

Minutes of The Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held in Llanbedr Village Hall on Monday, 16th November 2009 at 7.30pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs Elaine Lusted **Present:** Mrs Sue Shaw (Chair), Mr Ian Maberley (Vice Chair), Mr David Sharman, Mr John Morris, Miss Bridget Barnes, Mr Prydderch Rees and County Councillor John G Morris. **Roger Llewelyn.** 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; Mr Llewelyn: (Item 6.1) Organiser of Beacons Preservation Group.
3. **Planning:**
 - 3.1 **Applications:** Extension & Alterations to House, Neuadd Fechan, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SR (09/04019/FUL). No objections.
 - 3.2 **Other Planning: BBNPA Consultation on Charging for Pre-Application/Planning Advice.** Councillors discussed this proposal and agreed unanimously to object strongly to the proposed charges.
4. **County Council Report:** JGM reported on three items:
 - i. CYG is due to go before the PCC Board on 1st December. A Planning Officer from PCC is currently compiling a report with input from various departments. JGM will speak to The Board. SS to attend.
 - ii. Primary school reviews are to be speeded up with PCC looking at schools with less than 35 pupils. Llanbedr School has 40 pupils and therefore should not be affected. PCC are also looking at reshaping secondary schooling with changes to Post 16 education. This may result in some schools being unable to offer a full curriculum and pupils having to travel in order to study certain subjects.
 - iii. Street Lighting. JGM reported the street light on the corner outside Llanbedr Hall will be turned back on (timed to stay on until approximately 12.30am) using low energy bulb which burn one fifth of the energy of conventional bulbs and asked Councillors to inform him (or the Clerk) if they are aware of any other lights which needed turning back on (supplying the number on the post) .
5. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting 26/10/09** [Pages 861-863]: Proposed by IM seconded by DS 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 and had emailed him with the proposals from the Community Council in respect of the village hall and hydro power as discussed at the last meeting but had not received a reply. In the absence of a response she had e-mailed Chris Morgan today (as Rhodri was out of the office) requesting an up-date and enquiring whether the application would go before PAROW in December. Chris Morgan could not respond in detail regarding the planning application, but stated it was unlikely the application will be discussed in December and more probably will be discussed in either the February or March 2010 meetings. As Chris Morgan could not supply an update SS had studied the BBNPA web site but noted that items mentioned in e-mail correspondence to both herself and County Councillor John Morris were not available to view on the web site. This was a concern so SS said she would take this issue up with Rhodri Davies and if information was not to be posted on the web site she would ask to visit the BBNPA to look at the files. .

JGM confirmed he has submitted his comments to PCC Board and emphasised the need to make The Board aware of the immense pressure this proposed development would put on the area. Councillors agreed the petition discussed last month should be conducted in conjunction with the application going before PAROW. DS confirmed the Glangrwyney Village Hall Committee are meeting on Thursday and will discuss the comments made last month. SS questioned how sustainable is biomass heating and will endeavour to find out further information.

- 6.2 **LDP/UDP:** SS reported the LDP Consultation Feedback Report had been submitted to the BBNPA and questioned how Councillors would like to place the report in the public domain. Councillors agreed the report should be placed on the Vale of Grwyney web site and that all future requests will be directed to this site. Proposed DS, seconded JM and agreed the report be published as stated above.

SS reported that she had contacted the Chairman of Crucorney Community Council who is a member of the BBNPA for feedback from the recent BBNPA LDP Working Party meeting. One of the main topics under discussion was Community and Town Councils querying the BBNPA Settlement Levels.

Monmouthshire County Council has dealt with the LDP in a different way from BBNPA. They have identified 9 key settlements where all the major growth will be centred. The feeling of the Community Council is that BBNPA are not proceeding in the same manner, ie growth should be in the Primary and Key Settlement areas identified by the National Park Authority and not in rural areas. Concern was expressed that the BBNPA were ignoring the views of both Town and Community Councils within the National Park.

SS also reported that there is a National Park Authority Meeting on the 9th December and there will be an opportunity for the public to speak. As SS was not available on this date she suggested that DS attend and speak on behalf of the Council regarding our issues. Councillors agreed the Five Councils should also be made aware of the above meeting.

6.2.1 BBNPA Consultation on UDP Guidance Note: Policy ES25: Renovation of Former Dwellings:

Councillors discussed the Guidance Notice. Agreed no objections.

6.3 Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust Ltd: SS informed Councillors the next meeting will be held on 24th November.

6.4 Llangenny Information Board: JM reported Mr Jeff Jones has cleaned the Information Board in Llangenny. He has also agreed, with the Chairman of Llanbedr Village Hall Committee's permission, to stain the notice board outside Llanbedr Hall. He has sufficient stain to treat the boards without the need to purchase more.

