

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
6th December 2016

PRESENT: Councillors Graham Duffield (in the Chair), Bill Fawcett, Peter Castle, Ann Thomas and County Councillor Rhodri Traherne. SW Police: PC Mark Goulding and PCSO Sarah Johnson. Members of the public; Scott Lewis and Gerald Keen.

1 (821) PUBLIC FORUM: No comments from members of the public.

2 (822) RECEIVE APOLOGIES Councillors Glyn Jenkins, Andrew Foyle, Emma Hall and Nick Craddock

3 (823) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS Graham Duffield declared an interest in Planning Application 16/01368/FUL, signed the declaration form and did not take part in any discussions.

4 (824) MINUTES AND AGENDA The minutes of the meeting on 12th October 2016 and agenda for current meeting were approved and signed.

5 (825) POLICE REPORT PC Goulding introduced PCSO Johnson, her post is shared with PCSO Samantha Jones, both assist PC Goulding.

Various information leaflets will be put in the Church porch.

PC Goulding then reported there had been no crimes in the area since mid October with the exception of a forced entry into an empty cottage in Hensol and incidents occurring in Heol y March at the end of October. These incidents involved damage to signage caused by a collision, a fuel truck causing an obstruction, a damaged gate and unfounded allegations made about a resident. All these have been resolved with the exception of the damaged gate, which is still under investigation. However, PC Goulding expressed concern, to all those present in the Hall, over tensions in Heol y March community and warned against the possibility of any anti-social behaviour from any party at this particularly sensitive period.

PC Goulding completed his report with warnings that there had been several incidents involving vehicles at the junction of Sandy Lane and the A4222.

6 (826) MATTERS ARISING

1. **Hendrewennol:** APP/Z6950/C/16/3157600 Ann Thomas confirmed she had drafted, and circulated for approval, a response to the Appeal from the Community Council and this was agreed by the Councillors and submitted by 1.11.16. However after this date an additional report was posted on the Appeal website, to which she also drafted, and circulated for approval, a response. As yet this response has not appeared on the website, but it is anticipated will be included by the Enforcement Officer shortly.

Ann Thomas has agreed to represent the Community Council at the Appeal and is to be accompanied by the Chair. Ann will circulate for approval prior to the Appeal a summary of what she intends to say (essentially that the stance taken by the Community Council in their letter to the Vale Council on 15.3.15 remains unchanged).

Ann also requested a mandate from Councillors to ask questions where she deemed necessary or cross-examine if required. This was approved.

Action: Clerk to inform the Planning Inspectorate that Ann Thomas (accompanied by Graham Duffield) will be making representations on behalf of Welsh St Donats Community Council

2. Tair Onen: NRW has circulated to residents of Tair Onen proposals for the disposal of land. These will be discussed by residents, but of special concern was the access from the A48. From the drawings, any passing points on the single lane track appear to have been removed.

Action: Clerk to write to NRW for clarification

3. Castell Talyfan: for discussion at the next meeting

4. Accident at Heol y March: the information provided by SW Police was satisfactory

5. Overgrown Hedges and Potholes: for discussion at the next meeting

6. Damaged notice board at Maendy and clouded window at Tair Onen: it was agreed that, after looking at various options, a new board would be ordered from Plantscape and a claim made with Zurich.

Action: Clerk to action new board and insurance claim

7. Adopt version of Code of Conduct: it was agreed that the amended Code of Conduct would be adopted

Action: Clerk to inform the Vale Council of adoption dates and send Ombudsman copy of adopted version as required

8. Consultation on phone boxes: no response from residents after appearing in the update

Action: Clerk to inform Vale no objections to removal of public phone in Welsh St Donats

7. (827) REPORT FROM RHODRI TRAHERNE: Rhodri informed us that the Vale Council budget for 17-18 would put pressure on all services with the exception of those ring fenced, however meals on wheels had been outsourced and this would mean that they would be reintroduced to areas where they had ceased, due to financial cuts. Concerns in the Vale Council had been raised when it became evident that those leaving Care were not being fully supported to find work or continue in education. Child and adolescent mental health services had been found to be lacking and would need improvement. Rhodri noted that the PISA results in education in Wales had not been good but the standard in the Vale tended to be higher.

8. (828) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS: it was agreed that the signage to the Village Hall could be improved, there only being the one sign at the fork at Heol y March.

Action: Clerk to contact Vale Council

9. (829) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES: None

10. (830) CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Nick Craddock had written to the Chair informing him of unfounded allegations made against him and offered his resignation. It was unanimously agreed by all Councillors present that there would be no need to resign and he had the full and wholehearted support of the Community Council.

