

Minutes of The Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held in Glangrwyney Village Hall on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Mrs Sue Shaw (Chair), Mr Ian Maberley (Vice Chairman), Miss Bridget Barnes, Mr David Sharman, Mr John Morris, Mr Prydderch Rees, Mrs Elaine Lusted & Mr Roger Llewelyn.

*Also in attendance:* County Councillor John Morris, Maria James (Clerk) and Eight Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Mrs Shaw & Mr Llewelyn: *(Item 6.1) Organisers of Beacons Preservation Group.*

3. **Planning:**

### **3.1 Applications**

#### **i) 10/04525/OUT – Pair of local needs houses 5 & 6 Springfields, Llangenny**

In response to our query regarding the status of this land [Page 874 Item 4.4] BBNPA state the site is allocated as “white land” within the current UDP which was approved in 2007 and asked the Community Council to confirm if it is aware of this land having been used as village green. The Clerk presented an email received (on 19 April) from the applicant’s architect stating this application has been withdrawn but will be re-submitted once an amendment has been made to the access road (as required by Highways).

Councillors discussed the above and agreed BBNPA have answered our question relating to the boundaries however questioned whether it was appropriate to discuss an application which has now been withdrawn. JGM was invited to speak regarding the planning protocol. He informed Councillors he understood Highways raised a comment regarding the sharpness of a corner on the access road. The Planning Officer believes that because it goes (1m) outside the red line the application has to be resubmitted. The application will be resubmitted with the only alteration being realignment of access. Councillors agreed by majority vote to discuss the application tonight rather than wait for the resubmission commenting this is local needs housing for local people.

Councillors took a vote and agreed by majority to support this application subject to there being with no problems with the resubmitted application.

#### **ii) 10/04595/FUL - Steel frame building designed to agricultural specification BS5502 to come off the side of an existing building to be used as a straw barn. Gudder Farm, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1TA.**

No objection.

#### **iii) 10/04638/FUL – Proposed two storey detached dwelling - land adj to 1 Post Office Row, Glangrwyney NP8 1EG**

Although previous applications relating to this site have been refused due to access issues Councillors agreed this is a matter for Highways to determine and agreed to raise no objection to this application.

Mr P Rees declared an interest in the following application and left the room.

#### **iv) 10/04651/FUL - erect steel frame building designed to agricultural spec BBS52 for the purpose of hay/barn/implement shed plus seasonal lambing shed - Neuadd Fawr Farm, Llanbedr NP8 1SY.**

No objection.

Mr Rees re-entered the room.

### **3.2 Other Planning**

#### **i) Permitted: 10/04459/FUL – Conversion - outbuilding to single storey studio at The Studio, Llanbedr NP8 1SR.**

3. **County Council Report:**

JGM reported:

1. Potholes - PCC are repairing potholes, but obviously have to prioritise main routes. He suggested if Councillors are aware of any known problems they notify Highways via the Clerk.
2. Affordable Housing - JGM reported he had emailed SS a copy of an email he had received regarding the affordable housing in Llanbedr. Wales & West are still exploring the site as well as funding for this project.
3. PCC Local Housing Market Assessment – PCC commissioned Glyndwr University, Wrexham to conduct a housing needs survey for the whole of Powys. Suggested affordable housing requirement has increased to 48%. The numbers of houses required in Crickhowell and border area is 129 houses over the next 5 years. JGM pointed out this was a powerful document to argue the need for 200 houses at Cwrt Y Gollen.

4. Street Signs - PCC are to have a purge on “safer streets” and positioning of advertising boards – (which should leave a minimum 1.5 metre clear footway). Disability issues will be balanced against traders needs to advertise their businesses.

**5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 15/03/10 [Pages 874-877]**

Proposed EL seconded RL and agreed the minutes be accepted as a true record

**6. Matters Arising:**

**6.1 Cwrt Y Gollen**

This was discussed at the special meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2010 [Page 878]. Copies of the planning report by Peter Draper Associates and the VoGCC report has been posted to BBNPA Members (on 19<sup>th</sup> April) along with a letter requesting them to defer the decision.

