

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
12th July 2016

PRESENT: Councillors Graham Duffield (in the Chair), Glyn Jenkins, Ann Thomas, Emma Hall and County Cllr Rhodri Traherne.

1 (767) PUBLIC FORUM None

2 (768) RECEIVE APOLOGIES Vicki Pearce (Clerk), Cllrs Nick Craddock, Bill Fawcett, Andrew Foyle, Peter Castle and PCSO Kieran Byrne.

3 (769) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS None

4 (770) MINUTES AND AGENDA The minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2016 and agenda for current meeting were approved and signed.
Emma Hall signed the acceptance of office form.

5 (771) POLICE REPORT None.

6 (772) MATTERS ARISING

1.Hendrewennol: It was noted that a month has now passed since the Planning Committee instructed Vale officers to take enforcement action because no planning application had been submitted by the deadline set in the 6 May enforcement warning notice. Rhodri Traherne explained that the matter had been passed to Vale's legal department and seemed to be stuck there.

Action : Ann Thomas to draft and circulate for approval a letter to the Vale urging action to be expedited.

2. Tair Onen: No news to report.

3. Elect Vice-Chair – given the low attendance it was agreed that this should be postponed again to the next meeting

Action: Clerk to put on agenda for next meeting.

7. (773) REPORT FROM RHODRI TRAHERNE

Rhodri Traherne noted that there not been much of direct interest to us in recent Vale Council business. He reported on a spate of burglaries in the Peterston area: the advice from the police was, in essence, to report all incidents, to improve security where possible and to support neighbourhood watch.

Creative Rural Communities would launch a new round of grant funding in September. There was now a different Minister leading on local government reorganisation and the proposed merger of Vale and Cardiff councils was no longer being pushed as actively as before. Similarly proposals for making community councils a great deal larger no longer seem to be on the agenda.

8. (774) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Concern was expressed about the uncut grass at the bottom of Watery Lane which was impeding the view for vehicles turning onto the main road. Glyn Jenkins reported that

contractors had been cutting verges near his home so expected that the issue would be resolved soon

Action: the Clerk to report to the Vale Council if the grass verges at the bottom of the lane were not cut within a week or so.

Glyn Jenkins had walked the footpaths with Andrew Briscoe of the Vale Council Footpaths Department and identified a number of issues. He would bring a draft letter updating their findings to the next meeting.

9. (775) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Ann Thomas had attended a full Governing Body meeting at Pendoylan School the previous week, also a Finance Committee meeting and a Standards and Curriculum Committee meeting. The school was planning a new initiative, starting next term, to work collaboratively with St Nicholas Primary school. The Governing Body was supportive of this development as was the St Nicholas Gov. Body.

10. (776) CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11 (777) 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)

Consultation – School Transport Policy due 20.7.16 (Ann Thomas comments circulated)

Consultation – Statement of Licensing Policy - due 19.7.16

Consultation - proposal to increase Welsh medium secondary school places in Vale - due 1.8.16

Call for projects – Green Growth Wales

16/00432/FUL 17 Tair Onen, St Hilary – approved – application never received – Vale

Planning had no explanation - Clerk to view online register.

Highways: order raised to repair road at Germonds Farm. Glyn Jenkins to meet officer to locate dead trees on Sandy Lane

One Voice Wales:

Financial Regulations – Changes markup (discuss August Meeting)

Paul Egan – duties of internal auditor

Financial Regulations, final version – for adoption – postpone to August meeting when more information available

General:

Statement from Welsh Gov. – Collection and Management of devolved taxes (2.07.16)

Sian Evans – Tidy Plots – for consideration under ENF16/0166/PC

(Bill has comments)

Audit Wales: Redesigning public services: importance of digital events

Christine Evans – Planning Committee agreed to follow Enforcement Unit recommendations (recommendations circulated)

PRS for Music – Have your say consultation (24.6.16)

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Let's talk about Well-being information

Catch the Bus Week July 5th

One Voice Wales:

Wales Audit Office – Open Data (30.06.16)

Community Energy event

Green Growth Wales — Call for projects for 2016-17 (20.6.16)

Auditor General: Audit Report for Wales 15-16

Posts: Member of Arts Council of Wales

Cardiff Festival 'More in Common'

Meet the Commissioner for Future Generations

Area Committee AGM – Andrew unable to attend*

Public Services Commission Annual Report

Redesigning Public Services- strategic importance of digital event 29.9.16

Training events

Job opportunities: Members to the Building Regulations Advisory Council for Wales

Active Travel – consultation "Gwynedd (8.7.16)

Appointment of Vice-Chairs and Independent Members to NHS Wales (8.7.16)

General:

Ombudsman's Annual Report 15-16*

Rhodri Traherne – notice of road closures

Christine Evans – to attend Planning Committee meeting

(Hendrewennol) Enforcement report circulated

Cowbridge Mayor – invite to attend Civic Service – Chair declined*

Advertising:

BM Grave Digging Services – passed to Chris Samuel

12. (778) TRAINING None.**13. (779) FINANCES**

1. Payment of last Green Venture Lawn and Weed (585) £280.00 invoice was noted and signed off.

2. Payment of next Green Venture Lawn and Weed bill was approved.

14. (780) WEBSITE No comments**15. (781) PROJECTS**

Log book for the pond signed for July

16. (782) ITEMS FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE. None**17. (783) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Vale of Glamorgan School Transport Policy consultation. Agreed that the suggested comments already circulated should be forwarded to the Vale.

2. Vale of Glamorgan Statement of Licensing Policy – no comments

3. Vale of Glamorgan proposal to increase Welsh medium Secondary school places in Barry. Cllrs remarked on the £19m cost for an increase of only 300 extra places, but agreed not to

make any formal response to the consultation.

18 (784) PLANNING

Planning applications for consultation:

16/00687/FUL Selwyn House WSD – no objections

16/00746/FUL Old Hilary Filling Station.

At first glance this seemed to be an unobjectionable application simply to do what currently occurs, namely the sale of Christmas trees for a month each year. However Cllrs were concerned that if this activity was permitted by means of planning permission (rather than under the 28 day rule) that would open up the possibility of other uses of the site for up to 28 days at other times of the year which we did not feel would be appropriate.

Action : Ann Thomas to draft a letter of objection and circulate it for comment.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm