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**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD**

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Emma Hall (in the Chair), Natalie Bosworth, Philip Popp, Kay Davies, and Ann Thomas. County Councillor Michael Morgan.

**1.(67) PUBLIC FORUM:** No member of the public was present.

**2. (68) RECEIVE APOLOGIES:** Councillors Nigel England and Cheryl McNamee-Brittain

**3. (69) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** There were no declarations of interests.

**4. (70) MINUTES AND AGENDA:** the minutes meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August and the agenda were approved and signed. Philip Popp signed an acceptance of office form.

**5. (71) POLICE REPORT:** there had been no reported crimes in July in the Welsh St Donats area. A report for August is awaited.

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

**21/01379/FUL The Quarries, Bonvilston and 2022/00305/FUL South of Ty**

**Mynydd Farm:** Michael Morgan confirmed both these applications would be determined by the Vale Council Planning Committee. The Quarries application awaited further Council responses to the consultation before going to Planning Committee.

**Rural Roads Policy:** Michael had received feedback from many residents of Welsh St Donats. A meeting to discuss the policy would be held shortly.

**Environmental Study:** Michael would forward for information and as an aside informed members of a meeting of the SW Bird Club on 9<sup>th</sup> November raising the profile of green sandpipers in Ely.

**ACTION:** Michael Morgan to forward study

**Pre-application for solar farm south of Bonvilston:** Michael would be looking at all aspects of this, taking into account all views and establishing whether the location was on prime farmland (agricultural rather than grazing land).

Philip Popp raised the issue of local community power as a possible project for Welsh St Donats. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting and Philip would prepare some background information.

**ACTION:** Add to next agenda

The Chair thanked Michael Morgan for attending the meeting.

**7. (73) MATTERS ARISING:**

**1. To consider remaining vacancy on Community Council:** Tim Rich from Highgrove had expressed an interest in becoming a Council. His application was formally accepted and he was co-opted on to the Community Council.

**ACTION:** Clerk to inform Tim Rich and the Vale Election Office.

**2. Signage for Tair Onen** – a site meeting with Jonathan Price has been arranged for 26.9.22 at 2.30pm. A summary of issues would be forwarded to Jonathan Price and circulated to members of the Community Council.

**ACTION:** Clerk to circulate to NRW and members a summary and location prior to the meeting.

**3. 20mph speed limit for Welsh St Donats** – A WhatsApp message from the Community Council had been circulated to residents of Welsh St Donats requesting they forward to Michael Morgan their views on speed limits in the village. Michael had received many responses.

It was agreed, however, that the Community Council should make clear to Michael Morgan that these comments specifically related to the Community Council's request that the Vale Council replace the existing 30mph speed limit signs in the village with 20mph speed limit signs and that this should not be confused with his previous request for the personal experiences of those using our lanes for consideration when making the proposed Rural Roads Policy.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Michael Morgan to clarify and make request for 20mph speed signs to relevant Cabinet Member and Council Officer, cc Michael Morgan.

**4. The Quarries, Bonvilston** – see item 6. The Clerk would inform Council members when this application is on the Planning Committee agenda.

**5. To consider request to reinstate Churchyard maintenance grant** – Ann Thomas summarised the background behind the request. There were lengthy discussions and as there are new members on the Community Council (two of whom were not present) with new opinions it was agreed that these should be included in any decision. It was therefore agreed to postpone to the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Clerk to add to next agenda and inform the PCC.

**6. To consider request for further support to objections on planning application**

**22/00305/FUL:** the former owners of the land had thanked the Community Council for raising objections to the planning application for change of use but were now requesting further support for enforcing an agricultural covenant on the land. Their request was discussed at length nonetheless it was agreed that it would be inappropriate for the Community Council to get involved with any legal action. It was suggested the former owners might use social media to rally support.

**ACTION:** Clerk to draft and circulate response

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

**1. Informal path in Hensol Forest:** Natalie Bosworth had met spoken Andy Briscoombe (PROW Officer) in Hensol Forest and had discussed the proposed swing gate where the informal path meets farmland. Andy Briscoombe would discuss this with Jonathan Price (NRW) but was of the opinion that as the landowner was entirely in favour with the proposal and the Vale Council would be providing the gate there was little reason for NRW to object. A response is awaited.

**Dead ash tree near Vale View, WSD:** further concerns had been raised as no action had been taken to date to remove the tree and there appear to be conflicting opinions as to who is responsible for its removal.

**ACTION:** Clerk to follow up with Vale Council

Footpath 17 has been cleared and repairs to stiles on the path have been requested. Builders waste in Hensol Forest parking area on Pendoylan road to be reported.

