

Minutes of The Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held in Glangrwyney Village Hall on Monday 26th October 2009 at 7.30 pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr Prydderch Rees. **Present:** Mrs Sue Shaw (Chair), Mr Ian Maberley (Vice Chair), Mr David Sharman, Mr John Morris, Mr Jeff White, Mrs Elaine Lusted, Miss Bridget Barnes and County Councillor John G Morris, one member of the public and 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 **Permission Granted:** Conversion of barn to holiday accommodation – Tyn Y Llwyn, Partishow, Crickhowell, Powys NP7 7LF (09/03079/FUL). Noted.
4. **County Council Report:** Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust Ltd: JGM reported PCC have withdrawn their offer to the Community Land Trust of donating a plot of land for private residential houses which would have funded the building of affordable houses as the land has failed to sell. PCC are under pressure to provide affordable housing and to speed up the process they have given land (which was originally to be used to site the affordable housing) to Wales & West Housing Association Ltd in order for them to build four to six affordable houses. PCC/Wales and West will work with the Community Land Trust on design/number, etc. It is hoped the Community Council will be involved with this scheme as the communities within the Vale of Grwyney will be offered these units initially. It is understood the houses will be rented initially with possible part ownership at a later stage. JGM also reported that PCC have received a 1% settlement.
5. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting 21/09/09** [Pages 858-860]: Proposed by JM, seconded by IM and agreed the minutes be accepted as a true record. **Minutes of the 30/07/09 Meeting** [Pages 853-854]: Proposed by DS, seconded by IM and agreed the minutes be accepted as a true record.

6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

6.1 **Cwrt Y Gollen:**

SS reported she requested an update from Rhodri Davies, BBNPA. He reported attending a meeting with the developer and Welsh Water to discuss proposals for surface water drainage and improvements to the foul network. The developer has also instructed a consultant to assess PCC's Education contribution of £2million towards improvements. The BBNPA are still awaiting consultee responses, The venue for the public consultation is being proposed as the Museum despite the VoGCC's request it be held in Glangrwyney Village Hall. In response to VoGCC's planning gain requests it is unlikely a policing budget for the Vale of Grwyney would be feasible due to ongoing costs, however a quotation should be obtained for reasonable enhancement works to Glangrwyney Village Hall. In reply to the suggestion of a renewable energy scheme it was reported the new development would be heated 100% via biomass heating technology and rainwater would be harvested. Councillors pointed out they suggested a renewable green energy scheme for the Vale of Grwyney and not specifically for this development – SS will respond to the BBNPA reiterating this. SS also read out the letter from the developer's agent regarding the tennis club. It was agreed by the councillors that this is not a community benefit but a private agreement between the developer and the tennis club. SS will also respond to this effect to the BBNPA.

JGM reported Mr Jeremy Patterson, Chief Executive of PCC, is to present a report on the 17th November to The PCC Board suggesting a corporate response be formulated due to the huge impact this development would have on services within Powys. JGM also reported PCC would have to agree planning gain prior to Cwrt Y Gollen going before PAROW.

Councillors discussed the above and reiterated their belief that the VoG will not benefit from the development. The amount for sewerage is not considered planning gain as it is part of necessary infrastructure works. DS suggested a response be made from the Hall Committee, with the Community Council's backing, outlining what they want. DS will discuss obtaining a quote with the Hall Committee.

JGM suggested organising a petition requesting an Independent Public Inquiry to investigate how the site was allocated and the role of members and officers at the time.

ACTION: Councillors voted and agreed unanimously to the above suggestion. JGM to ask PCC's legal department to compile the necessary document.

SS read a copy of a letter sent from BBNPA to JGM in response to his letter to The Park re CYG and his accusation that Kevin Jones misled the Members regarding the Firing Range Application. DS to have a copy of letter. Agreed if JGM wishes to take this further the VoGCC will support him.

SS also reported Crickhowell Town Council have offered financial support (albeit limited) to the VoGCC to help fight this application. Councillors discussed the offer and decided to leave it "on the table" for the time being.

Agreed the Clerk thank them for their offer explaining the VoGCC will contact them should it prove necessary.

RESOLVED Clerk to write a letter of thanks to CTC as detailed above

6.2 LDP/UDP: Councillors discussed the three public meetings held in Glangrwyney, Llanbedr and Llangenny. Concern was expressed at the huge discrepancies between sustainability scores for various communities and it was generally agreed the system of allocating settlement levels needed revision. SS reported speaking with Mr Richard Stow of Crucorney CC who raised similar concerns. SS presented the report for Glangrwyney which had already been circulated for Councillors' approval and Councillors agreed, subject to a couple of minor amendments, this fairly represented the community's views as relayed at the meeting. Councillors received 61 completed forms from the residents of Llanbedr village. It was agreed the feedback be analysed and percentages obtained of those in favour/against each site which would be used for the LDP response. The Llangenny response was also discussed and it was reported that the owners of the two candidate sites did not wish them to be included in the LDP.

RESOLVED Clerk to hand deliver the finalised report to BBNPA offices on Thursday, as well as emailing.

6.3 Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust Ltd: This item has been reported upon in Item 4.0 County Council Report (Page 860). SS informed the next meeting will be held in November.

6.4 Llangenny Information Board: JM reported he had spoken to Mr Jeff Jones who was prepared to paint the noticeboard. Mr Jones has offered to provide the labour free of charge. The cost will therefore amount purely to the price of materials.

