

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
8th August 2017

PRESENT: Councillors Nick Craddock (in the Chair except for item 6.1), Glyn Jenkins, Peter Castle, Ann Thomas, Graham Duffield and Andrew Foyle (in the Chair for item 6.1). County Councillor Michael Morgan. Members of the public: Christine Evans (Heol y March) and Scott Lewis (Hendrewennol).

1 (62) PUBLIC FORUM: Scott Lewis informed the meeting that two Hendrewennol signs had been taken and that this had been reported to the police.

Nick Craddock, speaking as a member of the public, said he, and his family, were surprised and disappointed by the Planning Inspectorate Inquiry Report concerning Hendrewennol. He understood that this view was shared by other residents of Heol y March and by Vale Council Planning Department. He said it was a fact that the Planning Inspector chose to accept the owners' account of the Hendrewennol business and ignore the accounts given by residents, Welsh St Donats Community Council and the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Nick Craddock has received advice from Vale Planning that residents should continue to report concerns about activities at Hendrewennol in the normal way to Planning Enforcement and Highways. The description of the Hendrewennol business that was accepted by the Planning Inspector and documented in the decision document provides a baseline from which changes of activity can be judged. For the record, he noted that recent activities at Hendrewennol more closely resembled what might be expected from a PYO fruit farm than had been the case in the last four previous seasons.

2 (63) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: PC Dan Rees of South Wales Police and Councillor Emma Hall.

3 (64) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Nick Craddock declared an interest in Hendrewennol and Ann Thomas declared an interest in the planning application for Fairfield, Welsh St Donats. Both signed a proforma and stated that they would leave the meeting for any discussion.

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

5. (66) POLICE REPORT:

No member of the Police was able to attend. Crime figures for the Peterston-super-Ely ward (not broken down into areas) had been emailed to the Clerk. It was agreed that for the next meeting we request a Police presence or a report relevant to the Welsh St Donats area. Michael Morgan reported that other Community Councils in the Ward had similar problems and he would raise the matter with the Police.

Action: Clerk to contact Police before the next meeting.

6 (67) MATTERS ARISING:

(1) Hendrewennol: Nick Craddock left the room and Andrew Foyle took the Chair. Ann Thomas expressed her view that the Inquiry Report had not acknowledged that there had been any dispute or conflict during the Inquiry. The Report appeared to accept without question or factual evidence the case presented by the owners of Hendrewennol. She felt the decision was flawed in planning terms. While she accepted that it was not possible to reopen the case as the deadline had unfortunately passed, she felt it would be possible to take up with the Planning Inspectorate both procedural flaws during the Inquiry and factual flaws in the Report. It was understood that the Vale Council had similar concerns. It was agreed that in the first instance Ann Thomas, with the support of the Community Council, should phone Justina Moss to find out the position and stance of the Vale Council and ask for clarification of parts of the Report.

Action: Ann Thomas to contact Justina Moss.

Glyn Jenkins reported that he had allegedly been filmed while walking along the footpath 40 at Hendrewennol. He was pursuing this personally through his solicitor. This footpath has ropes across with signs 'staff only access'.

From the footpath he had noticed that wastewater from the café had been flowing into a ditch.

Action: Glyn Jenkins to draft a letter for approval to the Vale concerning the wastewater and Clerk to report blocked footpath to Rights of Way Officer.

It was noted that a residential caravan was still in position at Hendrewennol with no record of having planning permission.

Action: Clerk to contact Vale Planning regarding residential caravan

The Chair returned to the meeting and moved Item 6 (5) up the agenda so Peter Castle could deliver his report on Tair Onen.

(5) Co-option of two councillors. Peter Castle accepted the offer to return to the Council as a co-opted member and signed the acceptance of office form.

It was suggested that all residents living in Highgrove should receive notice of the vacancy on the Community Council and a short summary of what was involved to encourage a resident to fill the vacancy and represent the interests of Highgrove.

