

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at 7.30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall

**Present:** Mrs Sue Shaw (*Chair*), Mr Ian Mabberley (*Vice Chair*), Mr David Sharman, Mr John Morris, Miss Samantha Jones and Mr Prydderch Rees. *Also in attendance:* Mr David James, County Councillor John Morris, Maria James (*Clerk*) & 5 members of the Public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Bridget Barnes
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Mrs Sue Shaw (*Item 7.1*) *Organiser, Beacons Preservation Group*
3. **Mr David James: Rural Housing Enabler South Powys:** Mr James provided an update on the Affordable Housing Scheme proposed in Llanbedr to Councillors who had been unable to attend the meeting with Wales & West Housing. Mr James explained current proposals involve building and selling three open market houses to finance the building of six affordable units. The success of the project being dependent upon the sale of the open market houses. Both Wales & West and Mr James want to work with the community and had suggested an Open Day is held to give residents the opportunity to view the proposals and make comments with a view to them possibly being incorporated in the final design, as well as put any queries they may have to Wales and West and Mr James directly.

Councillors agreed residents must be kept informed of proceedings and resolved a newsletter be distributed to households in Llanbedr advising an Open Day will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> September (2.30 to 7.00pm) in Llanbedr Village Hall. Wales & West's architect will prepare a series of different designs for residents to view and Mr James will help compile a list of FAQs.

**ACTION:** *Newsletters and notices to be distributed in Llanbedr as discussed above.*

## 4. Planning

### 4.1 Applications:

- (i) *Amendment to previously approved scheme Neuadd Fechan, Llanbedr.(10/05205/FUL).* No objection.
- (ii) *Erection of Conservatory, 13 Pontfaen, Llanbedr NP8 1SJ (10/05175/FUL).* No objection.

### 4.2 Decisions:

#### Permitted

- (i) *Barn conversion to holiday accommodation (Listed Building Consent) Tyn Y Llwyn, Partrishow, 09/03081/LBC)*
- (ii) *Septic tank and soakaway (Full Application) Bellfountain Cottage, Bellfountain Road, Llangenny (10/04863/FUL)*
- (iii) *Metal framed greenhouse (Full Application) ,Craig Y Bwla, Llanbedr NP8 1US (10/04946/FUL)*

#### Refused

- (i) *Redevelopment of the former army camp at Cwrt Y Gollen for comprehensive mixed use development, (09/03405/OUT)*

### 4.3 Other:

(i) *Pair of local needs houses, Springfields, Llangenny (10/05039/OUT):* SS explained this item was on the agenda as a result of correspondence received regarding the Council's letter to BBNPA. To clarify, and in order to obtain advice on issues raised at the last meeting, the Planning Officer and Rural Housing Enabler for Powys had been consulted. The letter sent to BBNPA stated the ground was used for village events in response to the Planning Officer having again queried whether it was a village green. As the letter sent to the BBNPA planning authority did not state the application was agreed in principal, Councillors agreed a further letter should be sent stating *the council agree in principal to this application however still require clarification of whether this application was for local needs housing or affordable housing and what the regulations were.*

**ACTION:** *letter to be sent to BBNPA as outlined above.*

PR entered the meeting

## 5. County Council Report

JGM reported:-

i. **Dan-Y-Gollen Street Lights:** the roads in Dan-y-Gollen have now been adopted. PCC are now responsible for maintenance and lighting. PCC intend turning off some lights/partial lighting.

**RESOLVED:** *SS to circulate a list of affected lights to residents suggesting any concerns are made to the Clerk.*

ii. **Cwrt Y Gollen:** JGM has informed Mr Jeremy Patterson the VoGCC has genuine concerns which need to be discussed and has encouraged him to agree to the Council's request to meet.

iii **LDP:** it is anticipated the LDP will be put on deposit in September. The housing section (both affordable and open market) is currently being rewritten.

## 6. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 19/07/10 [Pages 890 - 892]:

Proposed by DS subject to an amendment being inserted "Without asking for the meeting to be closed the vice chairman asked the applicants to clarify what they had applied for, they could not answer the question, they said they did not know what they applied' after "Councillors discussed the application in depth".

Seconded by IM and agreed the minutes be accepted as a true record subject to the above amendment.

## 7. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

**7.1 Cwrt Y Gollen:** The Clerk reported she had written to Jeremy Patterson of PCC explaining Councillors wish to discuss their concerns direct with him. No reply to date. A letter has been received from Mr Alan Southerby stating he is happy to meet although he doesn't cover the Brecon Beacons National Park.

**Agreed: to thank Mr Southerby but explain in accordance with our original request we are pursuing a meeting with Mr Patterson.**

SS informed Councillors she had been contacted by BBC Wales who are researching a current affairs programme relating to the BBNPA and Cwrt Y Gollen amongst other items. SS stated she had explained the VoGCC do not wish to be involved.

**7.2 LDP:** At the Five Councils Liaison meeting it was agreed Talybont CC will host an expanded meeting to discuss ideas/concerns etc on the Deposit LDP following publication. The next Five Councils meeting is due in November however may be brought forward dependent on dates of the consultation period and Planning Aid Wales training sessions.

