

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

PRESENT: Councillors Nick Craddock (in the Chair except for item 7.1), Glyn Jenkins, Peter Castle, Ann Thomas, Graham Duffield, Andrew Foyle and Emma Hall (in the Chair for item 7.1). Members of the public: Rhidian and Christine Evans (Cae Carw), Gerald Keen and Thomas Smith (Hendrewennol), and Bridget and Joseph Craddock (Ffald-Wen).

1 (98) PUBLIC FORUM: Christine Evans reported that events during Halloween at Hendrewennol over ran the time scheduled, evenings were noisy and traffic caused problems. The police had been called to her house as gunfire had been reported during the events. Christine told those present that she and her husband encourage and protect the wildlife on their farm and this involved shooting preying vermin. A Firearms Officer inspected her premises and no further action was taken. She noted that this was the fourth time a person living in Heol y March had been reported to the Police by the owners of Hendrewennol. She asked at what point all these police reports by Hendrewennol become a waste of police time.

Bridget Craddock spoke for Tristan Palmer-Morgan who could not be present and read out an email from him. His house is close to the road and the heavy traffic rumbling past during Halloween at Hendrewennol disrupted and distressed their household and their children's bedtime was disturbed by the shouting and screaming from the Halloween event. The family felt unable to walk around the village during events with the increased traffic, the enforced one way system in place and their previous experience of near-misses when walking the lane during events.

Bridget Craddock (speaking for herself) reported that residents had received a letter from the Hendrewennol owners which stated that the one way system for traffic during events at Hendrewennol had been put in place by the owners on the advice of the Police and Highways. However the Police have recently informed the Community Council that this is not the case. As a result she had felt confined to the house during Halloween as she was not clear how to exit her property. During the recent hearing Hendrewennol owners stated that they did not and would not use PA systems. However a PA system was in use during the recent event. Bridget requested that Hendrewennol remain on the agenda as residents still have grave concerns over traffic and noise during events.

Gerald Keen asked that residents contact them if they had concerns and they would be happy to discuss them. He stated that he had consulted the Police, Vale Council and traffic management consultants over the last few years seeking the optimal solution. They had given their opinions and he emphasised that the one way system was voluntary and was not enforced. He emphasised that they had tried to spread and regulate the stream of traffic during events.

Regarding the PA system, Gerald Keen informed the meeting that it was permitted under the TENS licence. There had been many children present at Halloween and they had had to use it, but apologised and efforts would be made to regulate its use.

Rhidian Evans said the noise at events had been clearly audible in their house through double glazing.

2 (99) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: PC Mark Goulding

3 (100) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Nick Craddock declared an interest in Hendrewennol and signed a proforma and stated that he would leave the meeting for any discussion.

4 (101) MINUTES AND AGENDA: The minutes of the meeting on 5th September 2017 and agenda for current meeting were approved and signed.

5. (102) POLICE REPORT: PC Mark Goulding had emailed a report as no member of the Police was able to attend. It was read out by the Clerk.

‘I have looked at the crime figures for the last 30 days and can confirm 1 crime.

Barn Burglary, Prisk, 04/11/2017 jet washer taken.

There has been some activity in the area of Ystradowen involving travellers possibly from Llanharan.

Please be aware of any suspicious white vans or a flatbed lorry in the area. Obtain the vehicle registration number and call the Police on 101.

There has been three incidents in which 19 sheep have been killed in fields bordering Hensol Forest block.

Please be on the lookout for a black Labradoodle type dog with a red collar with silver bones on it with a silver metal dog tag.

Any details on persons or associated vehicle please contact myself Pc 3626 Goulding Mob 07584 003790.

Only one reported police incident this year surrounding Hendrewennol Halloween event relating to gun shots having been heard near to the event location.

Two previous reports of a similar nature had been made earlier in the month persons have been spoken to and we are monitoring along with Firearm Licensing.

A reduction in incidents from last year is good news, with positive community engagement a way forward.’

Councillors noted with regret that no member of the Police was yet again able to attend a meeting.

Councillors requested that it should be recorded that, if a representative of the Police had been present, they would have been understood that the concept of ‘positive community engagement’ in relation to the Hendrewennol Halloween event was laughable as there was still deep concern in the community.

6 (103) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN:

Police presence at meetings: Michael Morgan contact the Police and report back on this, but understands that resources are a problem for the Police currently.