Action: Clerk to draft a suitable letter for circulation and approval and inform the Election Office of Peter Castle's co-option on the Community Council

(2) Tair Onen: Peter Castle reported concerns of residents about shooting and ensuing noise near footpath 60/4 opposite the entrance from the A48 into Tair Onen.

Action: Clerk to contact Police for their policy on shooting near footpaths

It was noted that sales of land were now completed but concerns were expressed about the delay on the part of Natural Resources Wales to complete covenants to protect the remaining land. It was agreed a formal approach from the residents association at upper Tair Onen would be needed before the Community Council could give their support.

Action: Peter Castle would inform the residents association

Tony Williams, 3 Tair Onen, had contacted Peter Castle over concerns of encroachment on to rights of way. It was agreed Peter Castle and Glyn Jenkins would have a site meeting.

Action: Peter Castle and Glyn Jenkins would arrange a meeting and report back to the Community Council at the next meeting.

(3) Castell Talyfan: See Item 7.

(4) Village Hall Signage: The Vale Council had installed signs through the village to the Hall and erected new signs at the Hall entrance.

Action: Clerk to email thanks.

(6) Cherry Orchard Farm. Vale Planning had approved the amended application.

Investigations into the mobile home are with the Enforcement Unit.

Action: Clerk to request update for next meeting.

7. (68) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN:

Michael Morgan informed the Community Council that the Vale Council were reviewing the link from the M4 to Sycamore Cross. Any further details would follow.

One of his two prime concerns for his term as a Councillor is road safety on rural lanes and he is asking for views and examples that would help to support his case. The other is to improve care of the elderly in rural areas and, again, he is asking for views and experiences.

Michael had raised the planning application for Castell Talyfan with Vale Planning and was told a response to a consultation was awaited.

8. (69) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

It was noted the stile on Footpath 40 at Hendrewennol had been replaced.

It was noted that queries over the footpath through the pond area, raised on behalf of a local resident by Glyn Jenkins at the last meeting, had been resolved.

Glyn Jenkins requested an update on the footpaths around Castell Talyfan and the stile at Cherry Orchard Farm as no work had been done.

Action: Clerk to contact Footpaths Officer.

Glyn Jenkins reported ragwort near the picnic area in the Forest.

Action: Clerk to request clarification from NRW that ragwort presented no danger to the public or horses.

Andrew Foyle requested a litter pick on Watery Lane between the A4222 and Loos House and reported overgrown hedges over the footway on A4222 between Maendy and Llansannor turning as well as stones falling from the wall on the A4222 between Watery Lane and Llansannor turnings.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

9. (70) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

Ann Thomas had attended Governors' meetings at Pendoylan School which addressed afternoon nursery care, staffing and budget issues. Sadly the Assistant Head Teacher had died in July and Ann Thomas attended her funeral. A new Head Teacher, Paula Vaughan, had been appointed, the deputy Head had returned and one member of staff had been seconded to a school in Wick.

10. (71) CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE: None

11. (72) 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)

Candidate expenses – notification that all Councillors, elected (including uncontested elections) or co-opted, are required to send in a claim form, even if it is nil

Public Space Protection Order – Controlled Drinking Zones - consultation to 17.8.17 (9.7.17)

Election survey – to be completed by elected members

Action: Clerk to forward to Peter Castle

Mayor's Afternoon Reception at Vale of Glamorgan Show – invitation to Chair - declined

Code of Conduct training sessions

Action: Andrew Foyle to contact Emma Hall

One Voice Wales:

Paul Egan – confirmation Financial Regulations pertain to Wales

Consultation - Access to criminal powers for Welsh Revenue Office (15.7.17)

Consultation – Electoral Reform to 10.10.17 (25.7.17)

One Voice Wales:

Consultation School Organisation Code to 20.9.17 (11.7.17)

Training Schedule Autumn 17

General:

Wendy Jones – not wishing to be considered for co-option

Disabled Ramblers – consultation Gap Gates and Stiles – members to respond individually

Wales Audit – Annual Return 2016-17 – Wales Audit report incorrect, revised version to follow