BBNPA confirm they anticipate issuing printed copies of the Deposit Plan in September, however electronic versions are available on the internet

**7.3 Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust Ltd:** *This has been discussed under Item 3.* DS suggested he and SS as Members of the Community Land Trust call a meeting to inform the Land Trust of the current proposals.

The Clerk reported Wales & West have supplied text for inclusion in the newsletter to be distributed prior to the Open Day on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**7.4 WAG: Satellite Broadband Grant:** Kirsty Williams AM has supplied information relating to the New Broadband Support Scheme and grant available for Notspots and asked the Council to publicise the scheme.

**AGREED: details of the scheme be displayed on noticeboards in Llanbedr & Fforest Coal Pit, and on the web site.**

**7.5 Standing Orders/Financial Regulations:** As discussed [Item 8.3 P892] the Clerk confirmed enquiries with OVV reveal the cost of purchasing an printed up-dated version of Standing Orders is £25 for Part 1 (Part 2 can be downloaded free of charge).

**ACTION: JM to investigate this charge.**

The Clerk confirmed enquiries with OVV reveal the Financial Regulations (which were adopted in March 2004) are still current. Agreed to review this periodically.

**7.6 Any Other Business:** None reported.

## 8. Finance

**8.1 Cheques:** Clerk (Salary £135 & Expenses £20 ) £155

Proposed by JM and seconded by DS and agreed to pay the above

**Cheques for the following were presented for payment as agreed at the previous meeting:** 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

### 8.2 Miscellaneous:

**NatWest: Change of Address Form.** The Clerk reported the bank has an old address on their system which has resulted in correspondence/paid cheques being misdirected and asked signatories to sign a change of address form. Signatories duly signed the appropriate form.

**BDO: Important Changes to the Accounts & Audit (Wales) Regulations:** The Clerk reported changes to the accounts as from this year. These state: *The RFO must certify accounts by 30 September before the annual return is sent to the external auditor. The auditor will send Council a report setting out the findings and conclusions. The RFO must then submit the annual return for approval to the council making them aware of any changes requested. The council then to return the approved accounts to the auditor. The auditor will then issue the audit certificate and send the annual return back to the council for publication. Therefore the council should consider the annual return before it is sent to the external auditor and authorise the clerk to send a copy of the annual return and required supporting information. A letter should be signed by the Chairman to provide the Clerk with authorisation from the council to submit a copy of the annual return for audit. The Council should approve Sections 1 and 2 after the audit is completed. The clerk is to send the external auditor a copy of Section 1, 2 and 4 and any supporting evidence and the letter of authorisation of the council.* The Clerk asked the Chair to sign the relevant letter and confirmed the accounts would be sent to the external auditor prior to the required deadline of 03/09/10.

- 9. Highways:** The Clerk reported receipt under the FOI Act of the Risk Assessment for Traders on the Highway relating to the layby west of Glanrwyney and also a traffic survey. *The traffic survey had been extracted from a report titled Transport Assessment for proposed mixed residential and commercial development at CYG – pre-planning submission.*

Mr Dean Williams of the Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency had written regarding the signs and burger van. Their risk assessment has not identified “*a significant impact on safety such as to request the trader to move from the site. The situation will be monitored*”. He suggests meeting with members of the Council to explore possible improvements in dealing with such matters.

**AGREED:** *Clerk to contact Mr Williams and arrange a meeting with DS, SS and SJ. JGM will also attend. Councillors agreed to also invite a Community Police Officer.*

IM reported Grwyne Fawr has been marked for potholes.

## **10. Reports on Other Meetings:**

Five Councils Liaison Meeting: DS had reported on CYG to the Five Councils meeting. Cwmdu CC and Crickhowell TC had heard that an appeal had already been made. Crickhowell TC wish to be kept informed of the position and offered their support to VoGCC in fighting any appeal.

## **11. Correspondence**

- 11.1 *Crickhowell & District Archive Centre – Invitation to Reception & Exhibition 20th August at CRiC PR to attend*
- 11.2 *PCC – Consultation on Change of County Council’s Political Management Structure: Place on web site*
- 11.3 *Dyfed Powys Police Authority – Audit of Accounts year ended 31/03/10 – Noted*
- 11.4 *WAG – Community & Town Council Provisions in Proposed Local Government (Wales) Measure 2010:*
- 11.5 *National Assembly for Wales – Consultation on Proposed Local Government (Wales) Measure: DS and JM*
- 11.6 *Brecknock Access Group – Invitation to attend Meetings - Noted*
- 11.7 *Powys Regeneration Partnership – The Regenerator - DS*
- 11.8 *Summary of South Powys Community Stakeholder Workshop 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010*
- 11.9 *WAG – Local Government Partnership Scheme: Annual Report 2009/10*
- 11.10 *POWYS Secondary Education Modernisation: Strategic Outline Programme*
- 11.11 *No Need for Nuclear : House of Commons Early Day Motion No 557- noted*

### **Previously Circulated Correspondence**

*OVW - Recruitment Chairperson & Members - Public Transport Users' Committee for Wales.*

**Miscellaneous/Late Items:** *None noted.*

## **13. AOB**

Councillors discussed the Review of Electoral Arrangements [*Page 891 Item 5*] noting the response deadline is 14<sup>th</sup> September. Councillors considered these proposals however on consideration agreed not to comment.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.40pm.