SS confirmed CyG is on the PAROW agenda for 27<sup>th</sup> April. Rhodri Davies has confirmed a way forward has been agreed regarding the foul drainage. BBNPA have confirmed agenda/papers are due to be uploaded on 20<sup>th</sup> April. In order to speak at the PAROW meeting a form must be completed and handed in one day before the meeting. SS informed Councillors our letter to Mr John Cook is on the BBNPA web site.

JGM confirmed he has spoken to the Members regarding this application and will also speak to Kirsty Williams. He intends sending a letter to every member and will also liaise with Kirsty regarding speeches.

**Action: Clerk to email Councillors agenda/time of meeting once available.**

**6.2 LDP/UDP**

SS reported Planning Aid Wales are due to hold another training session on Friday which she and DS will attend.

**6.3 Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust Ltd:**

SS reported receipt of an email from Ian Frazer of PCC to JGM referring to the two sites in Llanbedr identified as suitable for development. One is within the development boundary and the other outside. An outline planning application was made but had to be withdrawn due to issues regarding the extent of land actually within the development boundary. Wales & West Housing Association was asked to undertake a feasibility study to develop the site with possible funding options without relying on a Social Housing Grant. Consultants have been employed to undertake topographical studies, etc. Drainage provision is required and proposals have been sent to Welsh Water for approval. Bore holes and soil samples also need to be taken. Once feedback is received initial designs will be discussed. Wales & West Housing Association & PCC suggest holding open days with a drop-in centre to allow opportunity for community input into design, etc. Paul Wyatt & Nicky Cole will oversee this project and provide support.

**ACTION: SS will forward this information to the Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust Ltd in order for them to arrange a meeting to discuss this report. A copy of the email referred to above to be forwarded to all Councillors.**

**6.4 Website**

The Welcome page has now been inserted onto the site however the Clerk is still not able to amend Councillors details, etc. Councillors decided not to release payment until this has been provided. It was agreed the Cwrt Y Gollen site needs up-dating. This will be looked at after the PAROW meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>. It was also suggested the number of “hits” the site receives be determined to ascertain how many people are using it.

**ACTION: Clerk to ask for number of hits and explain the reason for non payment to CRiC.**

**6.5 Councillor Vacancy**

Ms Samantha Jones would like to be co-opted onto the Council. She has sent a formal letter of application in which she confirms her eligibility to serve as a Councillor.

Proposed JM and seconded PR and agreed to co-opt Ms Jones onto the Council.

**ACTION : Clerk to contact Ms Jones informing her of above and inviting her to attend the next meeting.**

## 6.6 Health Focus Group Representative

PR reported:-

- i. Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau will take anyone to hospital for appointments at a cost of 40p per mile. BB mentioned a request from the Particio/Grwyne Fawr area was declined and they said they did not cover this area. It was suggested it might be worth asking again should the situation arise.
- ii. The Chestnuts Nursing Home is going to become a centre caring for sufferers of Huntington's Disease and will close shortly. A small day hospital with 18 beds will hopefully be built by the health centre. It is anticipated this will be run by the doctors to replace The Chestnuts.
- iii. Meals on wheels – currently not much demand. It is suggested people having meals on wheels might also need an SOS button in case of falls.

The date of next meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup>.

## 6.7 Community Projects

EL suggested improving the playground in Llangenny. Councillors discussed health and safety issues, together with insurance liabilities and would like to determine the costs involved. It was suggested the Clerk contact the Five Councils Clerks to ascertain the insurance, maintenance costs, etc involved with playgrounds within their areas.

RL confirmed he has repaired the bench at Glangrwyney and partially repaired the bench at Llangenny.

**ACTION :** Clerk to contact the Five Councils Clerks as outlined above.

## 6.8 Any Other Business:

None reported.

## 7. Finance:

### 7.1 Cheques:

Clerk's Salary (£135 & Expenses £20) - £155.00 - Proposed IM and BB

Aon Limited (Insurance) - £424.15 - Proposed JM and RL

Cedryn Creative (Web Development) - £100.00 - Agreed amendments outlined above be implemented prior to paying

## 8. Highways:

The Clerk reported:

- i. The Highways inspector has confirmed they have already flagged up the need to reset bricketts by the bus stop in Glangrwyney on detailed inspections over the last 3 years. He will discuss with MWTRA and hopefully our report will help push this and several other small jobs identified in the village further up the ranking.
- ii. No response as yet from enforcement officer regarding the burger van advertising signs in Glangrwyney. A reminder has been sent today.

