

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Please note that following advice from One Voice Wales concerning public attendance at remote meetings, it was agreed to continue with current practice and request residents write in or email issues they would like raised at meetings. If you have any issues you would like raised at our next remote meetings, on 2nd March or 13th April, please inform the Clerk. The agenda will be posted on the website and notice board in the bus shelter at Welsh St Donats at least three days before the meetings.

CONSULTATION M4/A48 LINK: we understand that a decision by the Vale Council is due to be made in March.

FROM THE POLICE: reported crimes committed in November and December are a burglary from a shed in Prisk of garden power tools (no suspects identified), a theft of dogs in Heol y Mynydd and a covid breach in Tair Onen (we have been informed the police will be patrolling the car parks in the Forest).

‘Another week, another scam’. Over the last two months we have been warned of scams purporting to be from Amazon, Microsoft, vaccine providers and Royal Mail. The message is be aware and if you have doubts the Police have issued the following advice:-

‘If you have received an email, which you are not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) at report@phishing.gov.uk

Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to **7726**. This free-of-charge short code enables your provider to investigate the origin of the text and take action, if found to be malicious.’

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS: work to restore footpaths damaged during tree felling operations around the lake in Hensol Forest is underway and we are trying to get clarification from Natural Resources Wales on the closure of footpaths in the area of the Forest at Heol y March where tree felling operations are due to commence in January. We are also seeking clarification of the status of the lane leading from Welsh St Donats village to footpaths 56 and 56a at Pwll y Darren Farm and have requested a site meeting with PROW Officers to discuss the network of footpaths in Heol y March.

DEFIBRILLATOR FOR WELSH ST DONATS: this is still under discussion and the Community Council is planning to seek the opinions of residents in Welsh St Donats by making available shortly a summary of the details and options through the Community Update and website.

FINANCES: At our meeting on 12.1.21 the precept was set at £7,000.00 for the year to 31.3.22. This is the same amount as the previous year. Payment (£258.75) was made to Wales Audit for the external audit of the accounts 19/20.

FROM REPRESENTATIVES: The Clerk and Councillors Ann Thomas, Glyn Jenkins and Graham Duffield met the Arboriculture Officer from the Vale Council in Welsh St Donats to discuss trees and branches overhanging the highways and also met a representative from Natural Resources Wales to discuss the biodiversity value of the pond. Summaries of both site meetings (held in line with restrictions in place at the time) are on the website.

DOCUMENTS: Recent documents discussed at our last meeting concerned the Bro Tathan y Porth Draft Development Brief and the Natural England Countryside Code Review. From the Vale Council, the Annual Delivery and Budget Plan 21-22 and the Active Travel Routes consultation and from Welsh Government, a Strategy for an ageing society. Responses were submitted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Planning applications for 2020/01355/FUL Llwynddu House, Ystradowen, 20/01399 Rhos Colwyn, Heol y March, Welsh St Donats, 20/01454/FUL Greenlands Farm A48 Bonvilston and 20/01535/FUL Mawingo, Church Lane, Welsh St Donats were considered and comments submitted to Vale Planning.

Planning applications for 20/01252/ FUL Waun Wen, Maendy and 20/01315/FUL Catre Glas Farm, Ystradowen were approved by the Vale Planning.

Planning applications 19/01194/FUL 16 Tair Onen and 20/01012/FUL Tan y Lan Cottage, Maendy were refused by Vale Planning.

If you have any concerns or queries you feel the Community Council may be able to assist you with, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Clerk or Community Councillors. We will do our very best to help you. Contact details are on the website.

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