

Minutes of The Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held in Llangenny Old School on Monday, 21st September 2009 at 7.30 pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Miss Bridget Barnes, Mr Jeff White.
Present: Mrs Sue Shaw (Chair), Mr Ian Maberley (Vice Chair), Mrs Elaine Lusted, Mr John Morris, Mr David Sharman, Mr Roger Llewelyn, Mr Prytherch Rees, County Councillor John G Morris. Also in attendance Maria James (Clerk)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Mrs Shaw, Item 6.1, Organiser of Beacons Preservation Group, Mr Llewelyn, Item 6.1, Organiser of Beacons Preservation Group. Mr Sharman, Item 6.1 Chairman Glangrwyney Village Hall.
3. **Planning - Permission Granted:**
 - (i) New Shed/Garden Store, The Old Mill, Llangenny (09/03349/FUL)
 - (ii) Construction of Replacement Indoor Firing Range at Cwrt Y Gollen Army Training Camp, Crickhowell (09/02984/FUL)
4. **County Council Report:** JGM reported Powys County Council is seeking to merge with the Local Health Board. He also reported there are to be huge cuts in public spending in Powys (33 million) which will affect all services including education (education has 60% of budget at present) and may result in speeding up a programme of school modernisation and rationalisation of staffing.
5. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting 17/08/09:** [Pages 855 - 857].
Proposed by IM, seconded by EL and agreed the minutes be accepted as a true record.
6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**
 - 6.1 **Cwrt Y Gollen:** SS reported attending various meetings with BBNPA. SS met with officers to discuss planning gain and was disappointed with their attitude - basically informing her that "you can't come along with a shopping list". DS and SS visited the BBNPA offices to look at correspondence relating to the outline planning application and were told it would all be placed online. SS and JGM met with John Cook and Chris Morgan (BBNPA) last Thursday (17th) and as a result Chris Morgan said he would provide up-dates on the progress of the planning application. He also indicated they were awaiting further detailed reports and it was probable the application would not go before PAROW until either the December or January meeting. SS reported John Cook had apologised for the officers' comments regarding a "shopping list" and Chris Morgan asked that the VoGCC send information to him on planning gain so that it could be discussed with the developer.

Crickhowell Town Council had requested sight of the planning application documents. SS had provided the documents and also the VoGCC's and Planning Consultant's reports on CYG. Crickhowell Town Council have since objected to the application. The Mayor, Tony D'Anna, suggested CTC work with the VoGCC and set up a small working group. He said the matter would be discussed at the next CTC (which was held last Tuesday). SS reported she is awaiting the outcome.

JGM reported he is due to meet with PCC next Wednesday and is attempting to persuade them to make a corporate response objecting to the scale of this development. He is concerned that if no unified response is made BBNPA will say PCC did not object.

JGM wrote to Chris Morgan to question whether officers have misled the Members by stating there is no link between the firing range and CYG.

Councillors discussed what action should now be taken, ie whether reports should be sent to the BBNPA Members or other organisations. It was agreed it would prove more effective to wait until nearer the time of the PAROW meeting. Councillors also hoped that as a result of the recent meetings between the VoGCC and the BBNPA, that the BBNPA would prove better at releasing information. Planning gain was again discussed and proposals included: a budget to provide policing in the community/a renewable energy scheme/a better sewage scheme for Glangrwyney. DS reiterated that Glangrwyney Village Hall committee did not want a big extension that would take away valuable car parking space. It was agreed to include an enhancement internally of kitchen/toilets, etc.on the planning gain list to be provided to the BBNPA.
 - 6.2 **LDP / UDP:** Councillors discussed plans previously distributed that detailed candidate sites put forward by landowners and additionally those proposed by BBNPA in Llanbedr and Glangrwyney. The BBNPA had visited all towns and villages in The Park to assess existing candidate sites and at the same time also identified other possible sites.

DS and EL questioned whether any sites had been allocated in Llangenny. SS reported she would check this. The VoGCC have only received plans relating to Glangrwyney and Llanbedr. The Park has issued a deadline for community feedback of the 26th October 2009.

Councillors agreed it was necessary to arrange consultation meetings with the community. In view of the fact that the BBNPA were responsible for putting forward all the candidate sites in Llanbedr, SS suggested officers from BBNPA be invited to the Llanbedr meeting so that they could explain both the LDP process and their reasons for identifying the candidate sites at Llanbedr. The Glangrwyney meeting will also incorporate an up-date on the Cwt Y Gollen planning application. Agreed SS to leaflet Glangrwyney residents to inform them of the meeting date.

ACTION – notices to be displayed within the community informing the public that consultation meetings will be held in both Llanbedr and Glangrwyney.

6.3 Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust Ltd: SS reported Ian Fraser and David James (Powys County Council) had attended the meeting in August. David James stated that PCC would work with the Land Trust and people of Llanbedr to ensure that they had an input into the number, design, layout, allocation etc in respect of the affordable housing. Ian Fraser has a meeting with PCC Board in September and he will outline options put forward by the Land Trust and report back. PR informed Councillors that 3.3 acres were being advertised for sale by tender in the Brecon & Radnor and questioned where this land was. PR to investigate and report back.

6.4 Llangenny Information Board: JM to speak to Jeff Jones regarding quotation.

6.5 Risk Assessment – Condition of Benches: RL reported the cost of repairing the benches in Glangrwyney and Llanbedr in oak would be £163.70 and £123 respectively. He confirmed he would undertake the work free of charge.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to repair the two benches in Llanbedr and Glangrwyney. Clerk to obtain catalogue in order to determine whether other benches should be repaired or if replacement would prove more cost effective.

