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MEEETING ON 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023**

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDUNWYDD  
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING  
ON 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Emma Hall (in the Chair), Kay Davies, Nigel England, Ann Thomas, Cheryl MacNamee-Brittain, Philip Popp. County Councillor Michael Morgan and a member of the public from Hensol, Pontyclun.

**1.(220) PUBLIC FORUM:** A resident from Hensol attended the meeting and raised his deep concerns over changes to the lakeside surrounding Pysgodlyn Mawr and the restricted access on the south east side of the lake following recent flood prevention operations. The resident urged the Community Council to seek full justification for these actions.

**2. (221) RECEIVE APOLOGIES:** Councillors Tim Rich and Natalie Bosworth.

**3. (222) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None

**4. (223) MINUTES AND AGENDA:** the agenda and minutes of the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April were approved and signed.

**5. (224) POLICE REPORT:** In Welsh St Donats ward in April a suspicious male and alleged prison leaver was reported selling items door to door in Prisk/Maendy. No suspects identified  
PCSO Davies is hoping to reintroduce Cuppa with a Copper next month in Peterston Super Ely. Further details to follow.

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

**Update on 20mph roll out for the Vale:** an exception mapping is now due in May/June. We received assurances that if Welsh St Donats village is not included, Michael Morgan will pursue this.

**Potholes:** at Michael Morgan's request a Vale Council Highways Inspector would survey the potholes and general condition of the lanes in Heol y March shortly.

**ACTION:** copy Michael Morgan in to correspondence relating to Hensol Forest

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

**1. Local Community Power:** Philip Popp would request a follow up from his contact at the Welsh Government Energy Service. Nigel England and Cheryl MacNamee both had contacts in this field and would forward details to Philip Popp.

**ACTION:** Nigel England and Cheryl MacNamee-Brittain to explore possible contacts.

**2. Signage for Tair Onen:** Cheryl MacNamee-Brittain has had positive feedback to this proposal and is preparing a mock-up of the content and style of the signage. Regarding the misleading signpost at Tair Onen crossroads, a request for a site meeting with Council Officers would be followed up.

The increased use of the lane between the A48 and the junction at Parc-newydd and the hazardous exit from the A48 on to the lane was noted. It was agreed a site meeting should be requested to discuss this.

**ACTION:** contact Highways (MC) to arrange.

**3. Disposal of dog waste:** a response from the Vale Council Cleansing Department is awaited following our request for a dedicated dog poo bin at the bus stop at Welsh St Donats and indication of how often the bin at the bus stop is emptied

**ACTION:** continue following up.

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

**1. Informal footpath, Hensol Forest** – NRW have cleared the pathway and PROW have contacted the landowner to explain the delay in providing a gate to access footpath no. 24/29 (PCC) from the informal path.

**ACTION:** follow up with PROW

#### **9. (228) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:** None

#### **10. (229) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR:** None

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

Kay Davies had consulted residents in Maendy about the access on to the A4222 from the Trerhyngyll direction. A dip in the A4222 obstructs a clear view of oncoming traffic from the Aberthin direction, making exiting hazardous. It was agreed in the first instance that Nigel England should raise the issue with a landowner about installing a mirror.

**ACTION:** Nigel England to make contact

Regarding concerns raised in the Public Forum and after further discussion, it was agreed to write to NRW for further explanation and clarification.

**ACTION:** Councillor to draft letter and circulate for approval

#### **12. (231) COUNCILLOR TRAINING:** May sessions had been circulated. Philip Popp would attend Code of Conduct training on 16.5.23

**ACTION:** book session.

#### **13. (232) FINANCE:**

**1. Payments:** payment to AD Williams for the internal audit 22-23 (£300) was approved. PH&GS invoice for grass cutting awaited.

**2.** The accounts for 22-23 were approved and signed.

**ACTION:** post on website and noticeboard

**3.** The Annual Governance Statement for Wales Audit Annual Return 22-23 was completed and signed at the meeting.

**ACTION:** prepare further required documentation and submit.

It was noted that compensation (£50) following an error on their part had been paid by Lloyds. It was agreed that the Clerk should receive the compensation to offset the time and cost involved in exposing the error.

**ACTION:** for the next meeting.

The Internal Auditor recommended Councillors read for interest part (A) of the Written Statement: Democratic Health of Town and Community Councils.

**ACTION:** circulate

#### **14. (233) WEBSITE:** Cheryl MacNamee-Brittain asked if it was possible to find out the rate of traffic on the website to calculate our engagement with the community through the website.

**ACTION:** consult website manager.

**15. (234) PROJECTS:**

1. Promoting pollinators and bug houses – this would be discussed further at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** add to agenda

The Pond Book was completed for April

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

**17. (236) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:** None

**18. (237) PLANNING:**

Pre-application consultation: Three Fishing Lakes recording technicality in consultation list – no further action required.

The Chair thanked those present and closed the meeting at 20.40

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 18.4.23 and 9.5.23  
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Standards Committee – Mrs Hallett to attend 4.7.23 meeting

Further request for nominees for Standards Committee Appointments Panel –  
none

**One Voice Wales:**

Request for motions for AGM on 30.9.23 - none

**General:**

Resident of Hensol – copy letter to NRW raising concerns over recent flood prevention operations and condition of footpaths around Lake

Spanglefish domain fees increase to £39.95 due September/October – noted

NRW (JP) – confirmation informal path now cleared

**NO ACTION NEEDED**

**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Public Services Board update on meeting 28.3.23

Valeways – thanks for donation and offer of future assistance

**One Voice Wales:**

Innovative Practice Conference 5.7.23

Nature Wise Eco Literacy courses

**General:**

Residents reporting potholes between Catreglas Farm and Llywynddu

Zurich insurance - confirmation of receipt of payment 23-24

**Advertising:** RBLI Coronation decorations, Scribe Accounting, Pencoed (Admin Assistant)