

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall

**Present:** Mrs Sue Shaw (*Chair*), Mr Ian Maberley (*Vice Chair*), Miss Bridget Barnes, Mr David Sharman, Mr John Morris, Miss Samantha Jones. *Also in attendance:* County Councillor John Morris and Maria James (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Mrs Elaine Lusted, Mr Prydderch Rees.

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

**3. Planning:**

3.1 **Applications:** None received.

3.2 **Other:** i) **Change of use and erection of stables with tack room to create base for trekking centre. The Alders, Llangenny P17970.** BBNPA advise this application has been disposed of under Article 25 (11) of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995.

ii) In response to the request for clarification on the decision to refuse two local needs houses in **Springfields, Llangenny (10/05039/OUT)** [*Page 896 Item 3.2*] BBNPA state the Officer's Report is available for on-line viewing and question what the Council requires clarification on. Councillors were surprised at the response however believe BBNPA has recently met with the applicants to discuss alternative development options therefore agreed to delay further discussion on the subject until any revised applications are made.

**4. County Council Report:**

JGM reported:

- i. LDP - PCC question the soundness of the LDP. They believe the housing allocated within The Park to be insufficient to accommodate their policies, ie the school modernisation programme. PCC also believe The Park has not adequately consulted with them.
- ii. Schools Modernisation Programme – this is moving on particularly for post 16 with a number of scenarios, from having all 13 schools open with shared 6<sup>th</sup> Form to closing 6 schools. This goes to The Board in November and will then be sent to WAG.
- iii. Local Environmental Initiative – this is a scheme which is being implemented to provide a local team/point of contact for highways/lighting/hedgerows, etc.
- iv. Cabinet structure of government – biggest group within the council or group of groups will actually run the cabinet, in the same way as the assembly/government is being run. From May 2011 cabinet of 10 Members will become The Board.

*Councillor Morris pointed out community councils should be more involved with improved communications/speed of decision making and informed Councillors OVW are pushing for representation on BBNPA.*

**5. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 20/09/10** [*Pages 896-898*]:

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

**6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**6.1 Cwrt Y Gollen:** The Planning Inspectorate has confirmed the Inquiry will commence at 10 o'clock on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at the Clarence Hall and suggest the Inspector be informed at the start of the Inquiry of any request to speak. A Pre-Inquiry Meeting will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10 o'clock at BBNPA offices in Brecon to agree procedural and administrative arrangements. Written representations should be received by 21<sup>st</sup> October. Kirsty Williams AM has confirmed she is happy to speak at the Inquiry.

SS confirmed both VoGCC and Peter Draper's reports were submitted prior to the original deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> October, however due to barristers' holidays this deadline has been extended to 21<sup>st</sup> October therefore the Council now has until 11<sup>th</sup> November to submit comments on the third party responses. SS reported The Park had requested Peter Draper's details in order for their planning consultant to discuss the appeal with him.

SS reported she was trying to organise a meeting between Peter Draper, the Working Party from Crickhowell Town Council and VoGCC, however Mr Draper has been ill, but it is hoped they will be able to meet on either 21<sup>st</sup> October or 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**AGREED: to arrange meeting and ensure comments are submitted by requisite deadline.**

JGM reported Peter Ogden of CPRW is in the process of completing his statement which refers to how the site initially got allocated. PCC take the view it is unsustainable development. JGM will try to get copies. JGM confirmed he has reserved the right to speak and will attend the December meeting.

**ACTION:** *Email Crickhowell TC with CYG up-date prior to their next meeting again asking for support.*

**6.2 LDP:** BBNPA are due to publish the Deposit LDP on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The consultation period will close on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2010. The Council will receive a letter at the start of the consultation period giving details of how to view the Deposit Plan and the manner in which to comment.

**6.3 Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust Ltd:** Wales & West Housing Association report feedback from the Llanbedr Open Day is very positive. Plans and associated documents have also been published on the architects' web site and comments invited. David James will collate the feedback and report back to the Council. Wales & West and David James then plan to discuss proposals with BBNPA. Councillors agreed the event had been organised very professionally and were pleased at the amount of community participation.