M4 Link: the consultation report would be published on 20.11.17. However after meeting Community Councillors in the wards affected, he concluded that the focus of the consultation was on the benefit to the airport and did not consider the effect on local areas.

Castell Talyfan: As there had been no response from the Vale Council, Michael Morgan agreed to meet with a Planning Officer this week to discuss the lack of progress. He understood that there was a shortage of personnel which is causing delays.

Lost Dogs: Please note that lost dogs in our area are now sent to Cardiff and not Bridgend.

7. (104) MATTERS ARISING

(1) Hendrewennol: The Chair left the meeting and Emma Hall took the Chair.

Ann Thomas took issue with the comments in PC Mark Goulding’s report above that ‘the reduction in incidents last year’ were in fact ‘alleged incidents’ and no action was taken neither had there been a waste of police time as suggested in the public forum by the owner of Hendrewennol.

Concerns were discussed that people felt unable to leave their homes in Heol y March during Hendrewennol events due to the level of traffic. Peter Castle suggested the Council contact the

Vale Event Safety Advisory Group, as mentioned by Inspector Gary Smart in his response to traffic arrangements. It was agreed that in the first instance Ann Thomas would draft a letter and locate the group.

Action: Ann Thomas to draft letter for circulation and consideration.

Michael Morgan urged the need for dialogue between the Vale Council, residents of Heol y March and the owners of Hendrewennol as this was clearly an unhappy situation. He offered his assistance in setting up a forum.

The Chair returned to the meeting

(2) Tair Onen: No response had been received regarding the visibility of the bus shelter at Tair Onen. Michael Morgan agreed to take this up with the Vale

Action: Clerk to send Michael Morgan relevant correspondence

It was noted that fibre optics had been installed at Tair Onen

(3) Castell Talyfan: No response had been received from Planning. Michael Morgan would take this up shortly.

(4) Co-option of Councillor: The Clerk had not received any inquiries about the vacancy so it was agreed that Andrew Foyle should approach a possible candidate in Prisk.

Action: Andrew Foyle to approach possible candidate

(6) Cherry Orchard Farm: Glyn Jenkins confirmed the caravan was still sited at the Farm.

Action: Clerk to write to Vale Planning

8. (105) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

1. Uncut hedges: it was agreed to monitor this over the winter

2. Request clearance of culverts and drains: it was agreed to postpone this till later in the season

Andrew Foyle confirmed that hedges had been cleared from signs in Maendy as requested.

Action: Clerk to thank Vale Council

It was agreed that Glyn Jenkins would draft a letter regarding the lack of progress in repairing footpaths.

He would attend the PROW meeting on behalf of the Community Council

Action: Glyn Jenkins to draft letter. Clerk to register him for PROW meeting

It was agreed to monitor mud on the lanes between the A48 and Heol y March

9. (106) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

Andrew Foyle had attended the OVW AGM which included a presentation by Mark Drayford who confirmed there would be no merging of County Councils and clustering would not be imposed on Town and Community Councils. There were discussions about the Independent Review Panel Report and it was noted OVW had a pension deficit and the subscriptions would be raised.

Ann Thomas had attended a meeting of the Pendoylan Finance Committee and taken part in a learning walk around the school for her role as literacy Ann was optimistic following many recent changes at the School.

Nick Craddock had attended a CLC meeting where the Police had given a presentation. Nick informed the meeting of the new practice of ‘cuckooing’ amongst drug dealers (taking over houses of vulnerable people and using them for trade). Another presentation ‘Our Vale, our future’, part of the Well-being plan which will underpin and guide all future policy in the Vale Council. The key issues of the plan are community participation, poverty reduction, giving children the best start and protecting and enhancing the environment. Further details will follow of the Vale Council’s “Care First for Town and Community Councillors’ initiative. Which aims to provide an advice and counselling service.

Nick Craddock also attended the Pendoylan M4 Link workshop at Pendoylan where a firm of consultants presented diverse possibilities and routes. At this stage there were few details and no consensus amongst those present about the best way forward. The routes are extremely unlikely to impinge directly on WSD boundaries but it will be important to consider the knock-on effects of the traffic flows on the lanes caused by major changes around Pendoylan. The first report that follows from the various meetings and workshops that have been held to date will be presented to VOGC Council on 20.11.17. At this point, likely plans should become clearer and it will be possible to provide more directed comments from the Community Council.

10. (107) CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE: The Chair was unable to attend the Remembrance Sunday Service in Cowbridge and declined the invitation.

