **One Voice Wales (OVW):** Reminder - National Awards Conference 27 March 2024 (c)
7. **Powys County Council/Cllr Masefield:** Sustainable Powys - LET'S TALK! (c)
8. **Julie King:** Social Value Forum (SVF) Funding - Meet the Funder event 19 March 2024 (c)
9. **Cllr Hall:** Upgrading the gas network in Crickhowell - Wales & West Utilities (c)
10. **Audit Wales:** audit information (c)
11. **BBNPA:** Planning Application Consultation Letter 24/22755/FUL (c)
12. **Urdd:** The Urdd's Fund for All – Funding Request (c)
13. **OVW:** Important Message: Sustainable Powys Webinar 21/3/24. (c)
14. **OVW:** 2024 - March, April, May & June 2023 training dates (c)
15. **OVW:** Annual Financial Timetable of Actions (c)
16. **OVW:** New consultation: Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill (c/w)
17. **PAVO:** Social Value Forum Fund still open for applications (c)
18. **Julie King:** Volunteering in Wales (2) (c)
19. **LAIS:** Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care consultation (c)
20. **Llandrindod Wells Town Council:** Referendum on Wind Turbines and Pylons in Powys (c)
21. **OVW/WG:** Focus group for youth representatives of community and town councils (c)
22. **OVW:** Brecon & Radnor Area Committee 8.4.24
23. **BBNPA:** New Funding for Town and Community Councils (c)
24. **PCC:** Standards Committee Annual report 2022-23 (c)
25. **Crickhowell Town Council:** Toilet Tender is now live (c)
26. **Living with Dementia** Grant Application (c)
27. **BBNPA:** Decision 24/22684/FUL (c)
28. **Powys SLCC:** One Voice Wales - Cost of Living Group (c)
29. **OVW/Cambrian Training :** Free Workshop in Powys - Meal Preparation on a budget (c)
30. **OVW:** Local Councils set new standards across Wales! (c)
31. **OVW:** Training Certificate/s (M James/E Lusted)
32. **BBNPA:** Planning Application Consultation Letter 24/22771/FUL (c)
33. **OVW:** 2024 - March, April, May & June 2023 Training Dates (c)
34. **Emergency Ambulance Services:** Update from the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee on the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service (EMRTS Cymru) (c)
35. **PCC:** Vaping (c/w)
36. **BBNPA:** Planning Application Consultation Letter 24/22791/FUL (c)
37. **Zurich:** Town and Parish policy renewal (c)
38. **OVW:** Cyfarfodydd Pethau Bychain Meetings (c)
39. **OVW:** Cost of Living Crisis Newsletter: April 2024 (c)
40. **Resident:** vehicles on public highway in Llangenny (c)

Via Post

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(c) Circulated

(w) On web site

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Late Correspondence:

To receive and discuss miscellaneous/late correspondence