

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 2nd February
2016

PRESENT: Councillors Andrew Foyle (in the Chair), Ann Thomas, Peter Castle, Glyn Jenkins, Nick Craddock, Bill Fawcett and Graham Duffield, Councillor Rhodri Traherne and PC Mark Goulding. Members of the public: Christine Evans.

1 (669) PUBLIC FORUM

Nick Craddock, as a resident, made a statement and Ann Thomas made further comments regarding the Ombudsman's investigation. Christine Evans raised concerns about the state of the footpaths in Heol y March.

2 (670) RECEIVE APOLOGIES

None.

3 (671) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS Councillors Peter Castle, concerning Tair Onen, and Nick Craddock, concerning Hendrewennol, both declared interests, completed a proforma and left the meeting for any discussions.

4 (672) MINUTES AND AGENDA The minutes of the meeting on 12th January 2016 were approved and signed. An amendment was made and initialled by the Chair.

5 (673) POLICE REPORT There were no recorded crimes in the area in December. Mark Goulding, as Community Officer for the area, could be contacted on 07584 003790, but requested emergencies go through 101 or 999.

6 (657) MATTERS ARISING

1. Hendrewennol

Action: A letter would be sent to Marcus Goldsworthy, Head of Planning at the Vale Council as the Community Council had not been notified of any developments following the meeting of 15.12.15 between Officers of the Vale Council and residents of Heol y March. Ann Thomas has drafted a letter for circulation and approval.

2. Enforcement Notice Castell Talyfan

Action: A draft letter from Glyn Jenkins will be circulated for approval requesting an update on the Enforcement Order.

(653) Louise O'Shea had resigned as a Community Councillor. Ann Thomas reported that Louise O'Shea could remain as a Trustee for the Charity Trust

Action: the Clerk should inform her and thank her for her work for the Community Council (663) One Voice Wales: a review of the public forum and clerk's salary scale

Agreed: these would be discussed at the AGM when further information was available

7 (674) REPORT FROM RHODRI TRAHERNE

Rhodri brought the Community Council up to date with matters at the Vale relating to Hendrewennol, car parking charges in Cowbridge, improvements to 5 mile lane, Corporate Assessment, merging Councils, the Vale Budget and pressures on the budget, Reshaping Local Services, Cardiff LDP, the Social Service and Wellbeing Act, the Social Care Regulation and Inspection Act and the Vale LDP which is at the inspection stage.

8 (675) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

A map showing potholes would be sent to Vale Highways

9 (676) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Andrew Foyle attended a One Voice Wales meeting at which the Greenlinks service and Reshaping Local Services was discussed. He also attended a Community Liaison Committee meeting when, during a presentation on financial audits, it was pointed out that a letter of engagement was needed for internal auditors.

Action: the Clerk will contact One Voice Wales for a model letter of engagement .
Ann Thomas attended a meeting of Pendoylan School Governors.

10 (677) CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE .

Notice of training sessions

Roger Helliwell – sending a dvd of the footway from Ystradowen to Cowbridge.

Action: Chair to forward to Vale Highways

11 (678) CORRESPONDENCE TO CLERK

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION (Circulation dates in brackets)

*received by mail

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

(Council Meeting and CLC meeting agenda and minutes are available on website)

Vale Play Sufficiency Assessment (19.1.16)

One Voice Wales:

Membership fees 2016 - £57.00 and bursary application form* -

Agreed: complete bursary form and pay 50% for training session. Pay membership fees.

Draft Local Government Bill (Wales) - series of questions for consideration at
consultation events in February which may aid responses to consultation for T
& CCs

Action: Chair to forward to One Voice Wales

National Development Framework Draft Statement of Public Participation –
consultation to 25.4.16 - for the next agenda (1.2.16)

General:

Peter Castle – copy letter from Carl Sargent AM (31.1.16)

Action: Nick Craddock should draft a response to be circulated and approved

Michael Fallon MP – advertising

Action: unsubscribe

Graham Duffield – list of items for display on the website

Agreed: - to adopt the changes to Freedom of Information (information available under
model publication scheme) 30p per page for copying colour sheets, information
to be sent by Royal Mail UK Confirmed, in cases where a bulk is requested
charges for processing would be decided as and when, and all requests to be paid
for before the information is sent out,
- and to seek further guidance from OVW when posting model codes/policies and
schemes

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Casual vacancy notices – displayed *

Monitoring Officer (Debbie Marles) – confirmation that the Ombudsman does not intend to investigate code of conduct complaints against two Councillors

One Voice Wales:

Natural Resources Bulletin no. 3

NRS Gareth Thomas – confirming live trapping will be used instead of firearms for rabbit control in Hensol Forest

Manifesto – Climate Change for Wales

Training Sessions for Councillors

Posts: Social Security Advisory Committee (Welsh Government)

Chair of Sport Wales

Welsh Government:

S317 Expenditure: Limit for 2016-17 is £7.42 per elector for donations and grants*

General:

Louise O'Shea – resignation from the Community Council

Ombudsman for Wales - informing the Community Council that code of conduct complaints against two Councillors would not be investigated further.

Rhodri Traherne – Road Closures

Advertising:

Kompan Paints

Donations:

Urdd Gobaith Cymru

Agreed: decline request for donation

12 (679) FINANCES

Approved:

1. Payment of Councillor Training session £17.50 (to include bursary)

13 (680) WEBSITE

None.

14 (681) CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS

Logbook for the pond signed for January.

15 (682) ITEMS FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE. None

16 (683) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill – a questionnaire provided by OVW was discussed and completed..

Action: Chair to submit

2. Vale Play Sufficiency Assessment

Action: Clerk to submit details of efforts to set up a committee to provide tennis courts

17 (684) PLANNING

Applications approved:

2015/01399/FULOWls Lodge, Bonvilston

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

