

DRAFT
WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
5th September 2017

PRESENT: Councillors Nick Craddock (in the Chair except for item 6.1), Glyn Jenkins, Peter Castle, Ann Thomas, Graham Duffield, Andrew Foyle and Emma Hall (in the Chair for item 6.1). Members of the public: Christine Evans (Heol y March), Charlie Reynolds (Ty Cerrig), Charles Keen, Thomas Smith and Scott Lewis (Hendrewennol) and Bridget and Joseph Craddock (Ffald-Wen).

1 (80) PUBLIC FORUM: Christine Evans noted that noise and traffic from Hendrewennol had been greatly reduced since the end of the school summer holidays. Bridget Craddock had concerns over the issue of a Temporary Event Notices (TENs) for the expected forthcoming Halloween events at Hendrewennol. She was particularly concerned that residents should be involved in plans for the flow of traffic during the events so residents knew how to access their properties. All those present were given an opportunity to speak in the forum but no-one else wanted to speak.

2 (81) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: PC Dan Rees of South Wales Police and County Councillor Michael Morgan.

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

4 (83) MINUTES AND AGENDA: The minutes of the meeting on 8th August 2017 and agenda for current meeting were approved and signed.

5. (84) POLICE REPORT:

No member of the Police was able to attend. There were no crimes in the Welsh St Donats area in August

6 (85) MATTERS ARISING:

(1) Hendrewennol: Nick Craddock left the room and Emma Hall took the Chair. Ann Thomas had had a phone conversation with Justina Moss at the Vale Council Enforcement Unit regarding the Inquiry Report. Ann understood from their conversation that Justina felt there had been flaws in both the Inquiry Report and the process of the Inquiry, and also that the reasoning behind the decision had been weak. Although the Vale Council had felt there were concerns in the quality of the decision, it had decided not to pursue the matter further. Regarding further events at Hendrewennol, Ann Thomas concluded from her conversation with Justina Moss that activities ancillary to fruit picking, as described at the Inquiry, were permissible. It was agreed that next year any activities falling outside these parameters would be noted.

Ann then considered the possibility of further action by the Community Council. The decision could not be changed, but a complaint about procedural issues could be submitted. It was agreed that any further action should be at the request of residents of Heol y March, who could also express their concerns directly to Justina Moss at the Vale Council.

It was agreed to leave Hendrewennol on the agenda for the next meeting.

Regarding Bridget Craddock's concerns over vehicle access during events, it was agreed to request SW Police to involve residents in plans for traffic arrangements and management.

Glyn Jenkins had drafted a letter regarding wastewater from the café at Hendrewennol. It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

At this point it was agreed not to pursue whether the residential caravan at Hendrewennol had authorisation from Vale Planning.

Action: Councillors to monitor activities at Hendrewennol, which would remain on the agenda and wastewater from the café added. Clerk to contact Mark Goulding about traffic arrangements.

The Chair returned to the meeting.

(2) Tair Onen: There had been no further meeting of residents at Tair Onen so there was nothing to report. However concerns over the visibility from the bus shelter for those hailing buses from the Cowbridge direction had become troublesome due to overgrown hedges and the position of the bus shelter. It was agreed to ask Vale Highways for a site meeting and the required vision splay for bus shelters.

Action: Clerk to contact Vale Highways for site meeting and vision splay requirements

There had been no response on policy regarding the use of firearms near a footpath from SW Police.

Action: Clerk to request again.

Regarding the concerns of Tom Williams, 3 Tair Onen, over concerns of encroachment on to rights of way as recorded at the last meeting, Glyn Jenkins had visited the site and had informed Mr Williams that it was not appropriate for the Community Council to become involved.

(3) Castell Talyfan: The Vale Council Rights of Way team had taken this up and would report back when a decision had been made as to how to approach this and other issues.

Glyn Jenkins had noted that an article printed in the Gem (10.8.17, page 8), Creative Rural Communities (CRC) were interested in bringing business into rural areas. It was agreed that this might be a suitable item for the Community Liaison Committee (CLC).

Action: Clerk to put on agenda for next meeting.

(4) Co-option of Councillor: To date there had been no response from anyone in Highgrove to the mailshot to all residents asking for anyone interested in joining the Community Council to contact the Clerk. To give more time for responses, it was decided to postpone any further discussion to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to put on next agenda.

(6) Cherry Orchard Farm. There had been no response from the Enforcement Unit regarding the residential caravan. Glyn Jenkins would check to see if it was still there and report back.

Action: Glyn Jenkins to check if caravan still on site.

7. (86) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN: No report. Michael Morgan was unable to attend the meeting.

8. (87) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

Andrew Foyle raised the proposed improvements to the footway between Ystradowen and Aberthin on the A4222 which had funding from Bellway Homes under an s106 agreement and for which we had no further information.

Action: Clerk to contact Vale Council and copy to Michael Morgan.

Glyn Jenkins raised concerns that when the Vale Council had to cut hedges growing over the highway, where the landowner had failed to do so, that the cost should not be met by the Vale Council and the tax payer, but that costs should be recovered from the landowners.

Action: Clerk to add to next agenda.

9. (88) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

Ann Thomas had attended a Charity Trust meeting and reported that there had been an increase in student grant applications.

It was agreed that the Clerk should apply to the Trust for a replacement bench at Prisk Village Green. It was agreed that quote from Greenventure Lawn and Weed (£445.00) to purchase and install a bench should be included.

Action: Clerk to contact the Trust Secretary with application

It was noted that the possibility of providing funds to build a play area at the WSD Village Hall had been raised with the Trust.

10. (89) CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE: None

11. (90) 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)

CLC minutes noting Police response to lack of presence at meetings.

M4/J33 link to Sycamore Cross meeting 7.9.17 – Michael Morgan to attend

Action: details to be circulated by the Clerk

Code of Conduct Training in October and November

Mayor's invitation to Chair – Vale Show reception – declined*

One Voice Wales:

Unlocking Digital Potential - Rural Based Business Survey – n/a

LO4-17 – NALC – Reform of data protection legislation, details to follow - noted

Welsh Government: National Development Framework for Wales –

consultation responses and engagement events

Autism (Wales) Bill consultation to 20.11.17 (30.8.17)

Funding for Cluster in 17-18 – applications until 13.9.17 – n/a

General:

Judith Roberts, Clerk to Pendoylan – public consultation regarding J34/M4 to A48

improved access. 21.9.17 2-7pm Pendoylan Memorial Hall – Nick Craddock to attend

SW Police – a meeting will be arranged regarding regional clarification of

crime figures in the PSE Ward. Apologies (Dan Rees and Gary Smart) for

non attendance at meeting on 5.9.17 and no crimes in WSD area in August

Glyn Jenkins – draft letter concerning waste water at Hendrewennol for discussion at the meeting

Greenventure Lawn and Weed - quote for new bench at Prisk Village Green £445.00
Andrew Foyle – Open Reach meeting, Ystradowen and Alan Cairns broadband surgery at the
Hare and Hounds Aberthin
Action: Clerk to circulate details

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Strong Communities funding available
Rights of Way Officer – footpaths through Cherry Orchard Farm and Castell Talyfan
are under discussion at their next meeting.

Welsh Government:

One Voice Wales:

Audit Wales Good Practice Exchange – calendar of events
Public appointments: Welsh Government – member Career Choices (Wales)
National Advisor for Violence against Women and other forms
Vice Chair Cwm Taf UHB
Non executive directors elections and electoral registration change and
Resilience
Official: Adjudication Panel for Wales – special needs
President – National Museum of Wales
Chair – Flood and coastal erosion
What's stopping you being an AM

NRW - bulletin

Building a new economy – events

City Farms newsletter

Grants available for imaginative Welsh Language projects

Bulletin August 2017

Environet Cymru newsletter

Plant a Tree Charter Legacy Tree

CADW – Heritage Impact Statement now needed in applications for listed buildings

Guidance: protect people and planet (Future Generations Wales Act)

General:

CRC Growing Community Spirit

Cardiff and Vale IH&SCP newsletter

Michael Morgan – copy email to Police regarding their absence at
CC meetings/Care of the Elderly and Housing in Rural Areas
(copy email raising concerns/SW Police attendance at
meetings (copy email raising concerns/confirming attendance
at meeting M4/j34 link meeting 7.9.17

OS PSMA event – forwarded to Andrew Foyle

Gerald Keen, Hendrewennol – acknowledgement of our letter regarding the sign near the
Village Hall. The matter is in hand.

