

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD**  
**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Emma Hall (in the Chair), Natalie Bosworth, Cheryl McNamee-Brittain, Kay Davies, Nigel England and Ann Thomas. Council Councillor Michael Morgan. Three members of the public.

**1.(49) PUBLIC FORUM:** The Chair welcomed members of the public and new Councillors.

Two residents from Welsh St Donats summarised their concerns (previously circulated to members of the CC and the Vale Council) over planning application 2022/00305/FUL South of Ty Mynydd Farm.

Environmental issues including solar panels on prime farmland and finding suitable tracts of land for planting trees, were raised by another resident of Welsh St Donats.

**2. (50) RECEIVE APOLOGIES:** Councillor Philip Popp

**3. (51) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** Councillor Nigel England declared a personal interest in 2022/00808/FUL Pantwilkin Farm House, Llanquian Road, Aberthin.

**ACTION:** Clerk to add to online register

**4. (52) MINUTES AND AGENDA:** the minutes meeting on 31st May and agenda were approved and signed. Those new members present signed acceptance of office forms.

**ACTION:** Absent Councillor to sign at next meeting

**5. (53) POLICE REPORT:** Since the last meeting there had been no reported crimes in May and in June an incident of online fraud in Welsh St Donats, no suspects identified.

**6. (54) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN:**

**21/01379/FUL The Quarries, Bonvilston:** Michael Morgan confirmed that this application was being held up by environmental reports and agreed to speak on behalf of objectors if he deems it to be a matter of public interest. He also confirmed he would notify the Committee of this once the date for consideration by the Planning Committee is set. He noted a Councillor from Llancarfan would also be raising objections. Michael outlined the format for representations at the Planning Committee meeting, date as yet undecided. He urged residents to continue writing in to the Planning Officer with complaints and assured Councillors these would be included when the application was considered. Michael Morgan also recommended the voice of a resident at the Planning committee meeting to present objections. Cheryl McNamee-Brittain will consult with residents to secure a representative resident voice at the meeting .

**2022/00305/FUL South of Ty Mynydd Farm:** Michael Morgan had noted the concerns of residents and suggested this could be referred for determination by the Planning Committee.

**Rural Roads Policy:** a meeting with Vale Officers on 12<sup>th</sup> September has been arranged to discuss the policy. Residents are requested to email Michael Morgan their personal

experiences of sharing our narrow lanes with pushchairs, cyclists, farm vehicles, lorries, pedestrians, horse riders and cars so he could use these to highlight the need for action. A meeting with SW Police was also arranged.

Ann Thomas summarised the recent Welsh Government legislation for 20mph limits on restricted roads and noted that the responsibility lies with Vale Council to decide where limits should be 20mph and 30mph. She pressed for a 20mph limit and improved signage in Welsh St Donats to be raised at the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September and strongly urged that residents should be consulted.

The Chair thanked Michael Morgan for attending the meeting.

## **7. (55) MATTERS ARISING:**

**1. To consider remaining vacancy on Community Council:** it was agreed that a resident in Highgrove, Ystradowen should be approached.

**ACTION:** Councillor to keep Clerk informed.

### **2. Matters arising from the AGM:**

a) nominate a fourth bank signatory – Cheryl McNamee-Brittain agreed to be the fourth signatory.

**ACTION:** Clerk to forward documents for presentation at Lloyds Bank

b) appoint a representative to the Hall Committee – Natalie Bosworth was nominated

**ACTION:** Clerk to inform Hall Committee

**3. 20mph speed limit:** this was discussed in the previous item (6). It was agreed we formally ask Michael Morgan to request a 20mph speed limit in Welsh St Donats at the Rural Roads Policy meeting (12.9.22) and it was agreed we actively consult residents through WhatsApp groups and the Community Update.

**ACTION:** Ann Thomas to draft WhatsApp group message and circulate for approval.

**4. Signage in Tair Onen:** Cheryl McNamee-Brittain requested a site meeting with a member of NRW to discuss signage to direct visitors to correct entrances in Tair Onen.

