

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 13th January 2015

PRESENT: Councillors Ann Thomas (in the Chair), Bill Fawcett, Andrew Foyle, Louise O'Shea, Rhodri Traherne and PC Steven Thomas

ITEM 1 (473) PUBLIC FORUM – Nick Craddock and Ian Campbell attended the meeting and raised concerns about the increase in events, noise, vehicle numbers and speed at and around Hendrewennol.

ITEM 2 (474) RECEIVE APOLOGIES Graham Duffield, Peter Castle and Glyn Jenkins

ITEM 3 (475) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS None

ITEM 4 (476) The minutes of the 2nd December 2014 were approved and signed.

ITEM 5 (477) POLICE REPORT Stephen said no crimes were recorded in December in the area and told us PC Alison Watson would be joining him shortly.

ITEM 6 (478) MATTERS ARISING

Bill Fawcett had passed on the information from the Vale about the plaque at the bus stop in WSD to those involved.

ITEM 7 (479) REPORT FROM RHODRI TRAHERNE – Rhodri reported progress in discussions over merging Councils and re-shaping services at the Vale. Plans are in progress to allow third parties to attend and speak for a short time at Planning Committee Meetings.

ITEM 8 (480) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Andrew Foyle had received a letter and photos from Mr and Mrs Pepper at the Manse House, Maendy expressing their concerns over flooding on the A4222 outside their house. It was agreed this would be passed on to Highways with a covering letter.

ITEM 9 (481) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Ann Thomas recently attended a School Governors' meeting at Pendoylan School.

ITEM 10 (482) CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE

Nick Craddock, Ffald Wen, Bonvilston – concerns over Hendrewennol

ITEM 11 (483) CORRESPONDENCE

* received by mail

Vale of Glamorgan (Council Meeting minutes are available on website):

Copy letter from Vale to SW Police regarding tractor speed in lanes

Christmas Card – Leader of the Council

Clarification (verbal) of planning regulations regarding events at

Hendrewennol – it was agreed that as many residents had expressed concerns over the increase in activity the Clerk should obtain copies of the original planning applications. An approach to the Vale Council could then be made.

Planning Meetings are webcast live - noted

Precept requested and Council Tax levy
Local Transport Plan 2015 -2030 – consultation to 22.1.15
Valeways – spring walks poster – displayed*
New bus services in the Vale
Holiday Play Plan – initiatives and updates of what is available – circulated
Scoping exercise in speeding vehicles at peak times revealed no speeding – Cliff Wilkins and Emma Hall were notified

One Voice Wales:

PA Promotions (corporate merchandise) event invitation
NEA Conference – fuel poverty – invitation
Weights and Measures – allotment measures information
Seminar invitation – ‘Making better use of public assets’
Request for case studies showing collaboration between Local Authorities, Town and Community Councils – n/a
NALC Payscales for part time clerks 2015 - noted
Governance and accountability for Local Councils in Wales – Practitioner’s Guide – amendments for consideration and approval – Clerk raised points with Internal Auditor for advice – for discussion at the next meeting.
Training: Training programme for February 2015
Posts: Severn Wye posts

Welsh Government:

Reforming Local Government – report following consultation
National Transport Plan (comments by 11.3.15)
Jane Hutt – Christmas card*
Section 137 Limit 2015-16 – maximum expenditure set at £7.36 per elector

Rhodri Traherne – road closures Parcnewydd to Heol y March – Inspiring the Vale Bursary (grant to set up business)

Older People’s Commissioner for Wales – Ageing Well in Wales – join

Sian Evans – Fair Deal for Ystradowen and Vale Villages have joined forces. WSD response to request for support is requested in writing for circulation amongst residents of Highgrove. – Chair to draft response

Cliff Wilkins – has confirmation that work on Church Lane road surface will be started in new year

Cardiff and Vale USB – minutes of meeting 8.12.14

Planning Aid workshop – 26.2.15

Green Venture Lawn and Weed Care – card and bottle of wine*

Emma Hall – requesting further signage at WSD to slow traffic – Clerk to ask Vale what that would be.

Advertising: Local Government Chronicle – it was agreed not to subscribe

Adeptford – defibrillators for public places

Plunkett Foundation

ITEM 12 (484) FINANCES:

- a) The precept for 2015-16 was set at £5,000
- b) Green Venture Lawn and Weed – amended contract signed and sent to Peter Beddoes for signature

ITEM 13 (485) WEBSITE None

ITEM 14 (486) CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS

Logbook for the pond was signed for December.

A request for projects would be put in the CC update

ITEM 15 (487) ITEMS FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE. None.

ITEM 16 (488) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Vale Council Destination Action Plan – no comments
- b) Vale Local Transport Plan – no comments
- c) Welsh Government National Transport Plan – no comments

ITEM 17 (489) PLANNING

Applications:

2014/01450/FUL – 20 Tair Onen – no comments

2014/01489/PND Garages, Tair Onen – no comments

2014/01496/FUL Maendy Isaf, Lane – Junction A4222

Applications approved:

2014/01385/FUL – Plas Hen, Bonvilston

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