6.5 Benches: The Clerk confirmed she was in receipt of a bench catalogue as requested at the last meeting [Page 659 Item 6.5]. As RL was not present Councillors agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

6.6 Public Payphone at Llangenny: The Clerk reported BT has written asking the Council to adopt **two** payphones in Llangenny. PCC have also written (as referred to under correspondence) stating that should the council adopt the phone this would be classed as a request by the service provider for removal of public telephone services within red boxes under the Communications Act 2003. BT have stated they will not remove any red kiosk if they are not adopted at this stage. Councillors are only aware of one kiosk in Llangenny (opposite the play area) and are uncertain where the second one is located.

ACTION – the Clerk to write to BT to clarify where the two kiosks referred to are sited.

6.7 Web Site: EL confirmed she had met with David Thomas. He is in receipt of all necessary information and should be contacting the Clerk shortly to supply a password to enable minutes/agendas to be uploaded onto the site when it goes live. SS asked whether the information relating to Cwrt Y Gollen had been removed. EL believes it has not and will speak to David Thomas.

RESOLVED EL to email David Thomas asking him to archive/remove this information from the site.

6.8 Five Councils Meeting: The Clerk informed Councillors that CTC are hosting the next Five Councils Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, 25th at 7.30 in the Conference Room at CRiC. Both Llangynidr and Llangattock CCs have invited speakers for the meeting therefore although previously agreeing Sue Maberley of the Local Service Board be suggested to speak at the next Five Councils Meeting [Page 850 Item 2] it was felt there were currently enough speakers for this particular meeting. Agenda items have been requested by 17th November. Councillors asked the Clerk to contact CTC asking for the LDP, CRiC report and Cwrt Y Gollen be suggested as agenda items.

RESOLVED The Clerk to email the above to CTC.

6.9 Any Other Business: None reported.

7. Finance:

7.1 Cheques:

Clerk (salary £135, expenses £20, stationery/postage £62.71) £217.71, BBNPA - photocopying £37.00
CRiC - photocopying £63.75, The British Legion - Wreath for Remembrance Service £16.50

7.2 Donations:

Llanbedr Village Hall £100, The School Hall, Llangenny £100, Glangrwyney Village Hall £100, Particio Church £100, Llanbedr Church £100, Llangenny Church £100, Llanbedr School £150, Wales Air Ambulance £150

Proposed by DS and seconded by IM and agreed that the above cheques/donations be paid as agreed [Page 859 Item 7.2].

8. Highways:

The Clerk reported that the Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency have responded regarding the Burger Van and state they informed the trader to remove all temporary advertising boards placed on the highway and will take action to remove such signs when/if they appear on the A40. However, this has not happened. The Clerk also reported receipt of a letter from Mr M Cummins who lives adjacent to this lay-by highlighting the dangers he and his family experience when exiting/entering the A40 due to the increased traffic, etc. The BBNPA have also responded confirming they are investigating the unauthorised advertising. SS reported the trader has left for the winter, but has stated he intends returning next year. SS reported that MCC, together with other county councils, operate a permit scheme for trading in lay-bys. However, PCC does not and SS proposed that the VoGCC to write to PCC suggesting they implement a similar scheme for the county.

ACTION: Clerk to write to PCC suggesting a controlled permit system be operated in the county.

9. Reports on Other Meetings:

JM reported he attended the OVW Area Committee Meeting on the 2nd October and reported Rachel Palmer made a presentation on the "Tidy Towns Project" funded from WAG. OVW have obtained bursaries to enable smaller councils to take part in training programmes. JM also attended the OVW AGM on 10th October 2009 whereby it was reported that membership with up, however fees have increased by 5%. JM also attended the BBNPA Management Plan Consultation on the 16th October.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 BBNP Local Access Forum Confirmed Minutes of 6th Meeting held on 20/05/09 - IM
- 10.2 Dept of Enterprise Trade & Investment - Low Carbon Communities Challenge - SS
- 10.3 Workshop Encouraging Community Participation in Sustainable Projects – Brecon 11/11/09 - DS
- 10.4 BT Community Connections: Round Two open for Applications – Clerk to apply for application pack
- 10.5 Victim Support Cymru – Donation Request - Filed
- 10.6 PCC - LGBCW – Electoral Review - 22/10/09 – linked with OVW below - noted
- 10.7 PCC – BT invites you to "adopt" your communities red kiosks – Please see Item 6.6.
- 10.8 BBNPA – E-Planning Online- Help from the Park – Clerk to respond that we would like to apply for help
- 10.9 NALC – 2009/10 National Final Salary Award for Local Council Clerks - Noted
- 10.10 OVW – Proposed Local Government LCO – see above - noted
- 10.11 PCC - Consultation for Proposed Change in Funding of Village Halls (Llangorse 18/11/09) - DS to attend

Miscellaneous/Late Items

- 10.12 PCC Invitation to a Celebration of Play 07/11/09 - Royal Welsh Show Ground – Clerk
- 10.13 Plunkett Foundation – Survey of Parish Councils in England and Wales - Noted
- 10.14 OVW – Are we being served?
- 10.15 Powys CC Statement of Licensing Principles Draft Consultation 2009 on Revised Policy - noted

11. AOB

JM suggested writing to the AM regarding the tight time scale set for Councils to respond to the LDP. To be discussed at next meeting.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.15 pm.