

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 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 & Mr Prydderch Rees. *Also in attendance:* Maria James (*Clerk*) & County Councillor John Morris (*who remained seated in the public gallery at the start of the meeting*).

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Mrs Elaine Lusted, Mr Roger Llewelyn & Miss Samantha Jones

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

### **3. Planning**

#### **3.1 December Applications:**

- (i) **10/05861/FUL:** *Garage Extension – Oaklands, Glangrwyney, Crickhowell NP8 1EF*
- (ii) **10/05896/FUL:** *Rear first floor extension – 4 Old Abbey Place, Glangrwyney, Crickhowell NP8 1EH*

*As a result of the previous meeting being cancelled due to adverse weather Councillors were asked via email to consider the above applications.*

The Clerk confirmed no objections were received and BBNPA notified accordingly.

#### **January Applications:**

- (i) **10/05984/FUL:** *– extension of existing dwelling- Blaenau Isaf, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SY*

The supplied plans were examined and discussed. The proposed extension was considered not in keeping with the original character of the property.

- (ii) **10/05975/FUL:** *replacement dwelling to provide domestic & B&B accommodation & Office & changing/washing facilities for apple juice business - **Graig Barn Farm, Llangenny Lane, Crickhowell NP8 1HB.** Following discussion Councillors voted on whether to support this application. It was agreed by majority vote to support the proposal.*

**ACTION:** *Write to BBNPA and ask them to clarify their policy with regard to demolition and rebuild.*

#### **3.2 Other/Decisions:**

BBNPA has **permitted** the following applications:

- i. **10/04337/FUL** – Renovation, alteration & extension of existing dwelling, alteration of existing access track, new septic tank – **Tyrywen, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LP***
- ii. **10/05334/FUL** – Micro hydro electricity generating system – **Nant y Bedd, Grwyne Fawr NP7 7LY***
- iii. **10/05706/FUL** - Extension of existing barn, resurfacing agricultural access - **Barn at Hall Farm, Llangenny***

*JGM joined the table:*

### **4. County Council Report**

JGM reported:

(i) **Schools** - despite being better than anticipated the budgets allocated by PCC to schools do not incorporate funding for a previously agreed national teachers pay rise (*which will affect the April/September period*). Schools will have to absorb these costs. Post 16 education funding provided by WAG has also been reduced.

(ii) **Crickhowell Bowling Club** - PCC are considering transferring the cost of maintaining the bowling green in Crickhowell (*circa £10,000 per annum*) to the Bowling Club. The Bowling Club wishes to bring this to Council's attention as residents from the VoG community who use this facility will also be affected. The Club would appreciate the VoGCC's support by writing to PCC expressing concern at the potential loss of a facility which benefits the health and fitness of the community.

**ACTION:** *Councillors agreed to write to PCC (Chris Tully) reporting concern at the above proposal.*

JGM reported the cricket club is facing the same situation with the cost of maintaining the pitch also being in the region of £10,000 per annum.

(iii) **Gritting/Salt bins** – problems have been experienced within the community due to snow/ice last month. JGM asked Councillors to report problem areas within their wards and inform him of any salt bins in need of refilling. He also stated PCC is currently considering whether to engage/employ local farmers to help keep roads clear.

**ACTION:** Councillors to submit a report detailing problem areas within their wards to the Clerk for onward transmission to PCC (copying JGM).

## 5. Minutes of the 15/11/10 and 21/12/10 Meetings [Pages 902-905]

Proposed by IM seconded by DS and agreed the minutes of the November meeting be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair. It was agreed the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> December e-mail meeting be amended to incorporate the list of participants.

## 6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

### 6.1 *Cwrt Y Gollen*

The Clerk reported Mr Jeremy Patterson replied to our letter [Page 902 Item 6.1] stating PCC will not be a Rule 6 party and will attend the appeal only as an interested party. Based on independent planning and legal advice he concluded the best course of action for PCC is to seek the necessary and appropriate levels of community gain to offset the impact of the proposed development.