Action: an item for the next agenda

Pension Regulator – compliance deadline 2.10.17

Wales Audit – report and certificate – report incorrect, revised version to follow

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

LDP – notice of adoption 28.6.17

Public Services Board - update

Year Book – digital strategy

Resurfacing of roads – 3 year plan

Bus services for Glamorgan Show

CLC – new timetable of meetings

Notification of new Rural Housing Enabler

Older Commissioner for Wales – Summer Newsletter

Reshaping Local Services – update on implementation

Welsh Government:

Summary of responses on consultation to ban microbeads

One Voice Wales:

Notification of next meeting 23.10.17 and documents from the previous meeting

The Bulletin

Annual Review Consumer Council for Water

Public appointment: Abertawe Bro Morgannwg UHC – Independent Member

Vice Chair Cardiff UHC

Welsh Government Lead Application Developer

General:

CRC - Growing Community Spirit

SE Wales Engagement Team Newsletter

Louise O'Shea – thanks for congratulations on birth of daughter Emilia

Ombudsman's Casebook Issue 29

SW Police crime figures for the area of Peterston-super-Ely. Unable to attend meeting.

Advertising:

Cowbridge Music Festival
Art Central Gallery – celebrating ten years

It was agreed that dates for meetings in Autumn 2017 should be as follows:
September 5th and November 7th. The meeting on 5th December was cancelled. There would be no meeting in October or December.

Action: Clerk to publicise changes.

12. (73) TRAINING: Andrew Foyle would discuss with Emma Hall with dates for Code of Conduct training.

Action: Andrew Foyle to inform Clerk for booking

13. (74) FINANCES

(1) To pay: GreenVenture Lawn and Weed grass cutting in June (£280.00) - approved
One Voice Wales AGM Conference fees (£80.00) - approved

(2) Bank Changes: Nick Craddock summarised current problems and concerns with Barclays and his meeting with the manager of Lloyds, at which the Clerk was also present. He confirmed the internal auditor was satisfied with the method Lloyds use to make electronic payments securely. It was therefore agreed to move the account from Barclays to Lloyds. It was agreed that signatories to the new account should be the Clerk and Councillors Nick Craddock, Ann Thomas and Graham Duffield.

It was noted that following the transfer to Lloyds the Financial Regulations would have to be amended.

Action: The Clerk would start the process of changing from Barclays to Lloyds Bank and keep the Chair fully informed of progress.

14 (75) WEBSITE: No discussion

15 (76) PROJECTS:

Ann Thomas reported that the Charity Trust had agreed to fund a new bench at Prisk Village Green.

The Rosa Rugosa Jubilee Hedge had become very overgrown over the summer. Pruning could be done early autumn or early spring when there is no danger of frost. In the short term Graham Duffield would cut back the stems obstructing the gate.

Action: Discuss working party at next meeting. Graham Duffield to prune around gate
Pond log book signed for July

Weather permitting, the Clerk will treat with preservative benches at Maendy corner and pond in August.

16 (77) ITEMS FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: None

17 (78) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Financial Regulations: Further clarification was still required.

Action: Clerk to draft email to Paul Egan, OVW, and consult Graham Duffield before sending

2. Vale of Glamorgan Public Space Protection Order – Controlled Drinking Zones –
no comments.

3. Welsh Government Access to criminal powers for Welsh Revenue

Office – no comments

4. Welsh Government School Organisation Code – Ann Thomas to draft response

5. Welsh Government Electoral Reform – Andrew Foyle to review and report back at next meeting.

Action: Ann Thomas to draft response to School Organisation Code and Andrew Foyle to review Electoral Reform document. Clerk to put Electoral Reform on next agenda and submit responses to other documents.

18 (79) PLANNING

Applications:

Planning Application Consultation 2017/00489/FUL Fairfield, Welsh St. Donats – no comments

Action: Clerk to submit comments to Vale Planning

Planning Approvals:

17/00532/FUL 17 Tair Onen

16/01499/FUL Cherry Orchard Farm – approved

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