City Farms – forthcoming events

Wales Audit - Good Practice Exchange – using alternative methods to deliver public
services – 22.11.17

Pensions Regulator – Acknowledgement of declaration of compliance*

12. (91) TRAINING: Nothing to report.

13. (92) FINANCES

(1) To pay: GreenVenture Lawn and Weed grass cutting in June (£150.00) - approved

(2) To authorise payment: of £40.00 to pay for Councillor training session (Code of Conduct) if One Voice Wales bursary award is not granted.

(3) PCC Annual Maintenance Grant: it was agreed to pay a grant of £1,300.00

(4) Annual Return: Wales Audit approved the Return for 16-17 with no comments

(5) Transfer of accounts from Barclays to Lloyds: All documents for setting up a new account at Lloyds are in place and we await notification that the account is open before transferring funds from the Barclays account.

Action: The Clerk will keep the Chair fully informed of progress regarding the Bank, display the notification of conclusion of audit and process cheques.

14 (93) WEBSITE:

The Clerk has been informed by the auditor that a list of declarations at meetings should be available on the website. The register of members interests does not need to be available on the website, but with the Clerk and available for viewing on request.

Action: Clerk to provide website manager with rolling list of declarations.

15 (94) PROJECTS:

1. Bench at Prisk Village Green: See item 9 above.

2. Working party at pond: it was agreed to leave this till February.

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

17 (96) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Financial Regulations: this was postponed to the next meeting when the bank transfer is complete.

Action: for the next agenda

2. Welsh Government School Organisation Code – no comments

3. Welsh Government Electoral Reform – draft response approved, Andrew Foyle to submit

4. Welsh Government Autism (Wales) Bill consultation – no comments

Action: Andrew Foyle to submit comments on Electoral Reform document. Clerk to submit responses to other documents.

Emma Hall left the meeting.

18 (97) PLANNING

Applications:

Planning Application Consultation 2017/00844/FUL Glanffawydd, Welsh St Donats – Councillors had concerns about the proportion of the proposed building in relation to the site and as the land is elevated in relation to neighbouring properties, the proposed building would overpower neighbouring properties, invading their privacy and reducing direct light.

Action: Clerk to submit comments to Vale Planning

Planning Approvals:

17/00489/FUL Fairfield, Welsh St Donats

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

ACTIONS:

Clerk

- Update for noticeboards and parish magazine
- Cheques - process
- Treat benches
- For next agenda – co option/waste water Hendrewennol/Hendrewennol/ events/Castell Talyfan/cost of cutting hedges met by taxpayer/CRC initiative to bring business into rural Vale/financial regs with bank changes
- Tair Onen bus shelter
- Ask police for firearms policy near footpaths
- footway A4222 s106 agreement – progress cc MM
- Lloyds – change accounts keep Nick informed
- Archived information about Clerks gratuity documents, job description etc
- Prepare declaration of interests rolling form for website
- Charity Trust application cc AT
- Mark Goulding traffic arrangements Hendrewennol and site meeting
- Ask MM for details of meeting broadband - circulate
- Contact Alun Cairns regarding H & H broadband meeting
- Submit comments on documents
- Submit comments on planning application

Glyn Jenkins

- Draft letter for circulation and approval concerning waste water from café at Hendrewennol
- residential caravan at Cherry Orchard Farm – is it still there

Andrew Foyle

- Submit comments on Electoral Reform before 10.10.17

Graham Duffield

- edit draft comments on planning appl