Action: Clerk to reply

**11. (831) 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)

Hendrewennol – Public Inquiry date 10.1.17 and guidelines for speaking at appeal

One Voice Wales: Community Value Questionnaire – not applicable (Chair)

Community Energy Update – unsubscribe

Welsh Language Strategy consultation to 31.11.16 (4.11.16) – no comments

Wales Remembers Programme 2017 (4.11.16)

Draft Account and Audit (Wales) (Amendment) consultation to 6.2.17 (28.11.16)

Training schedule Spring 2017 (29.11.16) and November sessions – next agenda

Future Generations Commissioner – networking opportunities – response required

(4.12.16)

Action: Clerk to decline

Welsh Government:

National Infrastructure Commission for Wales consultation to 9.1.17 (17.10.16)

Law Commission Planning Law in Wales Consultation to 31.10.16 (27.10.16)

General:

Barry Town Council – offer of collective advertising Code of Conduct amendment in
Gem and Barry & District news

Zurich Claim Form for noticeboards

Plantscape – new notice board recommended at Maendy

Wenvoe CC – error in Code of Conduct noted – Clerk requested OVW whether we
should adopt this amended version

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service – How did we do 15-16 and what do we plan to
do 17-18 (27.10.16)

Local Democracy and Boundaries Commission Electoral Review Policy and Practice
(15.11.16)

Planning Aid Wales – Training 8.12.16 (7.11.16) – Nick Craddock to attend

South Wales Police – FOI request response giving information regarding accidents in
Heol y March 16.11.16

Graham Duffield – requesting issue of wreath for Remembrance Sunday – it was agreed that in
future Welsh St Donats Community Council would send a wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

The approximate cost would be £25 (to include small donation).

Action: Clerk to inform Cowbridge Town Council

Nick Craddock – summary of unfounded allegations and offer to resign – comments
from Councillors unable to attend meeting.

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

CLC minutes and agenda for next meeting and details of presentations given

Community Land Advisory Service – information

Confirmation that Code of Conduct amendment has to be advertised in press with
dates of viewing and copy to Ombudsman

Public notice of expansion of Ysgol Gymraed Bro Morgannwg

Information (IRPfor Wales) regarding payments to councillors – poster

December 2016 Public Transport service arrangements over festive season

LDBCW Electoral Review : Practice and Policy

Welsh Government:

Jane Hutt AM surgery calendar - displayed

One Voice Wales:

Annual Report

Conference report

Area meeting 24.10.16 and details of presentations, next meeting 16.1.16

Consultancy Services available at OVW

Landfill Disposal Tax (Wales) – timetable and information

Swalec conference – Warm Homes

Welsh Government press release regarding tax devolution

Posts: Electoral Commissioner for Wales

Vice Chair and Independent Members to NHS Wales

Peer networking and lead with confidence

Public Policy Institute for Wales – research officers

Ageing Well walking survey for neighbourhoods

Wales Animal Health & Welfare Framework Group

Independent Members to NHS Wales

Swansea Community Energy and enterprise Scheme Launch

OVW Innovative Practice National Awards 2017

Review of National standards for Community Health

24 Hour Culture survey

General:

Rhodri Traherne – notice of road closures

Christine Evans – copy of letter sent by the Keen family to neighbours

(circulated)

- notification of a site visit to footpaths in Heol y March by Footpath

Officers – this proves to be routine work

Planning Wales survey – no comments

Darren Knipe (former Council Clerk) – for information - possible fraud item

Vale Health, Social Care and Wellbeing bulletin

Wales Audit Office newsletter and survey response

Diverse Cymru – meet Maria Battle, Chair of CVUHB

Ombudsan's Casebook no. 16

Christmas tree lighting 3.12.16

Peter Castle – update information from NRW for land for sale in Tair Onen

Andrew Foyle – details of flooding in November in Watery Lane – it was agreed that the flooding in Watery Lane should be reported but prior to this the email should be circulated.

Action: Clerk to recirculate for comments about annual agenda item

Natural Resources Wales – reporting environmental incidents 03000 65300 – poster

Displayed

CPRW Magazine

Advertising:

Eisteddford 2017

Red Cross

Play Wales

12. (832) TRAINING: None

13. (833) FINANCES

1. to pay - One Voice Wales Councillor training (£35.00) - approved

2. grass cutting contrace: was approved and signed

Action: Clerk to submit cheque and send copies of contract to Peter Beddoes

14 (834) WEBSITE None

15 (835) PROJECTS

Log book for the pond signed for October and November.

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

17 (837) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Welsh Government Draft Account and Audit (Wales) Amendment – no comments

2. Welsh Government National Infrastructure Commission for Wales – no comments

3. Law Commission Planning Law in Wales – no comments

Action: Clerk to send in comments

18 (838) PLANNING

Applications Approved:

2016/ 01227/FUL – 8 Highgrove, Ystradowen – comments (consultation by email)

Applications Proposed:

2016/01368/FUL – April Rise, Welsh St Donats – Councillors had reservations over the initial application and feel this is a great improvement there no comments

1. Laurel Hedge, Welsh St Donats - it was agreed the Clerk should remind the Vale Council Enforcement Officer of comments made in her email of 17.6.15

Action: Clerk to send in comments to Planning and Enforcement Unit

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