

Minutes of The Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held in Llanbedr Village Hall on Monday, 17th August 2009 at 7.30 pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr Roger Llewelyn, County Councillor John G Morris.
Present: Mrs Sue Shaw (Chair), Mr Ian Maberley (Vice Chair), Mrs Elaine Lusted, Miss Bridget Barnes, Mr Jeff White, Mr John Morris, Mr David Sharman. Also in attendance Maria James (Clerk)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Mrs Shaw, Item 6.1, Organiser of Beacons Preservation Group. Mr Sharman, Item 6.1 Chairman Glangrwyney Village Hall.
3. **Planning:**
 - 3.1 **Planning Applications:** Alterations to Gelli Rhyd Barns, Llangenny to provide accommodation for tourism and recreational use (09/03486/FUL) - No objection.
 - 3.2 **Other Planning:** Permitted – Listed Building Consent – “Proposed replacement windows to match existing and replacement of glazed porch with boarded structure. Pen Moel Cottage, Llangenny (08/01980/LBC) - Noted.
4. **County Council Report:** SS informed Councillors JGM’s report related to Cwrt Y Gollen and would therefore be discussed under Section 6.1.
5. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting 20/07/09** [Pages 850 - 852]: Proposed by DS, seconded by JM and agreed the minutes be accepted as a true record subject to one amendment stating the firing range application despite being on the agenda for the PAROW meeting was withdrawn and did NOT go before the committee.
6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**
 - 6.1 **Cwrt Y Gollen:** During the past two weeks SS reported experiencing difficulties in contacting BBNPA. No one was available to deal with enquiries in respect of this application due to paternity leave, holidays, etc. Eventually SS was told Kevin Jones (Area Officer East) was looking after the application. John Cook confirmed The Park would be willing to meet to listen to community views, however as this is a live planning application The Park is not able to discuss the application. SS to establish when someone from The Park would be available to meet with Councillors. Councillors discussed planning gain and reiterated that the Vale of Grwyney should benefit. SS reported JGM suggestion that it may be time for a Judicial Review. Councillors were asked to read SS’s report and respond with any comments/suggestions by Friday (21st) in order that the finalised objections could be forwarded to BBNPA.

RESOLVED: Planning Consultant’s Report, together with the Council’s Response to be delivered by hand to The Park before the VoGCC given deadline of 28/08/09.

It was reported that Crickhowell Tennis Club had emailed members asking them to support the planning application. However, it was felt members might misunderstand the request and if they quoted the reference given instead of supporting new tennis facilities, they may inadvertently be supporting the development of 200 houses.

Action - Clerk to email Chairman of Tennis Club asking he inform members that this is not a planning application for tennis courts it is an application for 200 new houses. With copies to The Park.
 - 6.2 **LDP / UDP:** SS and DS attended The Community LDP Update Meeting at The Park on 4th August whereupon Councils were asked to hold their own consultation meetings within the community to discuss candidate sites, together with other possible identified sites. The relevant consultation papers will be sent by The Park by 7th September 2009.
 - 6.3 **Community Land Trust Ltd:** SS reported the next meeting is due on the 18th August with Ian Fraser and Mr James,(Rural Enabler) to talk about the options available. SS reported everyone has now signed the bank mandate.
 - 6.4 **Llangenny Information Board:** JM to liaise with Jeff Jones regarding quotation for necessary works.
 - 6.5 **Risk Assessment – Condition of Benches:** As RL not present deferred to next meeting.

6.6 Rights of Way: Clerk supplied previous correspondence [Page 851 item 6.5] relating to the position of Public Footpath No 2 – Stile at Ty'n y Cae. BBNPA confirm the present stile was erected in an attempt to prevent walkers trespassing into the curtilage of Ty'n y Cae. It is not located on a public footpath and effectively leads walkers into an adjacent field within which they walk for approx 40 metres before returning to Footpath No 2. The stile is assumed to be intended for use on a permissive basis. Councillors resolved if this is now a permitted path public liability should be clarified.

ACTION: Clerk to determine public liability responsibility.

