

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 at 7.30pm in Llangenny School Hall

**Present:** Mrs Sue Shaw (Chair), Miss Bridget Barnes, Mr David Sharman, Mr John Morris, Mr Prydderch Rees, Mr Roger Llewelyn, Mrs Elaine Lusted and Miss Samantha Jones. *Also in attendance:* Maria James (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr Ian Maberley
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Mrs S Shaw & Mr R Llewelyn (*Item 6.1*) Organisers, Beacons Preservation Group.

### 3. **Planning:**

#### 3.1 **Applications**

##### i. **10/04798/FUL: Retention of existing workshop : 1 Old Abbey Place, Glangrwyney, Crickhowell, NP81EH**

RL explained this workshop is a replacement for a shed which burnt down 4 years ago. It is however sited in a different position. BBNPA advised he apply for a Certificate of Lawfulness which was subsequently refused. He has now been advised to apply for planning permission. RL then left the room.

Following discussion Councillors recommended the application be passed.

RL re-entered the room.

ii **10/04863/FUL: Install new septic tank and soakaway: Bellfountain Cottage, Bellfountain Rd, Crickhowell**  
Councillors examined the plans and agreed to support the application provided it complies with relevant regulations.

##### iii **10/04946/FUL: Metal framed greenhouse. Craig-y-Bwla Estate, Llanbedr**

Following discussion and examination of the plans Councillors voted on whether to approve this application. Agreed by majority vote to support the application.

#### 3.2 **Other Planning**

- 10/04595/FUL – steel frame building to be used as a straw barn Gudder Farm, Llanbedr NP8 1TA : **Permitted**
- 10/04638/FUL: Two Storey Detached new Dwelling - Land adj to 1 Post Office Row, Glangrwyney : **Refused**
- 10/04651/FUL: Steel frame building hay barn/implement shed Neuadd Fawr Farm, Llanbedr: **Permitted**

4. **County Council Report:** No report submitted (*JGM not present*).
5. **Minutes of the Open & Annual General Meeting 17/05/10** [*Pages 883*]: Proposed DS, seconded SJ and agreed the minutes be accepted as a true record. **Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 17/05/10** [*Page 884-886*]: Proposed DS, seconded BB and agreed the minutes be accepted as a true record.
6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

#### 6.1 **Cwrt Y Gollen**

The CYG application was refused by Members at the PAROW meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. SS reiterated the view that despite this result being very positive we now have to be prepared for the developer to lodge an appeal. Councillors discussed what action is now necessary. Agreed to:

1. Write to PCC thanking them for their support, at the same time expressing the hope they will stand firm to their decision and requesting a meeting with the Chief Executive in order to discuss concerns, in particular why Highways did not object to the planning application
2. Write to the BBNPA thanking them for their support and asking to be informed should it go to appeal.
3. Write to the appropriate BBNPA Members to thank them for taking the correct procedure and standing by the principals of The National Park.

SS informed Councillors The Campaign for National Parks and Kirsty Williams AM have already been thanked for their support.

#### 6.2 **LDP / Community Councils Liaison Meeting:**

SS and DS represented the VoGCC at the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May which was specifically to discuss and approve the Deposit LDP. The Councillors reported that Glangrwyney and Llangenny have been classed Level 4 settlements in the Deposit LDP. Llanbedr is Level 3 with an allocation of nine houses. Cwrt Y Gollen has been withdrawn as a candidate site and is to revert back to open countryside.

Councillors discussed holding a public meeting in Llanbedr in order to inform the community and for them to have an opportunity to voice their opinions. It was agreed that it is important to let residents know that the LDP covers a 15 year period (valid from 2012 until 2027). Agreed this should be arranged once the Deposit Plan is published.

In order to ensure residents are fully aware of this meeting it was agreed sufficient notice must be given, leaflets distributed and notices displayed. It is possible the Council may need to hold an emergency meeting in order to organise this. It was agreed the Clerk should ascertain the hall's availability.

The Clerk reported other Community Councils are considering organising a meeting or maybe expanding the Five Councils Meeting (due in Cwmdru on 22nd July) in order to share views on the forthcoming LDP consultation. The LDP is due to be published around the end of June. The consultation period of 6 weeks will then follow.

Councillors discussed the above suggestion however it was felt as we have only one community to deal with we should concentrate our efforts on Llanbedr and explain we attended the LDP meeting and as only one of our villages is affected we are going to concentrate on this.

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

Councillors discussed the lack of progress and instructed the Clerk to contact Mr I Fraser requesting an up-date and outlining concern at the length of time this matter is taking. (*Copying Mr David James*).

### **6.4 Llangenny Playground:**

PCC has confirmed Llangenny Playground was originally leased from the Church in 1985 on a 25 year lease which is due to end in July 2010. Once their Legal Department clarifies the position PCC wish to meet the Council to discuss future plans.