**ACTION:** Clerk to report to NRW

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

**1. Meeting with possible leader for guided walks in Hensol Forest 10.6.22**

Ann Thomas had meet Rob Nottage to discuss the possibility guided walks. It was agreed to review this in the spring to reassess the appetite for guided walks and consider the requirements of NRW to hold such events in the Forest.

**ACTION:** Clerk to put on February/March agenda

**10. (76) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR:** Text concerning dead ash tree

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

Oaklands Farm, Bonvilston (PINS Ref No:DNS/3245503) to 24.10.22

Proposed ground mounted photo voltaic solar farm and Battery Energy Storage System, together with associated equipment, infrastructure, grid connection and ancillary works. It was agreed that as this had arrived the day of the meeting any response would be discussed at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Add to agenda

**12. (78) 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

Planning Aid Wales: Introduction to Planning 28.11.22 – Natalie Bosworth and Philip Popp had expressed interest in these sessions.

**ACTION:** Clerk to get further details

One Voice Wales: Councillor Induction Training 15.9.22(Kay Davies) and Code of Conduct Training 14.9.22 (Ann Thomas and Philip Popp)

**ACTION:** Clerk to check times and availability

**13. (79) FINANCE:**

**1. Payment was approved:** PH&GS for mowing in July (£105) and Wales Audit Office fees for audit 20-21(£257)

**ACTION:** Clerk to process payments

**2. To note changes to insurance company** – noted but no comments

It was agreed to ask Nic Phillips to clear the bulrushes from one third of the pond as recommended by the Vale Biodiversity Team in October/November at the same time as cutting back the hedge to the rear of the pond and reducing the size of the large shrub behind the bench.

The pond book was completed for August.

**14. (80) WEBSITE:** No discussion.

**15. (90) PROJECTS:**

**1. Working Party to prune rosa rugosa hedge.** It was agreed this would be done in January or February.

**ACTION:** add to December agenda

Natalie Bosworth raised the issues of the area around the bus stop and the bus shelter itself which is a focal point of the village. It was agreed to find out who was responsible for maintaining the grass and explore the possibility of replacing the bus shelter with something environmentally friendly.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Vale Council

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

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

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

**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

RLDP Draft Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) Scoping Report Consultation to 29.9.22\* no comments

**Welsh Government:**

To note: Statutory Guidance relating to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act - it was agreed to seek further clarification of any further action required.

**ACTION:** submit comments

**18. (93) PLANNING:**

**Planning applications approved by Vale Council:**

22/00679/FUL Llwynddu House, Ystradowen - approved

22/00280/FUL The Haven, Bonvilston - approved

The Chair thanked those present and closed the meeting at 9.28pm

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 2.8.22 to 6.9.22**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**General:**

Oaklands Farm, Bonvilston (PINS Ref No:DNS/3245503) to 24.10.22

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associated equipment, infrastructure, grid connection and ancillary works.

Residents of Welsh St Donats – requesting further support for objections to

2022/00305/FUL South of Ty Mynydd Farm, Welsh St. Donats

Resident of Highgrove expressing interest in becoming a co-opted councillor

Audit Wales Consultation on fee scheme 23-24 to 16.9.22 – Clerk to respond regarding high cost of auditing for small Community Councils.

Internal Auditor – comments regarding reinstating churchyard maintenance grant

**NO ACTION NEEDED**

**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Road closures in WSD – confirmation that access must be provided for residents and emergency vehicles.

VoGC Public Services Board – workshop 8.9.22

**Welsh Government:**

Nomations for St Davids Awards to 20.9.22

Ystadau Cymru Conference and awards 22 (Social Value theme) to 16.9.22

Ministerial Advisory Forum – information on cost of living support

**One Voice Wales:**

Seeking Welsh Suppliers

Local Places for Nature – It's for them (uncut verges)

Woodland Creation Scheme (WG)

Social Care survey to 21.9.22

Community Orchard

Community Camp: Eden Project

Section 106 training 24.8.22

**Bulletin and CaVHUB Connects - unsubscribe**

Resilient Grants - details

Meadow Management for Insects/Magnificent Meadows - events

Training sessions August and September

**Michael Morgan:**

Road closures in PSE

Confirmation that South of Ty Mynydd has been referred to Planning Committee  
for determination

**General:**

PSGA OS event

Dyfed-Powys Police courier fraud

NRW – Nature networks funding

Older People's Commissioner for Wales: Cost of Living Bulletin

Planning Aid Wales - courses

20sPlenty for Us – conference 20.10.22

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