

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON April 14<sup>th</sup> 2015

PRESENT: Councillors Ann Thomas (in the Chair), Bill Fawcett, Nick Craddock, Graham Duffield, Andrew Foyle, Glyn Jenkins and Peter Castle. Scott Lewis (Hendrewennol Manager)

ITEM 1 (524) PUBLIC FORUM Scott Lewis requested copies of the Community Council letter to the Vale Council and copies of letters from residents to the Community Council. On the advice of the Legal Department of the Vale Council, residents should be consulted before copies were issued as to whether they would like their personal details removed. The Community Council letter to the Vale would be emailed forthwith.

ITEM 2 (525) RECEIVE APOLOGIES Rhodri Traherne, PC Stephen Thomas, Louise O'Shea.

ITEM 3 (526) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS Nick Craddock declared an interest in Hendrewennol. Has decided to absent himself from any decisions made concerning Hendrewennol.

ITEM 4 (527) The minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 were approved and signed.

ITEM 5 (528) POLICE REPORT PC Thomas emailed his report. There were no crimes recorded in the WSD area in March.

Nick Craddock reported a van burned out near Owl's Lodge.

Peter Castle reported an incident of a caller posing as a representative from an electricity company to 15 Tair Onen. Clerk to pass on to PC Thomas for details and comments.

ITEM 6 (529) MATTERS ARISING

a) Publication Scheme – it was agreed that the model would be circulated and discussed at the June meeting

b) Broadband speeds and provision – Graham Duffield had prepared a summary of the situation and agreed to draft a response to the query received through the website.

It was noted that no further comments had been received by Nicky Bowen from Heol Mynydd concerning traffic speeds through WSD. It was agreed the Clerk should request a speed indicator device on Watery Lane.

ITEM 7 (530) REPORT FROM RHODRI TRAHERNE None

ITEM 8 (531) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Andrew Foyle reported two kerbstones loose at passing point on Watery Lane.

Glyn Jenkins requested heavy vehicles to and from the new development opposite Highgrove, Ystradowen, should be directed from the A4222 at Ystradowen rather than through down Sandy Lane.

Glyn Jenkins reported prickly hedge at Highgrove had grown over the tarmac footpath.

ITEM 9 (532) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Nick Craddock reported on a CLC meeting and One Voice Wales meeting both held in March. Ann Thomas had attended a meeting at Pendoylan School

## ITEM 10 (533) CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor of the Council charity concert

Nick Craddock wrote to the Chair expressing his decision to withdraw when any decisions were made concerning Hendrewennol. The Council thanked him for his concern and accepted his decision.

## ITEM 11 (534) CORRESPONDENCE

\* received by mail

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

CLC Agenda - Nick Craddock to attend – CRC draft strategy forwarded  
Enforcement Unit and Development Control – acknowledgement of letter  
about Hendrewennol – Clerk to circulate reference numbers  
Enforcement Unit – complaining acknowledgement Tal-y-fan Castle Farm  
Clifford Parish – Llantwit Library nearest place for dog litter and kitchen  
waste bags

Draft Improvements Objectives Plan – consultation – no comments

Taffs Well meeting to debate Reforming Local Government – Nick Craddock  
to attend

Mike Clogg website address for reporting potholes

[http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/highways\\_and\\_engineering/potholes/potholes.aspx](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/highways_and_engineering/potholes/potholes.aspx)

Vale of Glamorgan Village of the Year Competition

Valeways Led Walking Programme Spring 2015 and Walking Festival – displayed

Footpath 12 WSD Completion Certificate\*

Tim Cousins, Legal, advised the wishes of each resident, regarding their personal details,  
should be sought before information is released to Hendrewennol

One Voice Wales:

NRM Bulletin

National Energy Action – fuel poverty flyer and forum

Action for Warm Homes – tackle rural fuel poverty

Resource Efficient Wales – single point of contact for water and energy  
savings

Clarification on redacting information

Bridgend Charter Report

Paul Egan – recommending I write in with Code of Conduct query - noted

Area meeting agenda\*

The Voice - circulated

Training: April training in our region – Nick Craddock to attend 19.5.15 ????

