

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillors John Morris (*Chair*), David Sharman, Bridget Barnes, Sue Shaw, Ian Maberley, Elaine Lusted, Roger Llewelyn & Samantha Jones *Also in attendance:* Maria James (*Clerk*), County Cllr John Morris and one Member of the Public. Mr Lee Marshall, Senior Waste Manager for Powys County Council was present for part of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Prydderch Rees

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Llewelyn and Jones - *as reported in Section 6.4 below.*

### 3. Planning

#### 3.1 Applications:

(i) **11/07170/FUL Llangenny Stables, Glangrwyney NP8 1ET** - erection of extension to existing stable block. It was noted this extension will result in a 100% increase in size - contrary to BBNPA policy - although equestrian use may be subject to different criteria. It was acknowledged this is for the planning authority to determine. Members agreed to support the application.

**RESOLVED to write to BBNPA to confirm the Council supports this application.**

#### 3.2 Decisions/Other:

It was noted BBNPA has **permitted** the following application:

**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.

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

(i) **Secondary School Modernisation Programme:** The Cabinet is due to decide how to proceed with the secondary schools modernisation programme on the 7<sup>th</sup> November. This recommendation will then go before the ruling group.

(ii) **Winter Maintenance Programme:** As discussed last month Councillors were asked to submit suggestions for improving the grit routes/location of salt bins. PCC has 50% extra salt reserves this year. In order to preserve these reserves PCC intend reducing the amount of salt spread in some areas. County Cllr Morris asked to be notified if problems are experienced in order he may arrange for Highways to adjust the level of gritting.

(iii) **Housing List:** In response to Council's request for a copy of the housing list PCC's Affordable Housing Officer (Mr Terry Flynn) reported the current council housing list shows there to be 22 applications for Glangrwyney and 23 applications for Llanbedr. Although this indicates 45 applications for council housing Mr Flynn advised some applicants may have listed both villages and therefore there may be some duplication.

The Chairman reported he had spoken with Mr David James (Rural Housing Enabler) to ask what the allocation criteria will be for the affordable housing in Llanbedr. Mr James referred to a point system and informed Cllr Morris that whilst people from the Vale of Grwyney will be given priority it was possible someone from outside the Vale (*ie Crickhowell*) with more points could be prioritised. The Council agreed the allocation criteria must be clearly determined to ensure housing is primarily offered to people from the Vale of Grwyney.

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Proposed by Cllr Llewelyn seconded by Cllr Lusted and agreed the minutes of the September meeting be accepted as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

### 6. Matters Arising

6.1 **Cwrt Y Gollen:** A decision on the Appeal was expected on the 12<sup>th</sup> October however to date the outcome remains unknown. Cllr Shaw reported she emailed Kirsty Williams AM on the 16<sup>th</sup> October to ask when we could expect a response however has not received a reply to date. Cllr Shaw will notify the Clerk of any development.

6.2 **Llanbedr Affordable Housing:** As reported under Item 4 (iii) Mr Terry Flynn has supplied the housing list which states there to be 45 live applications. Cllr Sharman questioned this figure and suggested the Council conduct its own housing survey. Following consideration it was felt this request should be discussed in more depth once the position with the affordable housing in Llanbedr is clearer.

**RESOLVED to discuss whether to conduct a housing survey at a future date.**

6.3 **BBNPA: Local List Criteria BBNPA: Local List Criteria - Listed buildings & Scheduled Ancient Monuments within Vale of Grwyney:** Cllr Morris reported Rosie Burton is still on sick leave therefore it was agreed to postpone discussion until such time as Ms Burton is back at work.

*8.05 The meeting was closed as Councillor Morris welcomed Mr Lee Marshall to speak to Council regarding the recycling scheme PCC intend implementing from the 31<sup>st</sup> October.*

Mr Lee Marshall (Senior Manager for Waste Services) reported PCC has to introduce changes to the method of waste collection for both financial and environmental reasons. Currently disposal of waste adds some £400,000 to the annual council bill. Waste into landfill must be reduced and targets which are set at national level have to be met otherwise severe fines will be imposed.

PCC are going to supply colour coded boxes for glass, paper, plastic and cans, together with a container for food waste. Recyclable and food waste will be collected on a weekly basis. The council will supply a wheelie bin for other waste which will be collected once a fortnight. Leaflets explaining the new procedure will be distributed. PCC appreciate certain property, ie terraced housing/flats may not be suitable for wheelie bins due to access, etc, and confirmed in these circumstances residents will be given bags instead. Also the elderly/infirm will still be able to obtain an assisted collection service should they find it difficult to manoeuvre the boxes. The scheme will initially be introduced on main routes and then in rural areas. The collection date will remain the same. Lorries used to collect the waste will have compartments to take the different types of waste. PCC are currently trialling different designs of vehicles.

*8.30 JGM left the meeting.*

A discussion ensued with various concerns expressed including the size and suitability of refuse lorries and whether the provision of a wheelie bin was necessary. Councillors felt PCC should be educating people in how to recycle and reduce waste themselves.

*8.50 Mr Marshall left and the meeting resumed.*

6.4 **Potential Flood Risk stream running from the Salmon Leap Llangenny to Glangrwyney:** *[Please see Item 2]* Councillors Llewelyn and Jones declared an interest as the stream flows through their gardens. Cllr Llewelyn reported over the years a number of "run-offs" designed to disperse water from the stream running from the Salmon Leap in Llangenny to Glangrwyney have disappeared. Residents are concerned the lack of these "run-offs" may result in flooding. A principal run-off (which was located at the top of the cottages in Glangrwyney where the stream splits) no longer exists due to the construction of a concrete wall (approximately 70' long and 12' high). Residents are concerned properties will flood if this wall fails. The Environment Agency state this is a manmade stream and therefore not their responsibility. Whilst they acknowledge someone is responsible it is not known who. They will investigate the legal aspect.

