

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 16th September 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 Colin Alford
Cllr Phillip Bowker
Cllr Roger Llewelyn

Attended Remotely: Cllr David Sharman
Cllr Roger Bridgwater

In attendance: County Cllr Chloe Masefield
The Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Dean Christy, Cllr Jeff Greenidge

2. Declarations of Interest: none declared.

3. Planning Matters:

3.1 Applications: to consider and resolve responses to BBNPA:

- (i) **23/22483/FUL:** "Conversion of former bothy to a studio for use ancillary to the lawful use of the land as holiday accommodation and associated installation of a new foul drainage system. In addition, the installation of decking area to the existing caravan" **Ty-Phillip, Llanbedr NP8 1SY**

It was questioned whether this building has been in use as a bothy and clarification requested on the definition of a bothy. The access lane is narrow and further information concerning proposed use and how many people/cars it is intended to accommodate is required.

RESOLVED to: comment as detailed.

- (ii) **24/23158/FUL:** "First-floor extension over existing single-storey structure to side of dwelling. Pitched roof, to match existing." **8 St Peters Close, Llanbedr NP8 1SQ**

RESOLVED to: submit response of no objection.

3.2 Decisions/Other: the following decisions were noted to have been **GRANTED:**

- (i) **23/22515/FUL:** "Demolition of the existing garage and erection of a one and a half storey studio and workshop with native plants, wildflower meadow, and mixed hedge." **Coed Mill, Llanbedr NP8 1ST**
- (ii) **24/23018/FUL:** "Demolish Defective porch and replace with Sun Room" **Llwyn-On Farmhouse, Llanbedr NP7 7LW**

Signed:.....

Chairman

- (iii) **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
- (iv) **24/22771/FUL:** “Construction of an agricultural slurry tank”. **Gwernybutler Farm, Bellfountain Road, Llangenny NP8 1TD**
- (v) **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**
- (vi) **24/23018/FUL:** “Demolish Defective porch and replace with Sun Room” **Llwyn-On Farmhouse , Llanbedr NP7 7LW**

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

- **Powys Town & Community Councils Climate & Nature Conference:** to be held in Builth Wells on 10th October 2024.
- **Community Transport Meeting:** notes of the Community Transport Meeting have been circulated to the council’s representative (Cllr Bridgwater). If anyone wants further information please ask Cllr Masefield.
- **Fforest Coal Pit Slip:** Cllr Alford spoke to a highways operative on site who said PCC propose moving the road. It was questioned whether alternative solutions have been considered? Cllr Masefield will request a formal up-date from Powys County Council.
- **Grwyne Fechan:** the slip by The Chapel is getting worse. Vegetation growing on the river bank needs cutting down.

Pothole between Green Cottage and the turning to Llanbedr (near Tredomen) is dangerous (fills with water). This has been reported online.

- **Llanbedr:** workmen treating unsafe trees in the village were asked to look at the trees by the park (which the council had reported previously), but were unable to do so as this was not on their work schedule. This was considered a waste of resources considering the men were already in the area.

Cllr Masefield explained jobs are based on officer priorities and suggested Daniel Ralf is invited to attend a site meeting to discuss any longstanding matters.

5. Highways: to receive and discuss highway issues

Glangrwyney: Cllr Sharman advised PCC to inform BBNPA of a significant change to highways (in relation to the Cwrt Y Gollen planning application) in that there is no longer a

Signed:.....

Chairman

footpath on the iron bridge and to request a new bridge with footpath is provided as part of planning gain.

Glangrwyney: Cllr Masefield is awaiting a response from the army regarding the suggestion they repair the iron bridge. PCC is uncertain as to the question of liability should an accident occur on the bridge now there is no footpath – Cllr Masefield has requested clarification. Following discussion on what warning signs/markings are required to improve safety on the bridge it was suggested an officer is invited to meet on site to discuss what would work best. Cllr Masefield will make enquires.

Complaints have been received about HGVs using Llangenny Lane rather than Llangenny Road because of the “Unsuitable for HGV” sign in Glangrwyney. As Llangenny Lane is narrower than Llangenny Road the sign is being re-located to Llangenny Lane.

6. Minutes: to approve the minutes of the 19th August 2024 meeting:

The minutes of the 19th August 2024 [Pages 1543-1546] meeting were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Morris; Seconded Cllr Sharman] and duly agreed.

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

- The tap has been replaced on the water fountain in Llangenny.
- Powys County Council’s Land Drainage Team has offered to meet to discuss river bank erosion. The Clerk will email those wishing to attend (Cllrs Morris, Alford and Bridgwater) to arrange a convenient date.
- The new bank account requires signatories to confirm how long they have resided at their current address and provide mobile numbers.
- PCSO Garrett will attend a future meeting – date to be agreed.

8. Speed Limits: to receive feedback from public consultation and formulate response to Welsh Government

Feedback from the consultation event and leaflet drop reveal:

- the majority of residents want the speed limit to remain at 20mph;
- the majority consider the current signs inappropriately positioned;
- the majority are in favour of buffer zones (30mph down to 20mph)
- the majority of residents want enforcement

A map showing where residents wish the speed signs to be positioned will be prepared and circulated to members for approval prior to submission.

The comments will be forwarded to the Trunk Road Agency (as agents for Welsh Government) and to Powys County Council.

Signed:.....

Chairman

Cllr Bridgwater reported Powys County Council sent a report to Welsh Government identifying the poor safety statistics for Powys roads. Accident statistics throughout Powys are some of the worst in the whole of the UK. Average speed cameras are the most effective deterrent to speeding vehicles.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate map identifying where signs should be positioned for approval prior to submitting to Welsh Government.

9. Single Transferable Vote Consultation: to consider response

Cllr Masefield was disappointed to report the likelihood of this being voted in by the current council is low, although if the results of the consultation reveal a majority in favour of the single transferable vote it may be looked at again in the future. Members agreed to respond to the consultation individually.

20.42 Cllr Masefield left the meeting

10. Emails: to consider migrating to gov.uk email addresses

Information concerning the benefits of moving to a gov.uk/gov.wales emails/domain was circulated. Council requested further information is sought from adjacent councils who have gone through the process.

ACTION: Clerk to make enquiries.

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

Lisa Hillier has agreed to produce a simple map for the suggested budget. Cllr Bridgwater has drafted a map identifying the trees, local landmarks and routes. Discussion ensued as to the level of detail required. It was suggested the map is sent to Lisa Hillier who can then decide what she thinks should be included.

ACTION: map to be shared with Lisa Hillier.

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

- Caravans in Glangrwyney
- King Charles III's Portrait
- Sponsorship of community events

13 Finance:

13.1 The following items were approved for payment [Proposed; Cllr Morris; 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/Postage £2.55/ Ink 33.75)	£	51.89

Signed:.....

Chairman

Glangrwyney Hall (Hire – 19/08/24)	£	30.00
Llangenny School Hall (Hire – 3 meetings)	£	90.00

13.2 The amended Finance Report for August and Finance Report for September were noted.

14 To receive Reports on Meetings Attended

PCC Town/Community Council Meeting: Cllr Bridgwater attended: vaping is a significant concern from both a health and environmental prospective. Dangers with speeding on Powys' roads were reported previously [Item 8].

One Voice Wales - Cost of Living Webinar: Cllr Morris attended: lot of councils throughout Wales are working with larger councils to fund/organise events for youngsters and questioned whether the council could support/sponsor community groups holding events for youngsters. This will be placed on the next agenda.

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

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

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.22 pm.

Signed:.....
Chairman