

Minutes of The Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held in Llanbedr Village Hall on Monday, 15th February 2010 at 7.30 pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr Roger Llewelyn. **Present:** Mrs Sue Shaw (Chair), Mr Ian Maberley (Vice Chair), Mr David Sharman, Mr John Morris, Miss Bridget Barnes, Mrs Elaine Lusted, Mr Prydderch Rees. Also in attendance Maria James (Clerk).

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Mrs Shaw: *(Item 6.1) Organiser of Beacons Preservation Group*

3. **Planning:**

3.1 Applications:

(i) **10/04337/FUL - Tyrywen, Fforest Coal Pit, NP7 7LP** Renovation, alteration and extension to existing detached dwelling, alteration of existing access track and installation of a new septic tank.

(ii) **10/0443/LBC - Tyrywen, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LP** Renovation, alteration and extension to existing detached dwelling, alteration of existing access track and installation of a new septic tank.

Councillors have no objection to the above applications provided alteration/extension is in keeping with original stonework.

3.2. Reconsultation due to Amendment - Cwrt Y Gollen (09/03405/OUT). *Redevelopment of former army camp for comprehensive mixed use, etc. Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems / potential SUDS techniques that can be incorporated within the development and Drainage Assessment Report prepared by Arup & Partners Ltd.*

To be discussed under 6.1 below.

4. **County Council Report:** No report presented (JGM not present).

5. **Minutes of the 18th January 2010 Meeting** [Pages 867-870]:

Proposed DS, seconded IM and agreed the minutes be accepted as a true record

6. **Matters Arising:**

6.1 Cwrt Y Gollen

Councillors discussed the Drainage Assessment Report prepared by Arup & Partners for Crickhowell Estates Ltd (as mentioned in Item 3.2 above), especially in respect of proposal in relation to the disposal of foul drainage. It is proposed to build a sewage treatment works on site – the location of which is on the flood plain, therefore prior to the meeting SS spoke to The Environment Agency who confirmed it will be necessary to apply for an extension of time in order for them to formulate their response. SS also informed Councillors she has spoken to Mr Peter Draper, the Planning Consultant, who believes a proper planning application for a sewage works should be submitted.

Agreed more detailed information on the proposed sewage treatment works is necessary and it is not possible for Council to comment until this information is received.

RESOLVED: *to request further detailed information and apply for an extension in which to respond.*

SS reported Rhodri Davies confirmed the developer has agreed to make a financial contribution towards the enhancement of Glangrwyney Village Hall. This is via a Section 106 agreement with a capped sum payable once the first property is occupied. Councillors discussed this proposal and agreed the Village Hall Committee should deal with this direct. The Council have submitted separate proposals relating to planning gain.

SS reported the Cwrt Y Gollen application will probably go before PAROW on the 27th April 2010.

6.2 LDP/UDP

Councillors discussed the LDP Up-date letter from BBNPA (previously circulated) which pre-empted our reply [Page 868 Item 72] and our subsequent response. It was noted the next decision making meeting will be on the 9th April.

SS will email Richard Stow of Crucorney CC to ask if he is aware of what the current situation.

6.3 Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust Ltd:

SS reported the Community Land Trust will meet once Wales & West Housing Association Ltd confirm how they wish to develop the site. Councillors reiterated the view the Community Council should be involved with the process.

6.4 Public Payphones

BT have written to confirm their information may be incorrect and Llangenny may only have one kiosk and not two as previously suggested. They will arrange for a Field Manager to investigate and amend their records accordingly.

6.5 Website

The Clerk confirmed she had spoken to Mr David Thomas who had made several amendments to the site. There are still a couple of items outstanding namely the welcome page is not present and the password control has yet to be implemented. Councillors confirmed they wish the minutes imported onto the site with an explanation that minutes are only displayed once approved by Council (*which normally occurs at the following meeting*). It was noted out-of-date information is still being displayed on The Local Channel.

Action: Clerk to contact Mr Thomas regarding the amendments requested and contact The Local Channel requesting the Vale of Grwyney page be removed.

6.6 Councillor Vacancy

Clerk confirmed PCC has been informed of JW's resignation and notices advertising the vacancy have been displayed within the community for the statutory period. PCC confirm they have not received an election request and therefore this casual vacancy needs to be filled via co-option. This should be within a period of sixty days beginning with the day on which public notice of the vacancy was given.