**AGREED:** *The Community Land Trust must be kept informed of the position. David James's report to be forwarded once available.*

**6.4 PCC – A Shared Community: Improving Links with Town & Community Councils:** PCC wish to support better working between County and Community Councils via a Charter Agreement, ie commitment to hold regular meetings to discuss local matters, share information and discuss proposals for further delivery. PCC wish to know if the CC would be willing to take part in initial discussions in drafting a charter agreement and possible involvement in a pilot scheme. Feedback would be valued and should be made by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

**AGREED:** *to respond stating the VoGCC wish in principle to support this proposal and would like to be represented at future meetings. The Clerk to email the Model Charter (supplied by JM) to all Councillors for discussion at a future date.*

**6.5 Five Councils Liaison Meeting:** The Clerk reported Llangynidr will host the next meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. As it is assumed the LDP will be on the agenda Councillors agreed to submit: i) CYG up-date ii) CRiC Representative as agenda items. SS explained she wishes to stand down as the current CRiC Representative as she is unable to dedicate the necessary time to this position.

**ACTION:** *Clerk to email Llangynidr CC as outlined above.*

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

## **7. Finance:**

**7.1 Cheques:** Clerk (Salary £135 & Expenses £20) £155; Llanbedr Hall Committee – Hall Hire (16/08/10 & 27/09/10) - £32 (NB actual payment £42 however £10 credit from overpayment last year – this relates to a meeting with Wales & West and the Open Day); Glangrwyney Village Hall – Hire (04/10/10) £14 (special CYG meeting)

*Proposed by IM and seconded by DS and agreed to pay the above*

**7.2 Other:** The Clerk reported as a result of increased running costs Llanbedr Hall Association are increasing hall hire fees to £7 per hour from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

## **8. Highways:**

The Route Manager of the Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency has written to thank the Community Council for their input at their meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September concerning the unauthorised trading in the lay-by at CYG, signs on the highway and excessive speeding. He states it was an opportunity to debate the relevant highway issues affecting this area which has resulted in all parties now being more aware of the issues, responsibilities, processes and policies involved.

Councillors reported:

- i. Grwyne Fawr – very large ash tree fallen on river which has potential to undermine the road if it floods. Walls generally missing/collapsed in many areas. Potholes still exist.
- ii. Problems with off-roading in Grwyne Fawr especially at weekends. The Police are aware of the problem and state they are due to conduct an operation to curtail this.
- iii. Partrishow – Gelliwelltog/Penbair/Celyn – potholes in road – now getting bigger.

**ACTION:** *Clerk to inform Highways as outlined above and invite the Community Police Officer to the November meeting.*

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

JM attended the OVW AGM. The main items of discussion being: Getting the Charter in place, cutting costs, more emails, being allowed to carry over the time limit if you make a speech at a meeting. Training – want WAG to fund – (*if every CC took up training it could cost £200,000*). Seven motions – 5 passed. Membership to be increased three per cent.

The Clerk reported she attended a training session held by OVW in Talgarth relating to The Council Meeting. The cost was £25. A bursary has been applied for therefore the cost should be reduced by 50%.

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

## **10. Correspondence:**

- 10.1 DVS – District Valuer Services - noted
- 10.2 OVW – Cittaslow UK National Conference- 26/11/10 – noted
- 10.3 BBNPA – Management Plan 2010-2015 – circulate
- 10.4 OVW – Minutes of the Brecon & Radnor Area Committee 02/07/10 - noted

***Previously Circulated Correspondence: None***

## **11. Miscellaneous/Late Items:**

- 11.1 Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau – Funding request to provide a defibrillator for surrounding villages of Crickhowell - Respond stating this request will be considered when next discussing donations.
- 11.2 Countryside Council for Wales – Funding Newsletter
- 11.3 Community Action for Climate Change Event - 22/23 November – Llangollen
- 11.4 Llanbedr School Newsletter
- 11.5 Wales Air Ambulance - Annual Review - noted

## **12. AOB:**

It was reported considerable external works have been undertaken at a property in the Grwyne Fawr Valley (Ty Hir). Although Councillors are aware of an application for change of use they are unaware of any further applications.

***AGREED to write to BBNPA enquiring whether planning permission has been applied for.***

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.22pm.