Councillors suggest BBNPA are asked to determine whether permission should have been obtained for the wall and the Environment Agency asked to determine whether the run-offs can be reinstated.

**RESOLVED to write to i) the Environment Agency to determine whether it is possible to reinstate the run-offs ii) Beacon Beacons National Park Authority (Chris Morgan, Director of Planning) to determine if planning approval has been obtained.**

6.5 **Dog Fouling:** The Clerk reported PCC has been asked to clarify the costs/responsibilities involved with dog bins however no response has been received to date. PCC's web site states the Dog Warden will assess and arrange for signs/bins to be sited if considered appropriate.

**RESOLVED the Clerk to follow up this request with the Dog Warden**

6.6 **Five Councils Liaison Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 Llangattock:** Llangattock Community Council is to host the next Five Councils Liaison Meeting on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Agenda items are requested by the 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**ACTION: Councillors to consider and submit items to the Clerk prior to the deadline stated.**

6.7 **Benches/Noticeboards (Maintenance):** Agreed to defer discussion to a later date.

6.8 **One Voice Wales:** OVW invite the Council to appoint a Councillor to be a "Training Champion". This role involves identifying training needs within the Council and receiving email communications from OVW with the latest news on courses.

**RESOLVED Councillors resolved to note the above.**

6.9 **Glangrwyney Cricket Club Funding Request:** The Clerk reported she had received an email asking whether funding will be allocated to Glangrwyney Cricket Club complaining no response had been received in relation to this request. Members have also each received a letter from the applicant to this effect. The Clerk read out a copy of the email which had been sent in response to the original request and the question of funding for the Cricket Club was again discussed. It was felt the Council had duly considered the original request when donations were allocated and agreed a request of this sort would need to be budgeted for when considering the precept. Concerns were mooted as to the balance between benefit to the community and cost to the electorate. It was emphasised the Council does not have sufficient funds to donate to the Club in the present year however agreed the application should be considered when next year's precept is determined. Council questioned whether the Club may be able to get funding from other sources. The Clerk was instructed to write to the applicant to inform him of the Council's decision.

**RESOLVED unanimously to consider this application further when the budget is considered.**

6.10 **Any Other Business (for information only):** None reported.

## 7. Finance

7.1 *To report and resolve to approve items for payment as follows:*

Clerk's salary £108 & Expenses £25, HM Revenue & Customs £27

Proposed by Cllr Sharman, seconded By Cllr Mabberley and agreed to pay the above.

7.2 *To approve and certify the post audit Annual Return:*

The Clerk reported the external auditors have now carried out the audit. They have requested the 2010 purchase cost of fixed assets is reinstated to the same as the 2011 figure stating there should only be a difference when there have been additions or disposal. (*This figure is to be amended in order to comply with new regulations relating to how assets are valued*). Section 1 Box 12 was duly amended and the RFO certified Section 2 of the Annual Return.

**RESOLVED to approve the return. The Chairman certified Section 3. Clerk to return the Annual return to BDO in order they may issue the Final Audit Certificate.**

## 8. Highways:

i) **Winter maintenance programme:** As discussed above Councillors were asked to email the Clerk with suggestions for gritting/bins.

ii) **Glangrwyney Bridge:** It was suggested a sign stating "only one vehicle at a time allowed on the bridge" be provided on the Bailey Bridge (*previously a sign showing a limit of 7.5 tonne was present*).

Councillors questioned whether a response had been received regarding PCC's criteria which allows trading from lay-bys. The Clerk confirmed no response has been received to date. It was suggested the Clerk contact Dale Boyington Director of Highways PCC.

## 9. Reports on Other Meetings:

Cllr Morris attended the One Voice Wales AGM. Items reported included: membership had increased, training grants available, community funding. Out of 8 motions put forward 7 were passed

## 10. Correspondence:

- 10.1 R Charlton - Funding Request - Glangrwyney Cricket Club – *discussed under Item 6.9.*
- 10.2 OVW – Village SOS Big Lottery Fund – *noted*
- 10.3 Brecknock & Radnor Community Health Council (CHC) - *Applications for Membership - PR*
- 10.4 Crickhowell High School – *Vacancy for Additional Community Governor – Noted*
- 10.5 PCC – Renewable Energy Issues (Electricity Sub Station, Pylons, Overhead Power Lines, Windfarms, etc) Dispensation granted to Community Councillors extended – *Noted*
- 10.6 OVW – The Voice – *Noted*
- 10.7 Bruno Peek– Pageant Master Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons: *Guide to Taking Part - JM*

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

- 10.8 BBNPA - Disruption to Planning Services Database/Public Access 11th – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011
- 10.9 OVW – BBNPA Sustainable Tourism Strategy Comments invited by 26<sup>th</sup> October JM

### **Miscellaneous/Late Items** of correspondence:

- 10.10 OVW - Cancellation of training courses if no uptake - *noted*

## 11. Matters for the Clerk to Action: Cllr Llewelyn asked for the following items to be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting:

- Speeding in Glangrwyney Village
- Change of Post Codes
- Stile at end of the lane to Ty’n-y-Cae, Glangrwyney

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.35 pm.