6.6 Public Payphone at Five Ways Forest Coal Pit: The Clerk reported she was in receipt of a letter from BT confirming they no longer propose to remove this box and that they will repair the fault on the line.

6.7 Web Site: EL confirmed she has provided David Thomas with the necessary information. SS pointed out that currently the information on the link provided on the CRiC website for the Vale of Grwyney in respect of Cwrt Y Gollen is out of date. Although appreciated that the site is currently being redesigned Councillors agreed the information on Cwrt y Gollen should be removed from the site as soon as possible.

RESOLVED EL to email David Thomas asking him to arrange for the information to be removed from the site. The Clerk to contact Roger Austin to ask how outdated information could be removed from the Local Channel site.

6.8 Clerk's Contract of Employment: Councillors agreed to the present Clerk adapting the previous Clerk's contract which was duly signed by the present Clerk.

6.9 Any Other Business: None reported.

7. Finance:

7.1 Proposed by JM, seconded by IM and agreed that the Clerk's salary £135 & expenses £20 be paid.

7.2 Charities/Donations: Although still waiting for the planning consultant's invoice for his report on the planning application for Cwrt Y Gollen, Councillors felt they should now proceed with donations on the basis that the consultant's fee would not exceed £2,000. The Clerk provided a list of previous charities supported. She also read out an email received from Garth Roberts in respect of funding required at Llanbedr School.

It was agreed that despite previously agreeing [Page 834 Item 7.2] to increase donations made to the churches due to present commitments these would now remain at £100.

Proposed by JM, seconded by RL and agreed: Llanbedr Village Hall, Glangrwyney Village Hall and The Old School Llangenny each receive a donation of £100. Patricio, Llanbedr and Llangenny Churches also to receive a donation of £100 each.

Proposed by JM and seconded by DS that Llanbedr School and Wales Air Ambulance each receive a donation of £150 each.

Due to present expenditure it was agreed this year the VoGCC was unable to support requests from charities out of its area.

7.3 Bank Signatories: Clerk reported the new signatories have now been accepted by the bank.

7.4 The Clerk reported a precept payment of £1,333 was received on 28th August 2009 and the current account currently holds £3,889.49 and the reserve account £3,078.47.

8. Highways:

8.1 RL reported a street light at the junction outside The Bluebell Inn is not working.

8.2 SS reported a burger van was operating in the lay-by opposite CYG. The burger van is placing advertising boards on the verge of the highway and has also nailed advertising on a tree within the Glangrwyney boundary on the A40 which is against the law. SS asked the VoGCC to write to BBNPA and PCC Highways informing them of these boards and enquiring whether they had obtained planning permission.

ACTION: Clerk to write to PCC and BBNPA as above.

9. **Reports on Other Meetings:** JM reported he attended the Private Water Supplies Workshop in Llandrindod Wells on 20/08/09 concerning EEC rules on the testing of private water supplies if supplying B&B/holiday accommodation.

JM also attended an OVW meeting on 02/09/09 and reported that Vanessa Garwood and Gerry Patterson spoke regarding planning matters and Kerry Community Council's concern at the number of wind farms proposed for the Montgomeryshire area and the impact on transportation routes.

PR attended the Local Health Board meeting and reported ambulances experienced difficulty in meeting the required 8 minute response time. He also reported a sudden increase in the take-up of flu jabs.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 OVW – WAG Welsh Language - Policy and Legislation – noted.
- 10.2 OVW – Brecon Beacons Trust – Grant Eligibility for Projects which Enhance the Environment - noted.
- 10.3 OVW – EAW – Director's Bulletin Issue 18 –noted.
- 10.4 Clerks & Councils Direct Publication – noted.
- 10.5 WAG – Local Government Partnership Scheme Report 2008/09 – DS.
- 10.6 Glasdon Publication – Seating Collection – noted.
- 10.7 OVW - CyMAL: Museums Archives and Libraries Wales Appt of Members to the Advisory Council – noted.
- 10.8 OVW – Local Government Boundary Commissions for Wales Annual Report & Workshops 2009 – noted.
- 10.9 Llangenny Film Club - Film Choices – noted.
- 10.10 Tidy Wales Week 2009 21/27 Sept 2009 – noted.
- 10.11 PCC – Community Benefits from Wind Energy Development in Powys – IM.
- 10.12 Timberline – Brochure – RL.
- 10.13 OVW – Motions for Debate – AGM 10 October 2009 – JM.
- 10.14 OVW – Bursary - Councillor Training Programme – SS.
- 10.15 OVW - Draft LCO – Wales Could Make its own Laws to Strengthen Community & Town Councils - noted
- 10.16 BBNP National Park Management Plan – Consultation Workshop (St Marys Priory Centre 05/10/09 – JM/DS
- 10.17 OVW – UK Local Government Alliance for International Development – Survey – noted.
- 10.18 PAVO – Support for Community Groups & Projects – noted.
- 10.19 OVW – Miscellaneous Public Appointments in Wales - noted
- 10.20 Powys Rural Development Plan – Business Plan 2 Consultation – Questionnaire

Miscellaneous/Late Items

- 10.21 ecp Tec (UK) National Agency for the EU Lifelong Learning Info Day 10/11/09 – Camarthenshire – noted.
- 10.22 Shaws Catalogue - Clerk

11. AOB

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.07 pm.