

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at 7.30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillors John Morris (*Chair*), David Sharman, Prydderch Rees, Bridget Barnes & Sue Shaw. *Also in attendance:* Maria James (*Clerk*), County Cllr John Morris and 3 members of the public.

*Cllr John Morris opened the meeting by welcoming Councillors and Members of the Public.*

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllrs Ian Maberley, Elaine Lusted & Samantha Jones
2. **Declarations of personal & pecuniary interest in items of business listed below:** None.
3. **Planning:**

### 3.1 Applications

(i) **11/06917/FUL Erection of 4 No 3 bedroom dwelling houses and 2 No 2 bedroom dwellings houses - Land to south of St Peters Close, Llanbedr NP8 1SQ.** Following examination of plans supplied Councillors unanimously agreed to support this application suggesting a Section 106 Agreement be formulated to ensure houses are allocated to people from within the Vale of Grwyney.

**RESOLVED to write to BBNPA, PCC and Wales & West Housing Association reiterating the above.**

(ii) **11/07056/LBC and 11/07055/FUL: Extension, external and internal alterations to Henbant Fach, Llanbedr** Agreed unanimously to support this application.

(iii) **11/07050/CON Variation of condition No 2 of planning consent 10/05975/FUL for proposed changes to the design and appearance of replacement building. Graig Barn Farmhouse, Llangenny.** Agreed by majority vote to support this application.

### 3.2 BBNPA has permitted the following applications:

- (i) **11/06815/FUL** removal of existing porch, erection of single storey extension **Llwyn-on, Forest Coal Pit**
- (ii) **10/05975/FUL** redevelopment dwelling for **Graig Barn Farm, Llangenny Lane, Crickhowell**
- (iii) **11/06775/FUL** roof mounted photovoltaics on a listed building **Druids Alter, Llangenny**

## 4. County Council Report:

(i) **Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** (See Item 3.1 above) Community Councillor David Sharman asked County Cllr John G Morris for a list of the People requiring affordable housing within the Vale of Grwyney. County Cllr John G Morris responded by saying he would ask Mr Terry Flynn PCC Housing Officer for a copy of the Housing List. He will forward a copy to the Clerk once available. The allocation process should mean houses are initially offered to people living within the Vale of Grwyney and then to people with family living within the Vale. The third option may mean the houses are offered further afield, ie Crickhowell.

Whilst Llanbedr residents have been kept informed of the affordable housing project in St Peter's Close Councillors questioned whether other parts of the community are fully aware. It was resolved (*upon receipt of planning consent*) the Council should, in conjunction with Wales & West Housing Association, promote the scheme, via an article in the Abergavenny Chronicle, web site, etc.

(ii) **School Modernisation Programme:** The Cabinet is due to make a decision (*with particular reference to Post 16 education*) at the end of August.

(iii) **Cwrt Y Gollen:** Whilst County Cllr Morris has no news to report Cllr Shaw stated she had spoken to Mr Peter Ogden (*Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales*) regarding lobbying the Minister [Page 927 Item 4]. Mr Ogden advises against this course of action believing it may prove prejudicial. Mr Ogden stated that as it is classed as a major development the planning inspector may be able to recommend a limited number of dwellings on the site. A report in the Abergavenny Chronicle states a decision on CYG will be reached by 12<sup>th</sup> October.

(iv) **Highways:** County Cllr Morris asked to be informed of any highway problems: Items reported in **Grwyne Fechan** include resurfacing/repairs required at Bont Lane and The Mill, displaced stone on Bont Bridge, deep ditches (*by Neuadd Fawr*) which have made the road narrower and resulted in a lorry getting stuck (*liability is questioned as there are no warning signs*). **Partishow:** Gelliwelltog down to Bishops Bridge is rough, three stones have been taken from the bridge. County Cllr Morris reported Highways are scheduled to go to Grwyne Fechan tomorrow and he will ask them to look at the other matters.

8.30 pm - County Cllr Morris left the meeting

5. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011** [Page 927 - 929]. Proposed by Cllr Sharman, seconded by Cllr Morris and agreed the minutes of the July meeting be accepted as a true record subject to Section 10.7 Correspondence [Page 929] being amended to read "*she will meet with Council - JM*".

## 6. Matters Arising

6.1 **BBNPA Community Council Charter:** Councillors resolved to sign up to this Charter.