JGM reported PCC are seeking to formulate an agreement regarding the affordable housing. They do not want the total 30% allocation to be sited wholly in CYG. They would prefer 10% rented, 10% affordable and a 10% commuted sum. BBNPA has rejected this suggestion and therefore PCC are considering whether to be a Rule 6 party. They are concerned costs will be awarded against them.

SS and DS attended the Pre Inquiry meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010 with the Planning Inspectorate. Kirsty Williams AM, County Councillor John Morris and two members of Crickhowell Town Council were also present. The Inspectorate went through procedures, timing and reasons for refusal. He added three of his own observations - i. the affect on highways, ii flood consequences, iii compatibility with military training. These points were incorporated within the VoGCC reports. He proposed the VoGCC and our representative, Mr Peter Draper, Planning Consultant, be Rule 6 participants in the Public Inquiry. This would mean the VoGCC will need to produce a Rule 6 Statement and also be a witness and be questioned by the Barrister. Mr Draper believes this will give the Council opportunity to introduce local knowledge. Following Council's agreement the Planning Inspectorate has been informed it will be a Rule 6 participant. SS reported she is liaising with Mr Draper to ensure his report complements rather than duplicates the report to be submitted by the VoGCC. The deadline for submission is 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

JGM reported Peter Odgen (*Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales*) wishes to meet Councillors on 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2 o'clock in Glangrwyney Village Hall to discuss their respective participation in the Public Inquiry.

**RESOLVED:** SS and DS to attend and invite Mr Peter Draper. JGM will also invite Councillors Tony D'Anna/David Collier of Crickhowell Town Council.

The Planning Inspectorate has submitted notes on the pre-inquiry meeting. A B Nixon will hold the inquiry which will start at 10 o'clock on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

### 6.2 *LDP*

The Clerk confirmed the letter as previously circulated and approved by Council was sent to Tracy Nettleton, Head of Strategy, Policy & Heritage, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, prior to the requisite deadline.

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

A public event was organised on the 13<sup>th</sup> January in Llanbedr Village Hall with representatives from Wales & West, the architect and David James (Rural Housing Enabler). The feedback from the 27<sup>th</sup> September event was considered and the housing design amended accordingly. Wales & West has met with BBNPA planners to discuss the new designs. The final designs are for two open market houses, six affordable houses plus allotments.

Wales & West intend applying for planning permission for the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase – two open market houses in January 2011. When the two open market houses have been sold, a planning application will be submitted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase – six affordable houses. The VoGCC will be responsible for planning/organising/managing the allotment scheme.

The Clerk reported the Pentan Partnership has now put the designs (*as displayed at the public event*) on their web site requesting any comments to be made by 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011. A notice will be placed on the noticeboard to this effect.

Councillors reported local residents voiced concern over the allocation of these houses. It was unanimously agreed the houses should be for local people and the Community Council will have the opportunity to ensure that this will be incorporated in the Section 106 agreement.

6. DS reported speaking to residents of St Peters Close who expressed concern at the anticipated amount of heavy vehicles using the street during the construction period, as well as current difficulties experienced with parents parking in the road at school times. DS reported he had spoken to representatives from Wales & West in this regard and suggested a temporary access/car park could be made from the other end of the close during the construction period. *When the application is submitted Wales & West will have to apply for a temporary access for the period of construction.* JM also reported speaking to Wales & West who suggested there may be some form of community benefit for the school/community.

**ACTION:** *Contact Mrs Lilly, Head of Llanbedr School, to discuss any potential benefits for the school. Also to write to Mrs Rose Morris to thank her for organising refreshments at the Affordable Housing Event.*

JGM reported the Land for People, which piloted the Community Land Trust, has folded. Councillors agreed the Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust should now be disbanded and the balance returned to PCC.

**ACTION:** *Write to PCC (Graham Brown, Portfolio Holder copying in Ian Frazer) requesting that, on behalf of the VoGCC, the land trust be disbanded and the residual (of the £5,000 originally supplied) returned to PCC.*

#### **6.4 Any Other Business**

None reported.

