

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 19th September 2011 at 7.30pm in Llangenny School Hall.

Present: Councillors John Morris (*Chairman*), David Sharman, Prydderch Rees, Bridget Barnes, Sue Shaw, Ian Maberley, Elaine Lusted, Samantha Jones and Roger Llewelyn. *Also in attendance:* County Councillor John G Morris and Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None.
2. **Declarations of personal & pecuniary interest in items of business listed below:** None.
3. **Planning**

3.1 Applications:

11/07090/LBC - Tyn-Y-Llyn, Partrishow NP7 7LT - removal of part cobbled floor and replacement with new floor finish of limecrete screed and re-used stone flags.

Council has no objection to this application assuming it meets criteria as set out by CADW.

RESOLVED to write to BBNPA as detailed above.

3.2 Decisions/Other:

It was noted Application **11/06641/FUL** new PVC conservatory to front of property: Tregod, Llangenny, Crickhowell NP8 1HD has been **permitted**.

4. **County Council Report:** County Cllr John Morris reported:

Winter Maintenance. Highways are currently reviewing their winter maintenance programme and would appreciate feedback on gritting routes, ie those previously found inadequate, together with suggested improvements. Highways will provide additional grit bins if required (*precise locations of where to site bins should be supplied*). In order to enable Members time in which to duly consider this matter it was proposed and agreed suggestions should be submitted to the Clerk at the next meeting. The Clerk to forward this information via email to County Cllr Morris.

RESOLVED to compile a list to submit to County Cllr Morris as outlined above.

Housing List: County Cllr Morris was asked whether he had received the Housing List as requested previously [*Page 930 Item 4 (i)*]. County Cllr Morris stated he has not to date however has sent a reminder to Mr Flynn. Councillors discussed whether the list was current and whether it will be necessary for people to re-apply in order to be considered for the Llanbedr houses. County Cllr Morris explained Wales & West, BBNPA and PCC are all aware of the Council's view that local people must have priority in the allocation process and stated there will be criteria in place to ensure this. As agreed at the last meeting it was reiterated the community council will at the appropriate stage work with Wales & West to promote awareness of the scheme. Potential applicants should be given the Housing Officer's (*Mr Terry Flynn*) email address and advised to ensure they are on the present housing list.

RESOLVED to write to Mr Flynn PCC requesting a copy of the present housing list prior to the next meeting reporting Cllr Morris has asked for this previously (copying this request to County Cllr Morris).

Cwrt –Y-Gollen County Cllr Morris reported he had no news concerning Cwrt Y Gollen.

County Cllr Morris left the meeting

5. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th August 2011** [*Page 930 - 932*]

Proposed by Cllr Sharman, seconded by Cllr Rees and agreed the minutes of the August meeting be accepted as a true record **subject** to the following sentences being amended to read:-

1. Section 4.0 (i) '*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.*'

2. Section 4 (iii) '*Mr Odgen 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.*'

6. **Matters Arising:**

6.1 **Cwrt Y Gollen:** Kirsty Williams AM has considered Council's request [*Page 927 Item 4*] and is of opinion it would not do any harm to lobby the Minister. Councillors expressed gratitude for this advice however in accordance with previous discussions [*Page 930 Item 4 (iii)*] decided not to pursue this action.

6.2 **BBNPA: Local List Criteria:** The Chairman reported he had tried to contact Ms Rosie Burton regarding this consultation however was informed she was on sick leave. It was agreed to defer this matter until such time as Ms Burton was available.

6.3 **Benches – Maintenance:** Cllr Llewelyn confirmed he had inspected the benches, with the exception of the bench in Partrishow (*which was reported as being in good condition by Cllr Barnes*). He confirmed the majority are in adequate repair (*subject to treatment with wood preservative*). The bench in Bellfountain Road is of a preformed design and cannot be repaired therefore a replacement bench may have to be considered. Cllr Llewelyn will treat the benches (*ensuring appropriate “Wet Paint” warning signs are displayed*). The noticeboard in Llangenny was reported as in need of a new Perspex covering.