Councillors instructed the Clerk to forward the contact details for the Rector of Llangenny Church to PCC in order that correspondence relating to the future of the lease can be sent direct to the Church who are the owners of the ground.

**Resolved:** Clerk to forward contact details as outlined above.

### **6.5 Llangenny Payphone:**

The Clerk confirmed she had contacted BT but had not received a response to date.

### **6.6 Risk Assessment:**

As discussed last month this relates mainly to the benches.

RL confirmed he has repaired the benches in Llanbedr and Glangrwyney and supplied receipts for materials used. He will inspect the bench in Bellfountain Road (opposite the white railings) to determine whether it is possible to repair the broken slats. RL supplied the labour pro gratis.

DS proposed, seconded by SS and agreed unanimously a vote of thanks be given to RL.

### **6.7 Web Site:**

The Clerk confirmed the web site has now been amended and she is able to input/amend Councillors details as requested. CRiC confirm they are not able to give individual page statistics but overall the CRiC site receives over 20,000 visits per month. They suggest the Council endeavour to inform their constituents of this site.

**Resolved:** the web address be advertised on future agendas.

### **6.8 Any Other Matters Arising:**

The Clerk reminded Councillors the next Five Councils Meeting is due to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July in Cwmdru.

The Clerk informed Councillors Mr Kim Davies has arranged a meeting in The Bear on 22<sup>nd</sup> June commencing at 7 o'clock. Mr Davies advertised in the Chronicle inviting people who have experienced problems with the BBNPA Planning Department to contact him. RL to attend.

## **7. Finance:**

7.1 Cheques - Clerk's salary £135 & Expenses £20 - £155

7.2 CRiC – Website - £100

7.3 Hall Hire (01/04/09 31/ 03/10): Llanbedr (10hrs) £70.00, Llangenny (8.5hrs) £59.50, Glangrwyney (12hrs) £84

Proposed DS and seconded EL and agreed to pay the above.

SS confirmed she had spoken to the Planning Consultant and asked him to forward his invoice. JM suggested the Clerk calculate travelling expenses incurred due to the additional meetings attended.

The Clerk reported the Internal Auditor will be inspecting the books shortly.

## 8. Highways:

Councillors requested/reported:-

- i. A reminder be sent requesting the road by The Bont/The Pentre/The Gudder be swept.
- ii. Roots coming through pavement by the phone box in Glangrwyney.
- iii. Hole in road at the crossroads/vicarage pitch, Llangenny.

DS reported the footpath between the salmon leap to Glangrwyney has been opened up and now has a "dog" stile. Agreed a letter of thanks be sent to the owners of the land.

## 9. Reports on Other Meetings:

PR reported he unfortunately was unable to attend the Health Board Meeting as it coincided with another meeting he had to attend.

## 10. Correspondence:

- 1 South Powys Community Stakeholder Workshop – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 – Meadow Motel, Brecon - Noted
- 2 Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue – Draft Annual Action Plan 2011/12- Noted
- 3 One Voice Wales – 2010 Conference & AGM 09/10/10 – Bont Pavilion, Ceredigion – JM to attend AGM
- 4 PCC – Public Inspection of Accounts 2009/10 - Noted
- 5 OVW – Gwent Consortium for Member Training – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010 – Caerphilly Council Headquarters - Noted
- 6 OVW – Referendum – What You Can Do - Noted
- 7 OVW – Wales Africa Community Links Newsletter - Noted
- 8 Ombudsman – Complaints Wales Consultation: Proposal for Common Complaints System - SS
- 9 PCC – Code of Conduct Refresher Training. – DS, SJ and Clerk to attend
- 10 Society of Local Council Clerks – Working with your Council – 06/07/10 – Agreed Clerk should attend.
- 11 PCC – Powys Secondary & Post 16 Education Modernisation Programme- SS
12. Fire & Rescue Service – Evening Event – 05/07/10 Brecon - Distributed

### **Circulated Items:**

- 1 BBNPA Local Access Forum – Agenda 10/06/10
- 2 Open Farm – 13/06/10 Court Farm, Llanthony
- 3 British Council – Hay Literary Festival Sustainable Development Champions
- 4 OVW - Community Climate Change – 23 June - Newport

## 11. Miscellaneous/Late Items:

Application for Greenhouse / Permit Decision for Neuadd Fawr - *Discussed under Planning*

OVW – National Training Programme for Community & Town Councils in Wales – *Clerk to email Councillors with further information on courses /venues*

## 12. AOB:

SS reported ongoing problems with the Burger Van trading from the layby in Glangrwyney. Residents are experiencing problems accessing/leaving their properties. One resident had to reverse directly onto the A40. Councillors agreed to write to Highways.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.