6.2 **Benches/Maintenance:** As Cllr Llewelyn was not present it was agreed to defer discussion until next month.

6.3 **Cwrt Y Gollen:** [See Item 4]. The Clerk confirmed Kirsty Williams's advice has been sought regarding lobbying the Minister. No response to date.

6.4 **BBNPA – Local List Criteria - Listed buildings & Scheduled Ancient Monuments within Vale of Grwyney:** A copy of the list was circulated. To give Councillors opportunity to fully consider this matter it was resolved to defer discussion until the September meeting.

6.5 **Any Other Business** (for information only)

**Llangenny Playground:** Cllr Lusted in her absence asked the Clerk to inform Council the Rector of Llangenny has confirmed the Church is in contact with PCC regarding a new lease and this should be finalised shortly.

**Vale of Grwyney Affordable Land Trust:** Cllr Shaw reported she had contacted the Treasurer (*Mr Bill Gregory*) to determine the current position with the Land Trust. Mr Gregory has not received the accounts to date, but will chase this up as the Land Trust cannot be dissolved until the accounts have been finalised.

## 7. Finance

7.1 **Cheques:** Clerk's salary £108 & Expenses £25 & reimbursement of stationary/postage expenses £92.10; HM Revenue & Customs £27

Proposed by Cllr Rees, seconded by Cllr Shaw and agreed to pay the above.

7.2 **Financial Accounts & Audit:** In accordance with current regulations the Clerk presented the Annual Statement to Council for approval prior to dispatch to the external auditor.

**RESOLVED to certify the Annual Return which was duly signed by the Chairman and RFO.**

## 8. Highways:

*This item has also been discussed under Item 4 - County Council Report.*

The following items were reported:

1. Weeds growing through pavements in Glangrwyney presenting an unsightly appearance. *It was agreed to refer this matter to PCC.*
2. Advertising flyers being left up indefinitely. *It was undecided what could be done to prevent this.*
3. Boards advertising the burger van in Glangrwyney. This matter was originally reported in September 2009 [Page 860 Item 8.2]. BBNPA were asked to investigate the legality of these signs. *Agreed the Clerk should write to BBNPA to determine the current position.*

## 9. Reports on Other Meetings:

- (i) **Five Council Liaison Meeting:** Crickhowell Town Council has forwarded a report on the Five Councils Liaison Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011. *Clerk to circulate.*
- (ii) **Local Access Forum:** Cllr Sharman attended. He reported new maps are being compiled which will show existing footpaths throughout the National Park.

10. **Consultation Documents:** The following consultation documents were presented for discussion:

10.1 Consultation on PCC proposals on the assessment of the emerging Powys Local Development Plan: (closing date for comments 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011)

- 10.2 PCC Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places within the County of Powys (*closing date for comments 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011*). *Noted*
- 10.3 PCC – One Powys Plan 2011/14 (*closing date for comments 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011*) *Comment cards were distributed for completion.*
- 10.4 BBNPA – LDP: Site Allocation Representations (*closing date for comments 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011* ) *discussed previously [Page 927 Item 3.2]*
- 10.5 TraCC – Transport Consortium of Mid Wales: Passenger Transport Strategy (*closing date for comments 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011*). *Clerk to email*

**11. To receive items of general Correspondence:**

- 11.1 OVW – Guide to taking part in The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons Project on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012 - *circulate.*
- 11.2 Glasdon Direct 2011 – Catalogue - *noted*
- 11.3 Wales Air Ambulance: Annual Review/ Fundraising Walks in Snowdonia/Certificate of thanks for Donation - *noted*
- 11.4 Teaching Health Board – Drop-in Event 15/08/11 Crickhowell Surgery/New Directions for Powys Discussion Document - *circulate*

**Items of Correspondence** *previously circulated - for information purposes*

- 11.5 CRiC - Invitation to 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CRiC on 05/08/11

**Miscellaneous/Late Items of correspondence:**

- 11.6 Royal Horticultural Society – RHS in Bloom Campaign
- 11.7 OVW - Participation Cymru Principles for Public Engagement into Practice Events (13 Sept YMCA Newport )

**12. To receive matters for *the Clerk to Action/Agenda:***

Cllr Rees asked for the problem with dog fouling in Gwrlodau Lane (*lane running up from Red Lion*) be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.