

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING**  
**ON 9th MAY 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Graham Duffield (in the Chair), Ann Thomas, Nick Craddock, Andrew Foyle and Emma Hall.

**APOLOGIES**

Glyn Jenkins, Michael Morgan and PC Mark Goulding.

**1 (13) PUBLIC FORUM** None

**2. (14) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS** None

**3 (15) MINUTES AND AGENDA** The minutes of meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and AGM agenda and ordinary meeting agenda were approved and signed.

**4. (16) POLICE REPORT** PC Mark Goulding emailed his report. There had been no crimes reported in the last month in the Welsh St Donats area. Residents are urged to be vigilant and secure sheds and outhouses containing gardening equipment in the summer months.

Andrew Foyle reported a resident had seen a dog worry sheep in the last week of April. This dog had previously been seen and reported.

**Action:** Clerk to inform PC Mark Goulding

**5 (17) MATTERS ARISING**

1. **Hendrewennol:** The Inquiry report is awaited – no discussion

2. **Tair Onen:** Nothing to report – no discussion

3. **Castell Talyfan:** No response had been received from Vale Planning following our request for a status report on the planning application made in 2016.

**Action:** Clerk to request response again

4. Village Hall Signage – it was agreed to request from the Vale Council a rough estimate of the cost of one sign and the probable cost of upkeep to give Councillors some information on which to make a decision about funding the improvement to signage to the Village Hall.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Vale for estimate

**6. (18) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR:** None

**7. (19) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Germonds Farm entrance – the tarmac is breaking up

**Action:** report to Vale Highways.

It was agreed to delay contacting the Vale regarding landowners' responsibility to maintain hedges until cutting restarted, as advised by Glyn Jenkins

A resident had reported restricted vision from a tractor when approaching the A48 on the lane from Welsh St Donats caused by the position of a sign.

**Action:** Report to Vale Highways

Blocked stile at Cherry Orchard Farm

**Action:** Report to Vale Footpaths

## **8. (20) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

Andrew Foyle had attended a One Voice Wales meeting which included a presentation from Western Power. Call **0800 6783 105** in the event of a power cut.

Ann Thomas had attended eleven Governors' Meetings at Pendoylan School since her last report in March, including one planned and three extraordinary Full Governing Body meetings plus seven meetings of the Finance, Admissions and Nursery Committees. The main news to report was that a new head teacher, Mrs Vaughan, had been appointed. Demand for places at the school remained strong and pupil numbers were near capacity, but nevertheless the school was heading for a substantial budget deficit. Three members of staff had accepted offers of voluntary redundancy but even this was insufficient to resolve the financial crisis. Achieving a balanced budget over the next three years would be heavily dependent upon the introduction of fee paying afternoon nursery provision from September. This had been the intention over a year, but it had proved very difficult to implement.

## **9 (21) CORRESPONDENCE TO CHAIR**

AD Williams – raising concerns regarding online payments. Councillors await clarification from One Voice Wales.

**Action:** Nick Craddock to contact Mr Williams following clarification

## **10. (22) 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)

Notice of uncontested election – displayed as required

Good Councillor Guide\*

Planning Office – mobile home/portacabin delivered to Cherry Orchard Farm has been forwarded to Enforcement to investigate

Village Hall Signage – confirming Vale will not cover costs.

### **One Voice Wales:**

IRP reports information

Social Media Policy template (19.4.17)

Request for Motions for Debate for OVW AGM (by 30.6.17) - none

Subscription 17-18 (£59)\* - approved

Code of Practice for Workforce Matters – form – n/a

### **General:**

PC Mark Goulding – confirming which information is in the public domain in his report and that he is non operational at the moment therefore not insured to outside the station

Glyn Jenkins – footpath and highway issues for discussion

Peter Hill ARC – to visit pond on 17<sup>th</sup> May with Clerk and Andrew Foyle

Zurich Insurance – premium to 31.5.18 (£257.60) – Nick Craddock had reviewed the policy documents – payment approved

Graham Duffield – photo of knee rail at pond showing signs of rot and sign obscured

**NO ACTION NEEDED**

**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Karen Bowen – prosecution outcomes are reported to Planning, Licensing and Shared Regulatory Services Committees on a regular basis, for an annual figure it would be need collating from Council Minutes. Some cases are recordable and are therefore included in SW Police crimes, in others details are not available where they are sensitive (ie involving children). Information requested by Community Council.

Cherry Orchard Farm/mobile home ENF/2017/0114/CCC – given priority 3 status

Strong Communities Grant Fund – report

Public Services Board – Well-being assessment – updated information

Information about what to do if there is a power cut

CLC and Council meetings on website

Notice of Vale Council Elections

**Welsh Government:** PAF Public Sector Licence – update

Wales Audit – audit fees and matters relating to 15-16 audit

National Development Framework Bulletin

Expect Panel on Electoral Reform - information

**One Voice Wales:**

Bulletin information

Call for Small Scale Renewable Energy Proposals

New Councillor induction training

OVW response to WG White Paper – Reforming Local Government – resilient & renewed

Welsh Water Workshop – Cardiff

Beacons of light - A Nation's Tribute

Positions available:

Members Victims and Survivors Panel

Wales Audit Office -non-executive members

Chair of Meat Promotion Wales

**General:**

Michael Morgan – contact details

PC Mark Goulding – crime figures for previous month and apologies for not being able to attend the meeting

SW Fire and Rescue Service – survey – completed individually

Rhodri Traherne – road works reports

Tree Charter – become a Charter Branch

**Advertising:** Wickstead\*

Janvi Sharma – web design

Haggs Playgrounds\*

Bike Show

**11 (23) TRAINING** None.

**12 (24) FINANCES**

**Approved:**

1. To Pay - Green Venture Lawn and Weed £280.00 invoice no  
- AD Williams for internal audit 17-18 (£250.00)
2. The accounts for 16-17 were approved and signed as was the Annual Governance Statement for the Annual Return for Wales Audit (external audit)

It was agreed that the Clerk should find out from OVW if approval for the accounts and completing the Annual Return should be on the AGM agenda in future.

**Action:** to contact OVW

**13 (25) WEBSITE** No issues.

**14 (26) CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

Log book for the pond signed for April.

**15 (27) ITEMS FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE.** None

**16 (28) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Social Media Policy model – it was agreed to adopt

**Action:** Clerk to complete ready for website

**17 (29) PLANNING**

2017/00331/FUL 6 Tair Onen – no comments

1. Laurel Hedge, Welsh St Donats – disappointment was expressed at the lack of progress to replace alternate laurel plants with holly but it was agreed this was unlikely to be pursued by Enforcement so the item could be removed from the agenda of future meetings.

**18. (30) TO CONSIDER ALLOWANCE TO BE PAID TO A MEMBER**

A motion for consideration was tabled. Following a discussion it was agreed to pay £100 to offset additional costs (telephone, computer and printer consumables).

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