RESOLVED Clerk to send Mr Jones a letter of thanks and JM to give him a bottle of wine.

6.5 Benches: RL confirmed he has purchased timber to repair the two benches as instructed. Due to recent price increases he has sourced a cheaper hardwood alternative to European oak and is waiting for dry weather before beginning work. The Clerk presented the bench catalogue to RL to decide whether it would prove more cost effective to renew rather than repair the other benches. Agreed to assess the situation in the spring.

6.6 Public Payphone at Llangenny: The Clerk reported she is waiting for BT to clarify where the two kiosks referred to are located.

6.7 Web Site: The Clerk reported EL had contacted her asking her to look at the site which was now live. The CYG items previously referred to have been archived however there is still a link referring to the Local Channel. The Clerk also reported Crickhowell Town Council have up-loaded their minutes on the site.

RESOLVED: the clerk to ask EL to contact David Thomas asking him to remove The Local Channel link.

6.8 Swine Flu: It was agreed there was adequate publicity and information available to the public and the Council does not need to take any action at this stage. PR reported there has been a lower take up of vaccinations than expected.

6.9 Five Councils Liaison Meeting: Clerk confirmed the meeting will be held on 25th November at 7.30pm in the Conference Room at CRiC.

6.10 Any Other Business: JM questioned what was happening in respect of the Public Inquiry Petition, using the information gathered from National Park Authority under the FOI Act and whether it was intended to take this further. SS reported she did not believe it was possible to proceed with the investigation due to the fact that there was insufficient evidence available. JGM will formulate the Public Inquiry Petition which needed correct wording and timing to be effective.

SS reported CRiC is launching its "Gallery for Christmas Exhibition" on 28th November and asked if posters could be displayed on the Notice boards in Glangrwyney and Llangenny. Agreed.

7. Finance:

- 7.1 Cheques:** Clerk's salary (£135 & Expenses £20) £155, Glangrwyney Village Hall (*LDP Meeting 2 hrs @ £7*) £14.00, Llanbedr Village Hall (*LDP Meeting*) £14.00, Llangenny School Hall (*LDP Meeting*) £14.00, Welsh Water (*Inv dated 22/10/09 Water Trough, Llanbedr*) - £16.09
Proposed by DS and seconded by IM and agreed that the above cheques be paid.

Receipts: The Clerk reported she had received receipts and thanks from Llanbedr School, Wales Air Ambulance, Llangenny Church and Particio Church for the donations made last month

8. **Highways:** Clerk reported she had written to BBNP requesting an up-date on their investigation into whether planning permission has been obtained for the snack bar signs in Glangrwyney however they are unable to provide an up-date due to workloads but state they will be in contact once they have investigated the matter.

DS reported a pothole at the end of Hall Farm Lane, Llangenny/Glangrwyney. IM reported the sign at BlaenYCwm, Grwyne Fawr still has not been changed to show completely restricted highway. JM reported the road needs sweeping in Grwyne Fechan.

ACTION: Clerk to write to PCC reporting the above.

RL reported British Gas is due to renew the mains pipe running through Glangrwyney and therefore some disruption and traffic lights can be anticipated.

9. **Reports on Other Meetings:** Clerk reminded DS of the PCC - Consultation for Proposed Change in Allocation of Funding of Village Halls in Llangorse on Wednesday 18/11/09 and confirmed she attended the Celebration of Play on 07/11/09 at the Royal Welsh Show Ground.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 WAG – Consultation Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 – Statutory Guidance: Part 1 – Local Government Improvement/Reforming the Wales Programme for Improvement. Part 2 – Community Strategies and Planning/Collaborative Community Planning – SS
- 10.2 Dyfed Powys Police – Policing Plan 2010/13 Consultation Meeting – Provisional Date 03/12/09 Llandrindod Wells **Priorities for Policing Form (Clerk to return)**
- 10.3 G Roberts – Letter of Thanks for Donation to Llanbedr School (reported on under Finance) and invitation to fundraising dance on 19/12/09 - noted

10.4 Miscellaneous/Late Items

- 10.5 PCC – invitation to attend a Reception at Neuadd Brycheioniog, Brecon on Wed 25/11/09. Noted
- 10.6 Talgarth Town Centre – Public Meeting 03/12/09 – South Powys Health Services & Bronllys Hospital at Gwernyfed School / Poster for display - PR
- 10.7 Forestry Commission Wales Management Plan Reports – (Dyffryn Beusych & Twyn Du) PR & JM
- 10.8 PCC - Future Recycling & Refuse Collection Service - noted
- 10.9 NSPCC – Request for funding - filed
- 10.10 Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority Annual Plan 2010/11 & Improvement Plan 2009/10 - DS
- 10.11 WAG – Proposed Guidance for the Wales Programme for Improvement for the Fire & Rescue Authorities in Wales - DS

11. AOB

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.54pm.