

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 20th September 2010 at 7.30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

Present: Mrs Sue Shaw (Chair), Mr Ian Mabberley (*Vice Chair*), Miss Bridget Barnes, Mr David Sharman, Mr John Morris, Mr Roger Llewelyn, Mr Prydderch Rees, Miss Samantha Jones & Mrs Elaine Lusted. *Also in attendance:* County Councillor John Morris, David James, Maria James (*Clerk*) and 3 members of the public.

Mr David James, Rural Housing Enabler South Powys: Mr James reported he is liaising with Wales & West Housing Association regarding the Affordable Housing Open Day to be held in Llanbedr Village Hall on 27th September. Councillors confirmed leaflets promoting the event have been distributed throughout the community and notices posted. Plans of the proposed development off St Peter's Close will be displayed showing a selection of different designs/finishes. Mr James, together with representatives from Wales & West will be present to answer questions. Members of the community will be encouraged to complete a questionnaire and feedback collated into a report for public release. Members of the Community Council will be present throughout the event to offer assistance as required.

1. Apologies for Absence: None.

2. Declarations of Interest: Mrs Sue Shaw (*Item 6.1*) Organiser Beacons Preservation Group, Mr Roger Llewelyn (*Item 6.1*) Organiser Beacons Preservation Group, Mr Ian Mabberley (*Item 3.1(ii)*), Mr David Sharman (*Item 3.1*)

3. Planning

3.1 Applications:

(i) **Neuadd Wen Barn, Coed Dias, Ffawyddog Valley, Fforest Coal Pit** *Conversion of redundant barn to dwelling (10/05321/CO).* - Councillors noted this is an amendment to a previously permitted application. No objection.

Mr Ian Mabberley & Mr David Sharman left the room

(ii) **Nantybedd, Grwyne Fawr, Fforest Coal Pit** *Micro hydro electricity generating system (approx 2 kw) utilising Nantybedd stream within the property above. Works to include construction of small intake weir pipeline and small shed.(10/05334/FUL).* No objection.

Mr Ian Mabberley & Mr David Sharman re-entered the room.

3.2 Decisions:

Refused

(i) **Pair of local needs houses (outline), Springfields, Llangenny NP8 1HA (10/05039/OUT)** Councillors discussed this decision in depth. A letter from the applicant to the Community Council was also handed out to the councillors. It was suggested by some councillors that the National Park Authority should be asked to justify their reasons for refusal and informed of the Community Council's disappointment at their decision. Following further discussion it was agreed to write to "ask for clarification on the decision".

Proposed IM, seconded PR to write as outlined above.

(ii) **Removal of entrance lobby/erection of single storey extension Llwyn-On Llanbedr, NP7 7LW (10/05112/FUL)**

3.3 Other:

(i) **Section 78(a) Appeal: Against Refusal of Permission** *Redevelopment of former army camp at Cwrt Y Gollen for comprehensive mixed use development (09/03405/OUT).* To be discussed under CYG [*Item 6.1*].

4. County Council Report:

JGM reported:

(i) The Board of PCC believe Cwrt Y Gollen to be an unsustainable development and will appoint its own Barrister to act in the Appeal against refusal of outline planning permission.

(ii) LDP – the housing element in the LDP is causing concern. The Park appears to have based the housing allocation on landscape issues rather than need. JGM confirmed the Minister can alter the LDP at the Deposit stage and it is possible rejected candidate sites (*which have had a full sustainability report*) may still be considered. Indications are that the consultation period following publication of the Deposit LDP will be eight weeks rather than six.

(iii) A spending review is due in October - PCC will then have a better idea of how much finance is available next year.

5. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting 16/08/10** [Pages 893 – 895] : Proposed PR seconded JM and agreed the minutes be accepted as a true record.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

6.1 Cwrt Y Gollen: As reported previously an appeal has been lodged with BBNPA. The Public Inquiry is likely to be held in the Clarence Hall, Crickhowell commencing 15th February 2011 and anticipated to last 8 days. The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW), PCC and BBNPA has each instructed barristers to act on their behalf. SS reported she had discussed the appeal process with the Planning Inspectorate and informed Councillors they can write to reaffirm their objection to the development on the grounds previously sited or submit an up-dated objection. The deadline for written submission is 7th October 2010. The Councillors agreed to submit an up-dated objection.

