

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
7th March 2017

PRESENT: Councillors Graham Duffield (in the Chair), Bill Fawcett, Emma Hall, Andrew Foyle, Nick Craddock and Ann Thomas. Members of the public: Rosie Hall and Christine Evans

1 (875) PUBLIC FORUM: Christine Evans wished to make the Council aware that she had been visited by two PCSOs recently regarding a alleged damage to a rotten gate. Nick Craddock (as a resident) reported that three residents of Heol y March had been interviewed by SW Police about allegations made against them which had proved unfounded. He wished to have it recorded that this was deeply upsetting to all those involved.

2 (876) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillors Peter Castle, Glyn Jenkins and Rhodri Traherne .

3 (877) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Nick Craddock declared an interest in Hendrewennol and was absent for any discussion.

4 (878) MINUTES AND AGENDA: The minutes of the meeting on 7th February 2017 and agenda for current meeting were approved and signed.

5 (879) POLICE REPORT: No one from SW Police was available to attend the meeting. PC Mark Goulding sent a report by email as follows:

05/02/2017 Theft from a motor vehicle – Hensol (Psygodlin mawr) Fishing equipment stolen from car. No lines of enquiry. Forensics negative.

Two matters of note; a suspicious vehicle seen parked up at Hendrewennol. Five occupants dressed in black entered farm with a reported banner and were disturbed by Farm hand and left scene. Enquiries on going, if anyone knows of this incident or vehicle please contact me soonest.

Secondly a number of sheep have been killed in separate incidents between Aberthin and Ystradowen over the last few months, SW Police have reported one member of the public for sheep worrying offence, and is aware of a loose dog seen around watery lane.

SW Police would be grateful if the Council could remind the local communities to keep their dogs on leads when around domestic stock especially now with lambing season.

Councillors expressed regret that a member of SW Police was not present at the meeting residents had raised issues and it would have been helpful if someone had been there to respond. It was agreed to inform him of this was so.

Action: Clerk to inform PC Goulding that it was regrettable that he had been unable to attend the meeting.

6 (880) MATTERS ARISING:

Emma Hall told the meeting a Litter Pick, organised by her daughter Rosie, was proposed for 25th March and would start at Cowbridge School and finish in Ystradowen. Councillors would be informed of final details.

1. Hendrewennol: Ann Thomas reported her intention to prepare speaking notes for the Inquiry on 28th March. These would be circulated to Councillors beforehand for their approval.

Andrew Foyle wishes to make a representation, as a Councillor, at the Inquiry. He would circulate his notes beforehand for approval.

2. Tair Onen: Nothing to report

3. Castell Talyfan: Nothing to report

4. Village Hall Signage: it was agreed to find out who would be responsible for the maintenance costs if the scheme to provide increased signage to the Village Hall went ahead. A response from the Village Hall Committee regarding aid with funding was awaited.

Action: Clerk to find maintenance responsibilities.

5. Social Media use by Councillors: all Councillors present completed a questionnaire to find out if any member used social media in their role as a Community Councillor. Remaining Councillors would be asked at the following meeting in April.

Action: April agenda item

7. (881) REPORT FROM RHODRI TRAHERNE: None

8. (882) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS: None

9. (883) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

Ann Thomas had attended a Governors meeting of Pendoylan School prior to our meeting. There had been problems appointing a new head and concerns over the budget.

10. (884) CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Peterston super Ely – notification of their system to improve communication with the Vale Council. It was agreed that Welsh St Donats should adopt the same system and inform the Vale Council.

Action: Clerk to inform Vale Council

11. (885) 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)

Regeneration and Planning - Footway Maendy to Aberthin – confirmation that S106 funding is available and it will probably include this – various options being considered – it was agreed to request to be included in any consultation

Action: Clerk to request

LDP Further matters arising re 31.3.17 (17.2.17) – no comments

Footpaths Officer – update on footpath survey

Confirmation of availability of litter picking tools – information passed to Emma Hall.

One Voice Wales:

Tree Charter for Wales – survey (9.2.17)

Welsh Government: consultation on gypsy, traveller and showpeople sites to 22.5.17 (27.2.17)

General:

Boundaries Commission – consultation on proposed changes to
initial consultation invitation responses written and oral to
27.3.17 (20.2.17) – no comments

Independent Remuneration Panel report 17-18 Section 13 – for adoption (28.2.17)

SW Police – response to email regarding hunting in forest – to follow up witnesses

NRW Gareth Thomas – no permission has been given for any hunt to use the Forest although
were an application made trail or drag hunting only permission would probably be granted

Andrew Foyle – ecologist options for advice on clearing WSD pond

SW Police – Mark Goulding crime report

GreenVenture Lawn and Weed – invoice to install new notice board in Maendy and
dispose of the old one £150.00 – payment approved

NO ACTION NEEDED**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Performance and Development Services – Guidance for Councils
and employees prior to the elections
CRC Mapping toolkit

Election timetable and information - recirculate

Rural Funding Fair Peterston super Ely 2.3.17

Help for Independent candidates for election 2017

Welsh Government: Jane Hutt AM thanking for thanks

One Voice Wales:

Energise Wales Newsletter

Bulletin

NHS ‘One Simple thing’ Dementia Strategy – request for suggestions

WW1 Commemorative Plans

Public Appointments: Commissioner – Ancient and Historical Monuments in Wales

Chair to NHS Health Boards and Trusts

Literary Residency: Poetry of Loss

General:

Rhodri Traherne – notice of road works

- Police attendance at recent meetings in Peterston super Ely ward

Wales Audit – Good practice programme – events

Advertising:

LSI Energy

Wales Air Ambulance

Donation requests:

Teenage Cancer Trust

12. (886) TRAINING: None**13. (887) FINANCES**

1. to pay - Annual Councillors’ incidental expenses (£150)

- Plantscape replacement notice board Maendy (£619.92)

- GreenVenture Lawn and Weed installing notice board (£150)
- Village Hall rental for meetings 16-17 (£275.00)
- Inquiry travel and subsistence expenses for those attending in January (£65.40)
- Clerk's salary (£1896.96) and expenses (£317.11 + vat) 16-17

14 (888) WEBSITE: None

15 (889) PROJECTS: It was agreed to contact the Vale Ecologist in the first instance regarding the state of the pond at Welsh St Donats. Stephen Lowe, former ecologist, had not responded to emails.

Action: Clerk to contact Vale Ecologist

Pond log book signed for February

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

17 (891) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Boundaries Commission – consultation on changes to initial consultation – no comments
2. Welsh Government – Gypsy, traveller and showpeople sites – no comments
3. Independent Remuneration Panel Report 17-18 – it was agreed to adopt the same determinations as in the previous report.

Action: Clerk to send in comments

Graham Duffield to upload current IRP report on to website

18 (892) PLANNING

Application 17/00056/FUL Ty Isha – the consultation on this application was conducted online – no comments

Action: 1. Laurel Hedge, Welsh St Donats - nothing to report, for agenda of next meeting

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