

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDUNWYDD
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
ON 17th May 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Emma Hall (in the Chair), Ann Thomas, Natalie Bosworth and County Councillor Michael Morgan

1.(1) PUBLIC FORUM: The Clerk had not received any issues raised by members of the public for this item.

2. (2) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillor Cheryl McNamee-Brittain

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

4. (4) MINUTES AND AGENDA: The minutes of meeting on 5th April 2022 and agenda for ordinary and AGM were approved and signed. Those Councillors present signed acceptance of office forms and Cheryl McNamee-Brittain would sign at the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to provide form for next meeting

5. (5) POLICE REPORT: No member of the SW Police was available to attend. No crimes were reported in the WSD Community Council area in March or April. PCSOs Jen Alcock and Richard Davies hold monthly meetings at the Three Horseshoes (PSE) and it was agreed the Clerk should attend the next (27.5.22 at 4pm) to raise the issue that further police reports to community councils would include less detail.

ACTION: Clerk to attend meeting

6. (6) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR: The Chair congratulated Michael Morgan on his re-election.

Michael Morgan summarized the composition of the Vale Council (coalition) and his priorities for the next few years. These included pressing for road safety issues in the rural Vale and care for senior citizens in their communities. He also stressed that he is always available to respond to queries and concerns from residents.

Ann Thomas expressed disappointment that Cardiff now had extensive 20mph speed limits yet the Vale were not introducing the equivalent in rural villages, even where all that was required was to change existing 30mph limits to 20 mph which was surely not very expensive. She hoped that the three trials in Vale villages would soon lead to wider implementation and asked Cllr Morgan to keep pressing for action

Michael acknowledged that there is general lack of interest in becoming a community councillor and suggested an occasional meeting (possibly social) of the Community Councils in the PSE Ward to discuss this and other problems common to all.

He was unable to give any further information regarding planning application

21/01379/FUL The Quarries, Bonvilston, which is understood to be awaiting determination by the Planning Committee.

ACTION: The Clerk to monitor Planning Committee agenda

The Chair thanked him for his report. Michael Morgan left the meeting.

7. (7) MATTERS ARISING:

1. Vacancies on Community Council: the Clerk had posted advertisements (approved by the Council) on the website and noticeboard. So far two residents had requested further information. It was agreed to post a request for applicants on social media where groups existed and leaflet remaining areas. The wording was approved. The closing date for applications is 27th May.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange posts to be put on social media groups in Tair Onen, Maendy and WSD, remaining areas to be leafleted.

2. MAR School Governor for Pendoylan School: it was noted that Emma Edwards and Stacey Harries were nominated by the Community Council

3. NRW Hensol Forest site meeting: – no response to our request had been received.

ACTION: For the next agenda

4. 20mph speed limit for WSD: discussed in Item 6.

ACTION: Keep on agenda for further discussion

5. Grass cutting around the pond: Natalie Bosworth suggested the area around the pond should not be cut till June to encourage wildflowers to grow and seed. Paths should be cut to the stile and bench only.

ACTION: to be included in contract and Biodiversity Plan for 2023

8. (8) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS: i

1. Damaged verges: no response had been received to concerns.

ACTION: keep on agenda

9. (9) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES: None

10. (10) CORRESPONDENCE TO CHAIR: Advertising material.

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

12. (12) TRAINING: a training plan would be discussed at the July meeting and any new members encouraged to attend code of conduct training.

13. (713) FINANCES:

- 1. To pay**
- PH&GS mowing in April (£105)
 - AD Williams for internal audit 21-22 (£275)

Payments approved and paid between April and May meetings were to the Community Hall (£50) and PH&GS (£52.50)

It was noted that hogweed was treated in the verge at Highgrove

ACTION: Clerk to process payments by cheque.

2. To Consider Zurich Insurance quotations 22-23 – it was agreed to take option for online management. (£241.00)

ACTION: Clerk to inform Zurich and pay by cheque

3. To receive and approve the accounts for 2021-22. The accounts were approved and signed. The Internal audit had been completed on 18.5.22 and a report is awaited. It was noted that an invoice for the external audit 20-21 had not yet been received.

4. Complete Annual Governance Statement for Wales Audit Annual Return. The Chair read out the questions and recorded the responses, then signed the Return.

ACTION: Clerk to submit return with accompanying information as requested and display notifications for the public as required.

It was noted that Wales Audit would conduct a full audit of the accounts 22-23.

14. (14) WEBSITE: The Chair thanked Graham Duffield for his continued help in managing the website for the Community Council.

15. (15) CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS:

Log book for the pond signed for April.

1. Possible Project: the Community Council is considering creating a circular path in Hensol Forest (near Heol y March) and over neighbouring land. This unregistered path is already in regular use but without a stile to cross a boundary. Establishing ownership of the boundary fence and approval of the path by NRW is required before the Community Council could provide funds for the stile.

ACTION: Natalie Bosworth to contact landowner to find out ownership of boundary fence.

Approval of the path from NRW will be raised at a site meeting.

It was agreed the Clerk should contact a local naturalist to request some guided walks around the Hensol Forest over the summer.

ACTION: Clerk to contact

16. (16) ITEMS FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: None

17. (17) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

Vale of Glamorgan Council: Employment Land and Premises Needs Study. After discussion it was agreed that there was no suitable land in Welsh St Donats community area as Councillors felt it was important to preserve the rural environment of the area.

ACTION: Clerk draft response

18. (18) PLANNING:

1. Discuss pre-planning consultation at Pwll y Darren Farm: this was discussed in detail and it was agreed a response would be drafted by a Councillor and circulated to members for approval.

ACTION: Clerk to submit before 6.6.22 with a copy for information to Michael Morgan Planning Application 22/00313/FUL Cwrt Newydd, Welsh St Donats – no objections

ACTION: Clerk to submit comments

There being no other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting. (9.18pm)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 5.4.22 and 17.5.22

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

General:

Resident of WSD regarding resident meetings with SW Police in PSE, fallen trees on footpath 31 and replanting in the area in Hensol Forest - noted

Audit Wales – T & CC survey to 1.7.22 – completed by Clerk

ACTION: put on website and update

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Replacement Local Development Plan Draft Review Report and Draft Delivery Agreement Update

Creative Rural Communities Celebrating Rural Wales events

Summer of Fun programme

Code of Conduct training May 22

Public Services Board Well-being assessment

Valeways newsletter

Residents requesting information on School governor vacancy (2)

One Voice Wales:

May training dates

Circular Economic Innovation Communities - details

Calling for good practice examples for global warming and climate change

Free Training for Councillors

Climate Change Newsletter

Local Places for Nature - applications

Ystadau Cymru – asbestos survey – Clerk completed

Age Friendly Wales update

Vacancies: Clerk Pentyrch, Clerk Porthcawl, Llanharan

Celebrating Rural Wales Event 9-10 June 22

Cardiff Connects

Planting for pollinators

Introducing Phil Hill, Defibrillator manager

General:

Natalie Bosworth – map showing possible stile.

Keep Wales Tidy packages and details

UHB Connects

Ramblers Spring into Action

SE Wales Regional Engagement Team update

PSGA update

20s Plenty update

Advertising: Pugh computers, Silviculture (woodland creation), Utility Aid, Democracy Club (polling station finder), E.ON Energy (public lighting solutions), Cwmpas (Wales Cooperative), PlantLife Cymru