

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

**Present:** Cllr Elaine Lusted (Chair)  
Cllr John Morris  
Cllr Roger Bridgwater  
Cllr Roger Llewelyn

**Attended Remotely:** Cllr David Sharman  
Cllr Jeff Greenidge  
Cllr Phill Bowker

**In attendance:** County Cllr Chloe Masefield  
The Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Dean Christy, Cllr Colin Alford

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

**3. Planning Matters:**

**3.1 Applications: to consider and resolve responses to BBNPA:**

- (i) **24/23013/FUL** – “Replacement of the existing single storey outbuilding with a two storey side extension and porch plus the construction of a rear garden room” **31 Martell Way, Cwrt Y Gollen, Crickhowell NP8 1TJ**

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

- (ii) **24/23005/FUL:** “New carport and conversion of garage. New glass link to garage and Main House.” **The Coach House, Ty-Llangenny, Crickhowell NP8 1HD**

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

- (iii) **24/23006/LBC:** “New carport and conversion of garage. New glass link to garage and Main House.” **The Coach House , Ty-Llangenny, Crickhowell NP8 1HD**

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

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

- (i) The following application has reported to have been granted:

**24/22902/TPO:** “The tree safety report carried out by Arbtech on 10.04.2024 identifies 8 trees needing attention” **Tyn-y-cefn, Llangenny NP8 1HD**

Signed:.....  
Chair

## **4. County Council Report to receive and discuss general Powys County Council (PCC) Matters:**

**Sustainable Powys:** Emma Palmer (CEO of PCC) attended the last Five Councils Meeting. If council has any questions/feedback please inform Cllr Masefield.

**Landslip at Fforest Coal Pit:** the tender received identified works costing significantly more than anticipated. PCC is now considering moving the road to the north of the slip. Road closure signs have been moved. Signs need to be provided identifying where the closure is and stating no through traffic.

**Glangrwyney Speeding/Parking Issues:** Dyfed Powys Police undertook a speed assessment which identified the area as very unsafe. This has been reported to Welsh Government (Trunk Road Agency). Issues with speeding and noise pollution have increased, with no speed vans seen in the village since the 20 mph limit was introduced.

*The order of the agenda was amended - Item 8 was discussed next.*

## **8. Speed Limits: to discuss/agree holding a consultation event/feedback on 20mph speed limits**

It was questioned whether the speed limit in Glangrwyney should be changed to 30mph or stay at 20mph but enforced and signposted correctly? Debate ensued during which it was agreed residents should be consulted. A leaflet drop/questionnaire will be undertaken in Glangrwyney. Cllrs Llewelyn, Bowker and Greenidge to arrange. Results from this will be fed back into a consultation event in the hall. [Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Llewelyn].

**RESOLVED to: hold a drop-in public consultation in The Chat Room, Glangrwyney Village Hall on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (5-7pm).**

## **5. Highways: to receive and discuss highway issues**

Glangrwyney: it was questioned who would be liable if a pedestrian gets injured on the Bailey Bridge now the footpath has been removed? Cllr Masefield will make enquiries however understood PCC will not reinstate the footpath. The engineer who met councillors at the bridge is due to submit a report on the repairs required.

Grwyne Fechan: the Bont Lane needs cleaning and gullies emptying before winter.

## **6. Minutes:** the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 [Page 1533-1537] were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Morris; Seconded Cllr Llewelyn]. Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 [Page 1538] were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Bridgwater; Seconded Cllr Morris].

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

- A meeting to discuss the bus stop in Llangenny has been arranged for Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Cllr Lusted to attend).

*Signed:.....*

*Chair*

- There is a problem with the tap on Llangenny Water Fountain. The Clerk will speak to the contractor to see if a different tap can be fitted.

*Item 8 (Speed Limits) was discussed earlier in the meeting*

**9. Online Banking: to decide which bank to use**

Council agreed to open an online account with Lloyds Bank. The Clerk will register as a signatory to set up payments for two councillors to authorise. Existing signatories will be registered on the new account. [Proposed Cllr Llewelyn; Seconded Cllr Sharman].

**RESOLVED to: open an online account with Lloyds Bank**

**10. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Walk: to receive up-date**

Samples of maps/leaflets created by an artist for a local organisation were circulated. This artist has been asked to quote for creating a similar style map/leaflet for the Jubilee Walk. Members suggested the map is black and white rather than colour.

**ACTION: Clerk to find out the cost of creating a black and white map**

**11. Community Transport Group: to appoint representative**

It was agreed to appoint Cllr Bridgwater.

**RESOLVED to: appoint Cllr Bridgwater as the council's representative on the Community Transport Group**

**12. Llanbedr Playground: to receive up-date on plans to paint the play equipment**

Stephen Butcher (PCC) has confirmed he will supply paint/brushes to paint the slide and climbing frame, but not if he will sign off the safety matting under the climbing frame if the council repairs it. Mr Butcher will be asked to deliver these materials to Cllr Bridgwater.

Further to a report that councils are being urged to mow land less often it was suggested PCC is asked to leave the grass around the corners of the playing field in Llanbedr unmown and plant more trees in this field.

**ACTION: Clerk to ask Stephen Butcher to deliver paint to Cllr Bridgwater.**

**13. Powys Town and Community Councils Climate Event Powys: to discuss attending/donating**

The questionnaire on the proposed climate event was discussed and completed. Cllr Bridgwater and Cllr Lusted to attend.

**ACTION: Clerk to submit the completed questionnaire.**

Signed:.....  
Chair

**14. Caravans in Glangrwyney: to receive up-date on alleged unauthorised use of agricultural land as a caravan site and consider how to proceed.**

Caravans/motorhomes were reported to have stayed on a field previously refused planning permission (and subsequent appeal dismissed) for a caravan site. Following discussion Council agreed to inform the BBNPA.

**RESOLVED to: report this matter to BBNPA**

**15. Powys County Council Quarterly Town and Community Council Meetings: to discuss agenda items**

The liaison meetings were considered a useful link. Council was encouraged to submit discussion items as the meetings are currently officer led and poorly attended.

*9:30 Cllr Sharman left the meeting*

**16. Information from Members to be included in the next Agenda: None reported.****17. Finance:**

17.1 The following items were approved for payment [Proposed; Cllr Greenidge; Seconded Cllr Morris] and duly agreed:

Staff (Salary)	£	
HMRC (Tax)	£	
G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £12.60)	£	37.60
G James (Reimburse: Zoom £15.59/Postage £1.70/Stationery 4.75)	£	22.04
Glangrwyney Village Hall (Hire 17/06/24)	£	30.00
One Voice Wales (Training: Module 5 – E Lusted)	£	40.00
D Sharman (Councillor/Stationery Allowance £156 plus £52)	£	208.00
One Voice Wales (Training: Module 10 – E Lusted)	£	40.00
Welsh Water (Llanbedr Water Trough)	£	15.36
Welsh Water (Llangenny Water Fountain)	£	15.10

17.2 The amended Finance Report for June and the Finance Report for July were noted.

**18 To receive Reports on Meetings Attended:**

Cllr Morris and Cllr Christy attended the Five Councils Meeting in Crickhowell. Cllr Christy spoke on traffic issues. Discussions revolved around Sustainable Powys with the emphasis on working together.

**19 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 21.43pm

Signed:.....  
Chair