Posts: Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales – member

NRW – board member

Welsh Government: Good Councillor's Guide for Town and Community Councillors

Accounts and Audit (Wales) Guidance notes for regulations 2014 – internal  
auditor to advise

Notice of consultation for Assets of Community Value

Two-tier Workforce codes – monitoring assessment 30.4.15 – n/a

Christine Evans – expressing regret that she and others had not stayed to Item 6 and  
request for a copy of letter sent from the CC to the Vale (Planning and  
Enforcement) to be sent to all those who complained and compliments to the  
Chair on her letter

Zurich Insurance – passed to Bill Fawcett for scrutiny £243.80 – payment for approval at next meeting\*

Mazars Annual Return\*

WSD PCC – invoice for Christmas festivities £40.75 – payment approved

OS to become government-owned company - noted

Glyn Jenkins – events to be held at Hendrewennol – concerns over precedent – to be discussed further. At next meeting?

Rhodri Traherne – bus provision over Easter – apologies for not circulating – TIP session feedback and M4 J33 closures

Roger Thomas – thanks for copy letter regarding Hendrewennol

Graham Duffield – clarification of where to find agenda on website and information on BT scheme to improve internet speeds

Peter Beddoes – quote for new bench at Maendy Corner (approved) and installing and quote for repairing knee rail fence at the pond £150.00 (payment approved)

Ian Myers, Ross Williams – PAYE remittance advice and summary

PC Steven Thomas – no report of accident involving bench – incident number provided for insurance purposes

Ian and Kay Lewis – reporting potholes – passed on to Vale

Ann Thomas and Bill Fawcett – Brynheulog – removal of hedgerow – the Chair drafted a letter for the Vale Enforcement Unit

Zurich Insurance – claims form for bench at Maendy Corner – claim approved, work underway.

Carole Jones – suggestions for community projects – tennis courts and litter collection she is willing to organise – it was agreed she would be asked if she wished to set up a committee to gauge interest the possibility of tennis courts and litter collection

SW Fire and Rescue Service – promotional material – unsubscribe

Sarah Tregear? – Tair Onen – concerns over Hendrewennol, Clerk to ask if she would like her letter passed to the Vale and send copy of CC's letter to Vale

Shine TV – request for cctv information – n/a

CRC Vale Trails – request promotional leaflets

Advertising: Planning Resources – a hub for professionals

Wales in Bloom

National Plant Monitoring Scheme – volunteers

Public Policy Exchange – Community and Cohesion and Social Inclusion

Workshop

Conservatives, David Cameron

Mr Flar – VE Day flags

Donations:

Conservatives x 4

## ITEM 12 (535) FINANCES

Payment approved: a) Clerk's salary and expenses £2,190.81

b) PAYE £168.00

c) Ross Williams £120.00

d) WSD PCC £40.75

e) Greenventure Lawn and Weed £300.00

ITEM 13 (536) WEBSITE It was agreed that a link should be included to the CRC Tourist Information for the Vale.

#### ITEM 14 (537) CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS

Logbook for the pond signed for March. It was noted that the knee rail had been repaired satisfactorily.

Grateful thanks expressed to all those who contributed to the working party on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March to clear and tidy the area around the pond.

ITEM 15 (521) ITEMS FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE. It was agreed that agri-tourism in the Vale could be a possible item for the agenda.

#### ITEM 16 (522) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Welsh Government – Land Transaction Tax – no comments
- b) Welsh Government – Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People – Nick Craddock to draft response for approval
- c) Welsh Government – Council Tax Exemption on Long-Term Empty Housing and Second homes – no comments
- d) Welsh Government – Health and Social Care Committee Regulation and Inspection (Wales) Bill – no comments
- e) Welsh Government Department for Natural Resources – Review of Designated Landscapes Wales – no comments
- f) Welsh Government Landfill Disposal Tax consultation – no comments
- g) One Voice Wales – motions for debate - none

#### ITEM 17 (523) PLANNING None

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