The Clerk also circulated an amended leaflet detailing Councillors contact information and dates of meetings. This notice will also be displayed on the community's notice boards.

ACTION: Councillors to make enquires regarding potential candidates for discussion at the next meeting.

6.6 Any Other Business:

Councillors suggested it may be beneficial to purchase a scanner/all in one printer for the Clerk. The Clerk to investigate bearing in mind running costs.

Also suggested the Clerk investigate the training courses available.

7. Finance:

7.1 Cheques:

- i) Clerk's salary £135 & expenses £20, Stationery & Postage £75.95
Proposed PR, seconded DS and agreed to pay the above.
- ii) CRiC (Cedym Creative) Website Development - £100
Agreed amendments discussed [Item 6.5] be implemented prior to payment.
- iii) CRiC Subscription £20
Proposed DS, seconded IM and agreed to pay the above.
- iv) Mr J Morris noticeboard expenses £6.99
Proposed SS, seconded DS and agreed to pay the above.

7.2 Accounts:

Following last month's Issues Report the Clerk reported she queried the External Auditor's comments regarding the fidelity guarantee [Page 869 Item 8.2]. They now confirm the level does appear sufficient, however recommend it is reviewed on a regular basis.

8. Highways:

Councillors reported problems with potholes throughout the Vale but in particular:

1. Llangenny - Crossroads at top of Vicarage Pitch.
2. Road leading between Craig-y-Bwla and Duffryn Farm - pothole has been temporarily repaired, but still in need of attention and the road looks to be collapsing. Further along this road just past Duffryn Farm (travelling towards Llanbedr) is another large pothole.
3. Grwyne Fawr - halfway up Gwernybustach Pitch.
4. Grwyne Fechan - potholes all the way up this valley - they have been marked twice previously (prior to the bad weather). Also the top section of The Bont Lane needs resurfacing.

Action: Clerk to report the matters as itemised above.

9. Reports on Other Meetings:

PCC Proposals to Modernise Secondary Schooling/Crickhowell School Meeting – JM attended. This meeting was organised by Suzy Davies in response to a leaked document outlining PCC's proposals to modernise secondary schooling which may result in secondary schools closures in Powys. JM reported he

had spoken to Mr Timpson, the Head of Crickhowell High School and invited him to speak to Councillors at the March meeting when he should have further information.

Action: Clerk to invite Mr Timpson to speak at either the March meeting or when he has in receipt of further clarification from PCC concerning these proposals.

Crickhowell Town Council Planning Meeting – SS and DS attended. Mr Ross Murray and Mr Phillips were guest speakers answering questions from CTC relating to the CYG application. JGM later spoke to the Councillors re planning obligation.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 Councillor Fitzpatrick – Gilestone Press Release – previously circulated
- 10.2 WAG – Borrowing by Community & Town Councils in 2010/11 - noted
- 10.3 WAG – Consultation on Accounts & Audit (Wales) amendment Regulations - noted
- 10.4 Tenovus Mobile Unit Awareness Day – 17/02/10 – Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon - noted
- 10.5 NSPCC – Campaign to Raise Awareness of the NSPCC Helpline - noted
- 10.6 Powys Regeneration Partnership Newsletter - IM
- 10.7 Ombudsman – Leaflet - How to Complain about a Public Body - circulated
- 10.8 Dyfed Powys Police Authority – Community Consultative Meeting 18/02/10 Llandrindod Wells - JM
- 10.9 Kidney Wales Foundation – Walk for Life 28/03/10 - noted
- 10.10 OVW - Sustainable Development Survey – to be emailed to Councillors
- 10.11 SLCC – Training Courses (Clerk) – Clerk
- 10.12 OVW – Local Environmental Quality Improvement Projects 2010/11 – IM
- 10.13 OVW – Appts - Regulatory Board for Wales; New Government Sponsored Public Mentoring Programmes; Care Council for Wales – previously circulated
- 10.14 CCW - Funding Newsletter - noted

Miscellaneous/Late Items

- 10.15 WAG – Review of Councillors Allowances Regulations/Questionnaire

11. AOB

PR reported The Chestnuts Nursing Home, Llangattock is due to close towards the end of February. It is understood the owners Craegmoor Healthcare Co Ltd propose using the building as respite care for sufferers of Huntington's disease.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.33 pm.