Councillors agreed that people/organisations who registered objections to the original planning application must be made aware of the appeal procedure and be encouraged to write to the Planning Inspectorate reaffirming objections/registering an option to speak if wished.

RESOLVED: to write to the Brecon Beacons Park Society, Kirsty Williams AM, Roger Williams MP and the Campaign for National Parks as stated above.

SS confirmed she has spoken with Peter Draper, Planning Consultant, and reported if Council wish to employ his services during the appeal process his fee would be circa £300 for an 8 hour block.

RESOLVED: unanimously agreed to employ Peter Draper Planning Consultant to act for Council on the proviso his fee is agreed/capped.

SS will speak to Crickhowell Town Council at their meeting on 21 September to inform them of the situation and ask if they would like to form a joint working party/and possibly contribute to the cost of hiring the planning consultant.

JGM left the meeting

6.2 LDP: This has been discussed previously [Item 4.0(ii)]

6.3 Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust Ltd: SS reported the Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust held a meeting on 6th September to discuss the Public Consultation Event. The Community Land Trust wish to support this event emphasising the current economic climate has made it difficult to sell the land which was necessary to fund the building of the affordable units which has in turn prevented the project progressing.

6.4 Any Other Business: None reported.

7. Finance:

7.1 Cheques: Clerk's salary £135, Expenses £20, Stationery/Postage £66.98 - £221.98. Peter Draper Associates Planning Report CYG - £1,628.75

Proposed DS, seconded IM and agreed to pay the above.

7.2 Precept: The Clerk reported a precept payment of £2,000 was received on 31/08/10

8. Highways: Councillors reported:

- i. Grwyne Fechan –blocked culvert by The Pentre/The Mill - water running down into bottom culvert.
- ii. Partrishow – potholes on road to Partrishow Church (between Penbair and Gelliwelltog).
- iii. Glangrwyney – Bailey Bridge – question why the footpath is shut – also what is the life span of the undercarriage (*although a “temporary” bridge this has been in situ circa 30 years*).
- iv. Grwyne Fawr – potholes marked, but not repaired to date.
- v. Llanbedr – parking problems in village especially weekends with walkers leaving cars parked blocking up the centre of the village and corner by church.

ACTION: Highways to be notified as outlined above.

9. **Reports on Other Meetings:** PR attended a Local Health Board meeting. He reported on the community bath in Greenhill and funding hopes for a day hospital to be sited between Maesyffynnon and the surgery.

10. Correspondence

10.1 WAG – Planning for Sustainable Buildings – all new homes - noted

10.2 British Red Cross – Annual Request for Funds to support Local Services - noted

10.3 Complaints Advocacy Service: Community Health Council – noted

10.4 Clerks & Councils Direct Publication - clerk

10.5 OVW – *New Chief Executive: Mr Lyn Cadwallader & Motions for debate in the AGM 09/10/10 - JM*

10.6 OVW – *The Voice – noted*

10.7 BBNP: *LAF Minutes 10/06/10 – DS*

10.8 PCC – *A Shared Community – Improving Links with Town & Community Councils – October Agenda.*

11. Circulated Correspondence

11.1 OVW – *Wales Green List Nominations*

12. Miscellaneous/Late Items

12.1 *Kim Davies – Minutes of the Focus Group – RL - email SS*

12.2 OVW – *Tidy Wales Award 2010-10 – noticeboard*

12.3 *Disability Wales – 2010/11 Membership - noted*

12.4 *Local Health Board- Update – noted*

12.5 OVW – *Standards Conference – 14/10/10 – City Hall, Cardiff*

12.6 *Mr I Jones - Planning Application 10/05039/OUT – Circulated (Item3.2)*

13. AOB:

It was noted the noticeboards in Llanbedr/Llangenny require attention.

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