RESOLVED to determine the cost of replacing the bench ideally in recycled materials to prevent/reduce future maintenance. Cllr Llewelyn will provide a price for renewing the perspex in the notice board.

6.4 **Dog Fouling:** Problems with dog waste were reported in Gwelodau Lane, Llanbedr, as well as in Glangrwyney where a resident has requested consideration be given to placing a dog waste bin by the bus stop/near the track to Ty'n-y-Cae. Councillors considered how best to resolve this problem, ie whether appropriate signs should be displayed/bins provided.

RESOLVED to contact PCC to determine who is responsible for providing dog waste bins.

6.6 **National Training Programme provided by One Voice Wales:** Councillors were asked if they wish to attend any of the courses being run by One Voice Wales as part of the autumn training programme. OVW are concerned that lack of take-up of some courses has meant courses have had to be cancelled. OVW will be writing to each member council inviting them to appoint one of their councillors as a Training Champion. This will entail arising awareness of training needs within the council and to be the recipient of email communications which will provide the latest news on courses.

ACTION Councillors were asked to contact the Clerk should they wish to attend any of the courses.

6.7 **Any Other Business** *for information only:* None reported.

7. Finance

7.1 **Cheques:** Clerk's salary £108 & Expenses £25 - £133, HM Revenue & Customs £27
Proposed by IM, seconded by DS and agreed to pay the above.

7.2 **Other:** The Clerk reported the precept payment (£2,000) was received on 31/08/11.

8. Highways:

In response to the letter to Dyfed Powys regarding the Car Boot in Glangrwyney [*Page 929 Item 10.4*] PC Keane has written to ask if the Council has been pro active in assisting in resolving community concerns regarding this event which is important to the survival of the local cricket club. Councillors noted PC Keane's remarks.

The deep ditch running from Penheolmeirch Cottage to The Neuadd, Grwyne Fechan has not been attended to and was reported as remaining dangerous.

RESOLVED the Clerk to report this matter to Highways.

The Clerk confirmed she had written to BBNPA regarding the advertisement signs on display in Glangrwyney however has not received a reply to date. Councillors questioned the criteria necessary to trade from lay-bys.

RESOLVED to write to PCC to determine their criteria for trading in lay-bys.

9. Reports on Other Meetings:

5th Anniversary of CRiC Centre - Cllr Morris attended. He reported CRiC's vision for the next 5 years was outlined. Kirsty Williams AM also spoke.

10. Correspondence:

10.1 Brecon Beacons National Park Management Plan 2010 – 2015 in Brief - *send the email link*
Brecon Beacons National Park Management Plan 2010 – 2016 - Priority Actions

10.2 Mid Wales Housing – Annual Report 2011 – DS

- 10.3 PCC – Invitation to Reception at Neuadd Bryncheiniog, (Tues 4th October 7.30pm) JM
- 10.4 One Powys Plan - Public Consultation – *deadline extended until end of September*
- 10.5 SMP Playgrounds – *Discount for Products - EL*
- 10.6 Llanbedr Church in Wales School – *Retirement of Headteacher(noted/respond nearer date)*
- 10.7 Clerks & Council Direct - *noted*
- 10.8 NSPCC – *Funding Request - file*
- 10.9 OVW – Weblink to new publication “Being a Councillor 2012” (www.wlga.gov.uk/english/be-a-councillor) *Noted.*

Items of Correspondence *previously circulated - for information purposes*

Invitation for Chairman to Attend the 5th Anniversary of CRiC (Wednesday 07/09/11) – JM attended.

Miscellaneous/Late Items *of correspondence:*

Glangrwyney Cricket Club – email to ask if the Council will provide funding (*as per previous letter*). Agreed to respond - *JM and the Clerk to liaise.*

British Waterways — *WOW education volunteers (Wild over Waterways) volunteers to works with school groups on canal projects close to Brecon and Goytre Wharf - noted*

- 11. Matters for the Clerk to Action:** Cllr Llewelyn requested the potential flood risk from the stream running down from the Salmon Leap to Glangrwyney be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

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