**ACTION:** Clerk to arrange site meeting.

**5. To consider request to reinstate Churchyard maintenance grant:** after further discussion of recent information regarding grants for Churchyard maintenance and, following elections, new Council members with different views, it was agreed to forward comments from One Voice Wales to the internal auditor for his consideration. If his position remained unchanged, it was agreed to ask him for the reasons behind views in writing.

**ACTION:** Clerk to draft and circulate for approval

**6. The Quarries, Bonvilston:** this was discussed in the previous item. Residents of Tair Onen continue to report concerns over persistent blasting and related concerns, this is being investigated under ENF/2022/0237/PC

## **8. (56) HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**

**Dead ash tree near Vale View:** a letter has been issued to the landowner responsible and will be followed up shortly.

**Footpaths 18 and 20:** a resident reported these are now cleared and it was agreed that Vale Council PROW should be thanked.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact.

It was agreed to add the remaining unfilled potholes in Church Lane to a future report for the Vale Council.

**9. (57) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:**

**1. Site meeting with NRW 21.7.22:** a summary is underway.

**ACTION:** Clerk to circulate to members and Jonathan Price (NRW) and add informal path to next agenda. Also contact Vale Council regarding provision of dog poo bag collections

**2. Environment Cluster Meeting with Vale Council 17.6.22:** summary circulated

**3. Meeting with possible leader for guided walks in Hensol Forest 10.6.22:** this would be discussed at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Add to agenda

**4. Community Liaison Committee meeting 14.7.22:** the representative was unable to attend. Next meeting 27.10.22

**10. (58) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR:** None.

**11. (59) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CLERK:** Please see attached list.

**12. (60) COUNCILLOR TRAINING:**

**1. To consider draft Training Plan:** a draft plan had been circulated and it was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Add to next agenda

To note: EH Chairing skills (21.6.22) and Code of Conduct (22.6.22)

**13. (61) FINANCE:**

**1. To pay:** payment was approved for PH&GS for grass cutting in June (£105) and One Voice Wales (£35) for training session (EH)

To note: payment for May grass cutting (£105)

**2. Consider quote for cutting down lower branches at Prisk Triangle and cutting back the shrub behind the bench at the pond:** it was agreed that the contractor could cut the very low branches on Prisk Triangle to trim underneath. It was also agreed that the shrub behind the bench at the pond could be cut back to a manageable size and cuttings put on the heap between the kissing gate and fence. The Rosa Rugosa hedge should be pruned in January/February and the contractor should consult with CC before any work is done on to the hedge.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact contractor. Schedule pruning for January/February

**14. (62) WEBSITE:** None

**15. (63) PROJECTS:** No discussion

**16. (64) MATTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE:** None

**17. (65) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Consultations marked \* are for individual responses, links are on the website under 'Have Your Say'.

**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

School and Transport Policy- consultation to 12.8.22\*

**Welsh Government:**

A Fairer Council Tax – consultation to 4.10.22\*

Shaping Wales' Future Further national milestones to measure nation's progress to 12.9.22 \*

Extending the Well-Being of Future Generations Act consultation to 20.10.22 – no comments

Noted: Statutory Guidance relating to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act

## **18. (66) PLANNING:**

### **Planning applications discussed**

2022/00305/FUL South of Ty Mynydd Farm – objections.

**ACTION:** Clerk to draft response and circulate for approval before 16.8.22 and possible referral to Planning Committee.

2022/00808/FUL Pantwilkin Farm House, Llanquian Road, Aberthin – no objections

### **Application discussed online:**

2022/00679/FUL Llwynddu House, Ystradowen – no objections

### **Applications approved by Vale Council:**

2022/00313/FUL Cwrt Newydd, Welsh - approved

The Chair thanked those present and closed the meeting at 9.25pm

## **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 31.5.22 to 2.8.22**

### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

#### **Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Minutes, agenda and reports from the Vale Council are available on their website.