6.7 Web Site: EL reported she had spoken to David Thomas and informed him Councillors did not wish to provide photographs for the site.

6.8 Freedom of Information Act: Councillors had previously received an emailed copy of Llangynidr CC's Model Scheme [Page 851 item 7.4(5)]. The Clerk enquired whether Council would be happy to adapt this for use by this Council. Agreed.

RESOLVED Clerk to prepare document accordingly.

6.9 Llanbedr School Governors Report: This report was distributed at the last council meeting for Councillors' perusal. It was regrettably agreed that Council was not presently in a position to give financial assistance however the situation would be monitored.

RESOLVED Clerk to write to Mr Garth Roberts thanking him for his report and explaining that due to present commitments Council is unable to assist financially however this decision would be reviewed.

6.10 Any Other Matter Arising:

- 1. Five Ways Telephone Kiosk:** IM reported BT have put a notice in the payphone at Fiveways Fforest Coal Pit suggesting that unless it is adopted or sponsored it will be removed. Due to time restraints IM reported it was necessary to write to BT immediately to formally object to the removal of a valuable service in an area with no mobile reception. Copies were sent to Roger Williams MP, Kirsty Williams AM, Lord Crickhowell, Crucorney Community Council, Duke of Edinburgh Awards Office, Brecon & Radnor Express and the Abergavenny Chronicle asking for their assistance. The Clerk reported Crucorney Community Council will discuss this at their next meeting and contact MCC. Roger Williams and Kirsty Williams have confirmed they will contact BT Payphones direct objecting to the removal of this service.
- 2. Hydatid Eradication Campaign:** Hydatid Disease – Kirsty Williams forwarded response from Elin Jones confirming plans for the second year have been agreed. The pilot scheme in South Powys area is continuing for a further 12 months, but will focus on randomly sampling 200/250 holdings whereas in Year 1 all farms in the pilot area were invited to participate in a free worming programme. Free quarterly supervised worming will be offered to those who participate in the scheme in year 2.

7. Finance:

7.1 Proposed by DS, seconded by EL and agreed that the following be paid: Clerk's salary £135 & Expenses £20 and hire charge for Llanbedr Hall (30/07/09) £12.

7.2 Charities/Donations: Deferred to next meeting.

7.3 Bank Signatories: Clerk reported Sue Fair has signed the relevant form and asked BB to also sign as an existing signatory. Clerk reported the bank should now have all necessary documents to enable the new signatories to be added.

ACTION: Clerk to take form to bank.

7.4 Other: Clerk's Contract of Employment. The Clerk confirmed a contract of employment is required and presented a copy of the previous Clerk's Contract and asked Councillors if they would be happy for this to form the basis of her contract.

ACTION: SS to determine whether this could be adapted to form the present Clerk's Contract of Employment.

8. Highways:

8.1 PCC confirmed they will inspect the defective repair at Celyn Pitch and monitor the condition of the Grwyne Fawr Road once the forestry extraction commences.

8.2 JW reported concerns that the pavement in Glangrwyney was being obstructed by parked cars resulting in pedestrians having to walk on the A40.

ACTION: Clerk to write to police asking them to investigate.

9. Reports on Other Meetings: None submitted this month.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 OVW – The Wales Green List - Search for Welsh Green Heroes – IM
- 10.2 OVW – The Voice – DS/JM
- 10.3 PCC - Future Recycling and Refuse Collection Service – Noted
- 10.4 OVW – Training Dates – Public Appointment Training - Noted
- 10.5 OVW - Stakeholder Events during Fairer & Better Environmental Enforcement Consultation - Noted
- 10.6 Adjudication Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2008/09 - Noted
- 10.7 NAW – Consultation on proposed Legislative Competence Order relating to Community Councils – Email to all

Miscellaneous/Late Items

- 10.8 Local Health Board – Consultation on Modernisation of Older People’s Mental Health Services – JM to give to PR
- 10.9 Shaws Catalogue - Clerk
- 10.10 BBNPA Local Access Forum – Agenda for 7th September meeting - Clerk to email to all Councillors

11. AOB

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.