**11. (108) 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)

Clare Cameron – footway between Aberthin and Ystradowen s106 – invitation to attend a focus group to consider outcomes of report into J33/M4 corridor – Chair to attend

Action: Clerk to register

Summary of s106 agreements in 16-17 – see page 19 appendix b

Rights of Way Review – events – Glyn Jenkins to attend

Action: Clerk to register

John Thomas, Leader of the Council – management of traffic around Hendrewennol during events – the Council can only take action if these events fall outside the activities deemed ancillary by the Planning Inspector* - circulated

Free Planning Aid Training session – Glyn Jenkins to attend 16.11.17 nb change of Venue

CRC – Craft network meeting and survey

One Voice Wales:

Bulletins are available on <http://mailchi.mp/5104eb82e71d/un-llais-cymru-one-voice-wales-bwletin-newyddion-oydref-2017-october-2017-news-bulletin-427613>

Legal Agreements 2016-17 concerning s106

Seminar - cyber attacks 6.10.17 – booking form

Code of Conduct training - 13.11.17 – Chair to attend and registered

Welsh Government:

Alun Cairns meetings regarding Broadband – meetings on 19th September and 27th October

Consultation Taking forward Wales' Sustainable Management of Natural Resources – comments by 30.9.17

Independent Review Panel – consultation future role of Community Councils (5.10.17) no comments

Independent Remuneration Panel – consultation 29.11.17 (5.10.17)

Consultation on proposed changes to procedures relating to registration of village greens to 2.2.18 (24.10.17) – no comments

Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill – consultation to 1.12.17 26.10.17 – no comments

Consultation Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (Wales) Regulations 2003 to 12.1.18 (26.10.17) – no comments

Local Approaches to poverty reduction – consultation (28.10.17) to 6.12.17 – no comments

Action: Clerk to send in comments

General:

Chris Samuel – invitation for Chair to turn on Tree Lights - accepted

SW Police Mark Goulding – details of firearms policy and, regarding traffic arrangements during events at Hendrewennol, stating the Police are informed of events after arrangements for traffic have been completed.

SW Police Inspector Gary Smart – stating managing traffic at events at Hendrewennol is for the owner and Local Authority to arrange* - circulated

PC Mark Goulding – request for help in identifying dog worrying sheep in Hensol and police report with apologies no staff available to attend meeting

Neighbourhood Watch (self-funding) – requesting funds - declined

Local Democracy and Boundaries Commission consultation to 21.12.17 (3.10.17)

Boundaries Commission for Wales – Revised proposals Report – representations to 11.12.17*

Llantwit Town council – Civic Service – Chair declined

Barry Community Enterprise Centre – briefing session 7.3.18 on General Data

Protection Regulation (in force 25.5.18) - Nick Craddock and Clerk to attend

Resident of Heol y March – copy of letter to VoGC PROW expressing concerns at being photographed on PROW through Hendrewennol and was led to believe that the owners are permitted to close footpaths at will*. – circulate to Councillors

Action: Clerk to circulate

Greenventure Lawn & Weed – final invoice and notification of closure

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

CLC – information for next meeting 18.10.17

Valeways - AGM will be on 14.11.17

Sports Development promotional leaflets

Public Service Board Well-being Plan Workshop

Consultation Launch of Public Services Board Draft Well-being plan

Valeways Guided Walks Winter 2017-10-26

Welsh Government:

Jane Bryant AM – loneliness roundtable Age Concern

Electoral Reform comments acknowledged ref WG321670014

Draft Budget – Welsh Tax Policy Report – rates and bands

Wales Rural Network schemes

Women in Local Government Conference

Burial Charges for Children – survey

Invitation to Tax Forum meeting

Statement – create scheme to promote closer working with local government

Flanders Fields: a symposium - invitation

One Voice Wales:

Motions for debate - noted

Public appointments: Welsh Government – senior research officer

Members - Health Education and Improvement

Welsh Language Board member

Wales Ambulance – Chair

NHS appointments

Training sessions: code of conduct

Information on Cyber attacks - seminars
Area meeting 23.9.17
September Bulletin
Capturing Wales in Images Competition
Launch of Wales Centre for Public Policy
Innovative Awards Scheme – request for entries

General:

DEFRA – dates for microbead ban
Ruth Williams – thanks for letter of condolence
Chris Samuel – acknowledgement of Churchyard Maintenance Grant
Glyn Jenkins (as a resident) – signs for British Driving Society day – confirmation that the signs for it will be removed shortly.
Bridget Craddock – comments regarding traffic in Heol y March during events at Hendrewennol
Nigel Moss – noting the sign to Hendrewennol Fruit Farm and obscuring view was Removed
Sustain Wales Newsletter
Planning Wales Conference and training sessions and freeplanning workshop
Glyn Jenkins (as a resident) – copy email to VoGC requesting further information about Talyfan Castle
CRC Inspiring new businesses
Barclays Bank – business customer agreement*
Lloyds Bank – cheque book and account information
Luke England – following a conversation with BT OpenReach, work should be completed to improve internet connection by Christmas
Peter Hill – Amphibian Trust. Restoring the pond area is in hand.
Wales Centre for Public Policy – Future of Work in Wales – information
South Wales Fire and Rescue – Improvement Plan – how did we do 16/17
Alex Glanville, Head of Property Services, Church in Wales – comments on charging for child burials
South Wales Police – Gary Smart has been replaced by Inspector David Barclay
Ombudsman's Casebook 30
Plimsoll Productions – requesting new born babies for survey programme

Advertising:

Noticeboard company
Milleniumquest – festive lights
BW James – gravedigging
Harvest Festival WSD
Plantscape
Wickstead

12. (109) TRAINING: No discussion

13. (110) FINANCES

- (1) To pay:** GreenVenture Lawn and Weed grass cutting in September and October (£430) - approved
(2) To pay: One Voice Wales for Councillor training (Code of Conduct) (£20) - approved.
(3) To pay: Wales Audit (£231.00) for external audit - approved.
(4) To pay: Andrew Foyle (£54.00) to cover travel costs to OVW AGM - approved.

(5) To receive and approve: half-year budget monitoring report – approved

(6) To discuss grass cutting contract for 2018 – GreenVenture has ceased trading, so a new contractor would be sought. It was agreed that the contract was suitable for future use in principle.

(7) to update Councillors on account transfer from Barclays to

Lloyds: the account at Lloyds is operational. It was agreed that £4,000.00 should be transferred from Barclays by cheque to Lloyds so this new account could be used for future payments. Internet Banking will follow shortly. It was agreed that the Barclays Accounts would be kept open until the future of the Clerk's Gratuity fund had been settled.

Action: Clerk to notify all those necessary of change of bank details

14 (111) WEBSITE: No discussion

15 (112) PROJECTS:

1. Bench at Prisk Village Green: funding has been approved by Charity Trust, a cheque follows.

The Log Book was signed for September and October

16 (113) ITEMS FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: It was agreed that the Chair would draft a letter to Michael Morgan asking how to proceed with the Council's concerns about CRC initiating new businesses in rural areas where the infrastructure does not support them.

Action: Chair to draft letter

17 (114) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Financial Regulations: to go on the agenda when the bank transfer is complete.

Action: remove from agenda

2. Welsh Government Independent Review Panel consultation – Andrew Foyle to draft response for discussion online

3. Welsh Government Independent Remuneration Panel consultation – no comments

4. Boundaries Commission for Wales – no comments

Action: Clerk to submit responses to documents. Andrew Foyle to draft response

18 (115) PLANNING

Applications:

Planning Application Consultation 2017/01122/FUL White Lodge, Maendy – no comments

Action: Clerk to submit comments to Vale Planning

It was noted that the Councillors had no comments to make on two applications where the consultation was done online prior to this meeting to meet closure date: 2017/00988/FUL Ty Mynydd Barn and 2017/00967/FUL Maes y Ward

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
- Thank Vale for cutting hedges around signs in Maendy
- For next agenda – remove financial regs for after changes complete
- Cherry Orchard Farm – caravan still there - report
- Tair Onen bus shelter – forward info to Michael Morgan
- Register Glyn for PROW meeting
- monitor mud on roads by Maes y Coed
- Focus group for J33/M4 – register Nick –Clare Cameron
- Archived information about Clerks gratuity documents, job description etc
- Prepare declaration of interests rolling form for website
- Scan and circulate Christine’s letter
- Find new contractor
 - Submit comments on documents
- Submit comments on planning application

Glyn Jenkins

- Draft letter for circulation and approval concerning footpaths

Andrew Foyle

- Approach possible co-opted candidate

Ann Thomas

- To draft letter to Vale Event Safety Advisory Group for circulating

Nick Craddock

- draft letter to MM about CRC