## **7. Finance**

### **7.1 Cheques:**

*Clerk's salary £135 & Expenses £20, Stationery & Postage £73.84 (December);*

*Clerk's salary £135 & Expenses £20 (January);*

*BDO LLP – External Audit - £58.75*

Proposed by IM seconded by BB and agreed to pay the above.

### **7.2 Accounts:**

The Clerk reported BDO the external auditor has now completed the audit. There were no matters which came to their attention which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report. The Annual Return was approved and accepted by Council.

The Clerk confirmed the Notice of Conclusion of Audit will be displayed in the community's notice boards for the required period of 14 days. The Auditor will be informed in writing this has been done.

### **7.3 Precept:**

The Clerk confirmed a £2,000 precept payment was received on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

The Clerk circulated the proposed precept for 2011/12 for Council's consideration informing Councillors £1 council tax would produce £470.28.

**Proposed by IM, seconded JM and agreed to set the precept for 2011/12 at £6,000 (Six Thousand Pounds).**

## **8. Highways**

Due to the various problems highlighted previously with clearing/gritting roads during the adverse weather Councillors agreed to contact the Clerk with problems in their areas, who would then forward to PCC (*sending copy to JGM*).

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

JM attended the Big Lottery Fund Funding Advice Surgery in Llandrindod Wells at the invitation of Kirsty Williams AM. He reported it was well attended and offered advice on how to apply for funding. He suggested the Council consider applying for a laptop/screen for use by the community and gave the Clerk an application form obtained at the event.

**ACTION:** *Clerk to investigate.*

## 10. Correspondence

### **December Correspondence:** as itemised on December Agenda

- 10.1 PCC - Local Environment Project - noted
- 10.2 OVW - Minutes of Brecon & Radnor Area Committee held on 01/10/10 - noted
- 10.3 BBNPA – Draft Community Council Charter - noted
- 10.4 PCC – Code of Conduct – Quick Guides – circulated to Councillors
- 10.5 Dyfed Powys Police Authority – Conclusion of Accounts year ended 31/03/10 - noted
- 10.6 SMP Playgroups – Playground Products - noted
- 10.7 Glasdon Catalogue - noted
- 10.8 Electoral Register - noted
- 10.9 BBNPA – Introduction of Appointments at Planning Surgeries - noted
- 10.10 PCC – Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment – Flood Risk Regulations 2009 - noted
- 10.11 PCC – Annual Council Reporting Framework - circulate
- 10.12 WAG – Fire & Rescue Authorities Consultations - noted
- 10.13 Mid Wales Housing – How Affordable Housing in Mid Wales should be allocated – Consultation Paper – noted
- 10.14 BBNPA PAROW Meetings 2011 & Dates of Planning Advice Centres – distributed – on noticeboards
- 10.15 Funding Appeal – The Stroke Association British Heart Foundation - filed

### **January Correspondence:**

- 10.16 MCC – Summer Holiday Playscheme Abergavenny – Funding Request - noted
- 10.17 BBNPA – Member Vacancy – Standards Committee - noted
- 10.18 OVW – The Voice - noted
- 10.19 The Royal British Legion – Great Poppy Party Weekend (10-12 June 2011) - noted
- 10.20 BBNPA – LAF Meeting – Friday, 21 January 2011 - noted
- 10.21 Clerks & Council Direct - Clerk
- 10.22 Kirsty Williams – Big Lottery Fund Funding Advice Surgery 14/1/10 Llandrindod Wells – JM attended

## 11. Miscellaneous/Late Items

- 11.1 OVW – Buckingham Place Garden Party - noted
- 11.2 OVW – Area Meeting 21/1/11 Llanwrytrd Wells – JM to attend
- 11.2 OVW – Following the Flame – Exhibition Project - noted

## 12. AOB

Councillors discussed inviting a guest speaker for the Five Councils Meeting (*which is being hosted by the VoG on 24<sup>th</sup> March*). It was agreed to invite Clare Parsons of BBNPA to discuss the draft Community Council Charter.

**ACTION:** *The Clerk to invite Clare Parsons to attend the meeting and ask the other clerks to submit agenda items prior to our next meeting (21<sup>st</sup> February)*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55 pm.