

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 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 Roger Llewelyn  
Cllr Roger Bridgwater  
Cllr Dean Christy

**Attended Remotely:** Cllr David Sharman  
Cllr Phillip Bowker  
County Cllr Chloe Masefield

**In attendance:** The Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Jeff Greenidge

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

**3. Planning Matters:**

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

- (i) **24/23488/LBC:** “Proposed extension to replace the current kitchen extension. Removing external staircase from the rear elevation. Rationalising the fenestration on the eastern elevation. Removing the boiler room. Removing the entrance canopy to the rear elevation” : **The Regency House, Glangrwyney NP8 1ES**

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

- (ii) **24/23487/FUL:** “Proposed extension to replace the poorly constructed kitchen extension. Removing external staircase from the rear elevation. Rationalising the fenestration on the eastern elevation. Removing the boiler room and shower room. Removing inappropriate addition to the rear porch. Carry out improvements to the existing heating system” **The Regency House, Glangrwyney NP8 1ES**

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

**3.2 Pre-application Planning Consultation:**

- (i) **Dower House, Partrishow NP7 7LP** Demolition of agricultural buildings and replacing with private equestrian use. Application to amend recently approved application 24/22935/FUL for private equestrian use. The weblink <https://bit.ly/Dower-House> gives access to the associated documents.

**RESOLVED: on the basis of information provided the council has no adverse**

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*Chairman*

comments at this time.

3.1 **Decisions/Other:** the following decisions were noted:

- (i) **WITHDRAWN: Application 23/22516/FUL:** “Demolition of existing dormer window and an existing roof light and formation of two new dormer windows” **Coed Mill, Llanbedr, NP8 1ST**
- (ii) **REFUSED: Application 24/23135/FUL:** “Retention of hay and implement store and temporary use as stables, to accommodate recent demolition of stables, prior to their replacement with building constructed in slightly modified format” **Llangenny Stables, Llangenny NP8 1ET.**

**RESOLVED to: advise BBNPA lighting on this site does not comply with a condition of previously approved application (22/21287/FUL)**

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

In addition to the written report circulated Cllr Masfield reported:

- Crickhowell Fire Station Consultation: the Fire Authority intends changing fire services across Powys. People are encouraged to attend the drop-in session on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to ensure the Fire Authority know how important Crickhowell Fire Station is to the community.

Discussion ensued regarding the budget and terminology used, with frustration expressed at the negative consequences of revenue cutbacks and its longterm effects. Highways in particular needs re-organising. Cllr Masfield reported PCC has allocated the slight increase in budget received from Welsh Government entirely to highways. Cllr Masfield was asked to arrange a meeting with Cllr Jackie Charlton to discuss revenue spending/how it needs to keep pace with inflation.

Community Speed Watch: Cllrs Bowler, Llewelyn and Bridgwater will complete the application form previously circulated.

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

Glangrwyney: Static speed camera signs will be erected in the spring. Three street lights have been repaired (one didn't need repairing). One remains out (on the corner by Whitehall on the junction with Gilwern Road - No 939).

Grwyne Fechan: water still on road by Green Cottage.

Llangenny: fallen trees (from MOD side) are blocking the river at Millbrook. PCC has visited the site and reported it to Natural Resources Wales (NRW). It was suggested the Military Police HQ in Donnington are contacted. Cllr Masfield will make enquires.

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Chairman

*20.23 Cllr Masfield left the meeting.*

**6. Minutes: to approve the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 meeting**

The minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 meeting [Pages 1567-1570] were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Alford; Seconded Cllr Morris] and duly agreed.

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

Page 1568 – Item 7 – static speed camera signs will be erected in the spring.  
Page 1570 - Item 15.3 – Mrs Hughes will undertake the internal audit (terms of engagement will be sent).

Council's April meeting will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**8. Parking in Glangrwyney: to discuss holding community meeting/leaflet drop**

A number of residents expressed interest in meeting to discuss ways of improving parking in Glangrwyney. Discussion ensued as to how to proceed. Members agreed before organising a public meeting the council needs to find out if any land adjoining the village hall can be utilised for parking. The landowner will be invited to a meeting with councillors to discuss this. The clerk will inform residents the council needs to make enquiries before it is able to proceed with a community meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk to write landowner/residents as detailed.**

**9. Financial Regulations: to consider adopting revised version**

Discussion deferred to next meeting

**10. Llanbedr Community Orchard/Nature Garden: to receive up-date/discuss maintenance**

Following discussion it was agreed to look at this in May. Cllr Bridgwater offered to put safety netting around the fallen gate.

**ACTION: Cllr Bridgwater to put netting around the fallen gate.**

**11. Queen's Jubilee Walk: to receive map/agree alterations**

Council suggested minor amendments (mainly spelling of areas) and requested hills/roads are coloured. The map to be titled the "Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Walk".

**ACTION: Clerk to ask artist to make suggested amendments**

**12. Consultations: discuss how to engender responses to consultations**

Discussion took place on how consultations are promoted to ensure everyone has the

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opportunity to respond. Members shared that they do speak with residents and that consultations are advertised on the council's web site. However it was noted the site is under-utilised. Council acknowledged its responsibility to actively promote consultations and encourage greater use of the web site.

**ACTION: Councillors to promote consultations/web site.**

**13. Risk Assessment: to conduct annual Risk Assessment**

The risk assessment previously circulated was approved.

**RESOLVED to: adopt the risk assessment.**

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

Nothing to report.

**15. Finance:**

15.1 The following items were approved for payment [Proposed; Cllr Christy; Seconded Cllr Sharman] and duly agreed:

Staff (Salary)	£	
HMRC (Tax)	£	
G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£	31.30
G James (Reimburse: Zoom £15.59/Postage £1.70/		
Microsoft One Drive £19.99/Paper £6.50	£	43.78
Llanbedr Village Hall (Hire 20/01/25)	£	30.00
Wales & West Housing (Annual Licence)	£	1.00
M Williams (Strimming Nature Garden)	£	75.00

15.2 The February Finance Report was noted.

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

Five Councils Meeting: Cllr John Morris attended.

Highways Meeting: Cllrs Lusted, Bridgwater and Alford attended.

PACE: Cllr Bridgwater attended.

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

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

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

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Chairman