Mike Clogg – Vale Council will not supply signage, Tair Onen does not have adopted highway within boundaries.

#### **Welsh Government:**

20 mph Speeding Limit Information Pack for Councillors and Community

Councils – Vale Council (EM) considering implications for Vale

#### **One Voice Wales:**

Response from Paul Egan concerning recent information for S137 grants to churchyards

Finance and Governance Toolkit for T & CCs – for next agenda

#### **General:**

Resident from Welsh St Donats – reporting concerns over management of contracts by NRW and increase of solar farms locally using prime farmland

Resident of Welsh St Donats – objections to 2022/00305/FUL South of Ty Mynydd Farm, Welsh St. Donats with additional comments and intention to attend meeting.

Environment Agency – consultation to 14.8.22 on application to change how Hinkly Point C stores radioactive waste – no comments

Boundary Commission for Wales – representations received, second consultation

Resident of Tair Onen – regarding impact of frequent blasting at the Quarries

Resident of Tair Onen copy of email sent to Vale Planning regarding Quarries

Zurich Insurance – review changes on 2.8.22 – for next agenda

IRP proforma 21-22

Emma Edwards was appointed MAR Governor to Pendoylan School

## **NO ACTION NEEDED**

### **Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Dying ash tree overhanging highway near Vale View WSD – in hand

Project Zero update

Cllr Mark Wilson (Cabinet member for Highways) – suggests 20mph as CLC item

Nominations for T & CC representative for Standards Committee – no applicants from WSDCC.

Strong Communities Grants Fund to 22.9.22

National Survey for Wales – notice of field work in Vale of Glamorgan Area

Event: Construction opportunities in the Vale

Section 106 Annual Report

Request for Candidate Sites for RLDP – poster on noticeboard and website

Notes on political whipping

Speak Out hub for reporting malpractice

Publication of Development Plans Community Guide Edition 2

Support payment for unpaid carers

### **Welsh Government:**

Minister for Finance – recommending Finance & Governance Toolkit for T & CCs

Requests for candidates for anchor site for National Contemporary Art Gallery

Ystadau Cymru newsletter 6

NRW Board – 6 vacancies

### **One Voice Wales:**

Grasslands management kit

Older Peoples' Commissioner: Information for unpaid carers

Local Places for Nature – National Heritage funding available

Assets Collaboration Grant Scheme, phase 3 – n/a

Summer pruning at Margam Park

Lottery Funding – Sustainable Steps Wales: Action Grants

C&V CEO Connects

SE Wales Engagement Team update

Good Councillor Guide 22

Young Traders Market

National Forest funding

Community Ownership Funding

Celebrating Rural Wales Even 9/10 June 22

Police – information about Cyber Resilience Centre for Wales

Bulletins June and July

Local Places for Nature Pack/Hub/Introduction for new Councillors

### **Michael Morgan:**

Update on 20mph limits

Copy letter to Mark Wilson following accident in PsE

Green Waste Update

### **General:**

Resident of Welsh St Donats update on footpaths and Hensol Forest issues 14 and 15.6.22

RCT Call for Candidate Sites

Fire and Rescue Service – 'Have your say'

20s Plenty update

PCSO Report

**Advertising:** Vacancies for Clerks at Pentyrch Council, St Nicholas and Bonvilston Council, Ewenny Council, Pontypool Council, Llanelli TC. Vacancy Barry Town Council for Planning Officer. Future Generations – Intern. Pugh Computers, Planning Aid Wales, AED (defibrillators), Ordnance Survey PMSA webinar , Creative Play (equipment), Glasdon (street furniture), Fields in Trust, Fresh Air Fitness, Primary Care (defibrillators)

**Donation requests:** Dogs Trust

**Phone Calls:** Resident of WSD regarding planning application 2022/00305/FUL South of Ty Mynydd Farm, Welsh St. Donats