Councillors reported:-

- i. The road in Grwyne Fechan has been patched and ditches opened. Concrete boxes are going to be put underneath culverts.
- ii. Road from the Bont to Penhoel Llanbedr needs cleaning.
- iii. Pothole between Cwm Bridge and Llanbedr turning.

Councillors wish to thank Highways for the works undertaken in cleaning the roads in both Grwyne Fechan and Grwyne Fawr.

**ACTION:** Clerk to report as above

## 9. Reports on Other Meetings:

### Five Councils Liaison Meeting

SS and the Clerk attended the meeting in Llangattock. Michael Butterfield presented an update on the Llangattock Green Valleys and ongoing projects in Llangattock, ie allotments/woodlands group/PV panels for school with the hope for the village to be carbon neutral within 5 years. Harry Legge-Bourke spoke on his proposals for a straw digester unit which could potentially power up to 2,100 homes. The closure of The Chestnuts was discussed and it was agreed this would be a great loss to the community. Councillors also discussed the traffic problem at the top of New Road/Brecon Road in Crickhowell and what improvements could

be made to alleviate the problem. It was felt the road was too narrow for a roundabout. Suggestions include possible relocation of the petrol station to the Elvicta side of Crickhowell. SS provided an up-date on Cwrt Y Gollen and the LDP. The amount of consultation papers now being distributed to Councils was also mentioned with Llangattock CC asking how other community councils dealt with the quantity.

The next Five Councils Meeting, hosted by Bwlch Community Council, will be held in Cwmdru Village Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2010.

## **10. Correspondence**

- 10.1 BBNPA – New Acting Area Manager for Eastern Area - noted
- 10.2 Glasdon Catalogue - RL
- 10.3 War Memorials Trust: War Memorial Theft Prevention & Solutions - noted
- 10.4 Jane Davidson: Wales Sustainability Week: 17/23rd May 2010 - noted
- 10.5 OVV –WAG - Climate Change & Sustainable Development in Wales - noted
- 10.6 South Powys Community Stakeholder Workshop – 10/05/10 – Gwernyfed High School, Three Cocks NOW POSTPONED – new date to be forwarded
- 10.7 The Hon Mrs Legge Bourke – County Service of Remembrance 09/05/10 –Montgomery - noted
- 10.8 PCC – Powys UDP - noted
- 10.9 Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority Annual Action Plan 2011/12
- 10.10 Land for People – 2010 Spring Seminar- 13<sup>th</sup> May – Welshpool - noted

## **11. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence**

- 11.1 South Powys Community Stakeholder Workshop –suggestions for meeting venues are members happy with Three Cocks or prefer to vary?
- 11.2 Would you like to be a WAG appointed Member of the National Park Authority?
- 11.3 OVV - Planning Aid Conference 2010 – Cardiff - Thursday 29 and Friday 30 April
- 11.4 OVV Receipt – Representative – to be assigned next month
- 11.5 Powys Regeneration Partnership – Newsletter

## **12. Previously Circulated Correspondence**

- 12.1 Workshop – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 – Lampeter Encouraging Community Participation in Sustainable projects
- 12.2 Online Q&A - Fairtrade in your council - 16-18 March
- 12.3 OVV Response re Review of Planning Application System in Wales

## **AOB**

SS read out an advert placed in the Abergavenny Chronicle by Mr Kim Davies. Mr Davies is inviting people who have experienced problems with the BBNPA ie inconsistencies/wrong advice, etc to form a Focus group. It was suggested and agreed the Clerk contact him.

IM reported the amount of off-road motorbikes using Grwyne Fawr. This has been reported on the BBNPA web site however nothing seems to happen. He has received an email from BBNPA informing him they will try to get the police to attend in the near future.

SS apologised for not mentioning this earlier in the meeting, but reported BBNPA still have not supplied the sustainability index. Suggested and agreed we write to BBNPA asking for this information under the Freedom of Information Act.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.11 pm.