

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
9th January 2018**

PRESENT: Councillors Nick Craddock (in the Chair), Glyn Jenkins, Peter Castle and Andrew Foyle. County Councillor Michael Morgan and PCSO Dan Rees. Members of the public: Christine Evans (Cae Carw) and Bridget Craddock (Ffald-wen).

1 (116) PUBLIC FORUM: The Chair welcomed those present and wished all a Happy New Year.

Christine Evans circulated photos relating to her letter to Sandra Thomas regarding public rights of way in Heol y March. Regarding Hendrewennol she noted that poly tunnels were being used for storage purposes, rather than growing fruit as stipulated by the Vale Council, and four poly tunnels remain in spite of a requirement to remove them annually after October. She stated that after the owners denied use of a PA system during events at the Public Inquiry into authorised activities at Hendrewennol earlier in the year, such a system had been in use at the recent Halloween events as well as previous events.

She told the Forum that both the Police and Farmers Union of Wales confirmed that use of a shotgun to control vermin on her land was permitted and requested the names of those visitors who the Hendrewennol owners alleged had complained.

She also noted incidences locally of sheep worrying by dogs and the potential need for gun use in protecting sheep.

Bridget Craddock stated that she had attended the Public Forum in the hope that the Hendrewennol owners would be present and would outline their plans for the business in the coming year, particularly in regard to traffic flows on the lanes. Sharing this information with residents would allow them to plan, for example, to be away during the busiest times.

2 (117) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillors Graham Duffield, Emma Hall and Ann Thomas and Inspector David Barclay.

3 (118) 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 (119) MINUTES AND AGENDA: The minutes of the meeting on 7th November 2017 and agenda for current meeting were approved and signed.

5. (120) POLICE REPORT: The Chair welcomed PCSO Rees, thanked him for attending and stated how important the Council and residents felt it was to have a Police presence at meetings so the Police could better understand the local issues. PCSO Rees assured the meeting that he intended to attend as many meetings as possible and he, or PC Mark Goulding, were always available to contact. He reported that the police now had drones to monitor sheep worrying where reported. Rural Watch had been set up to improve communication between farmers using text and Facebook. Further information about this and events was available.

Action: Clerk to circulate and put on website information on Rural Watch and contact details for PC Mark Goulding and PCSO Dan Rees.

6 (121) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN:

Michael Morgan reported that, regarding the planning application at Castell Talyfan, the Planning Officer would give a progress report shortly. Proposals for the M4/j34 to A48 link were still at a very early stage and he would attend a review meeting in January. His focus remains on tackling their effect on local roads.

He would look into the lack of visibility of the bus stop at Tair Onen.

His general priority is to make the Vale Council aware of traffic, drainage, potholes and overgrown hedges, etc and the impact collectively these have on the rural Vale whilst also acknowledging budget restraints.

Michael Morgan reiterated his offer to mediate between the Hendrewennol owners and Heol y March residents to try and improve effective communication.

7. (122) MATTERS ARISING

(1) Hendrewennol: No discussion.

(2) Tair Onen: as a further planning application had been received following the sale small pockets of land by NRW at Tair Onen it was agreed to write to the Head of Planning, Marcus Goldsworthy, about the status of the land and change of use.

Action: Chair to draft letter.

(3) Castell Talyfan: No discussion.

(4) Co-option of Councillor: For discussion at the next meeting.

(5) Cherry Orchard Farm: Further information awaited. No discussion.

(6) Broadband: Superfast broadband is now in place for areas except Prisk, Maendy, Welsh St Donats and Trehyngyll (Box 8). In spite of repeated efforts, frustrated and disappointed residents are unable to find out from BT Openreach why these areas are not connected or, indeed, whether they will be. It was agreed to contact MP Alun Cairns.

Action: Andrew Foyle to draft letter

8. (123) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

1. Monitor mud on roads in Heol y March: following a period of excessive mud on the lanes in the autumn, over recent weeks normal amounts of mud had been noted, so no action is required.

Action: Remove as agenda item.

2. Request clearance of culverts and drains: it was agreed that most culverts and drains were clear.

Action: Remove as agenda item.

A pothole at Germonds Farm was noted.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

It was agreed to postpone discussion of Glyn Jenkin's draft report concerning overgrown hedges

Action: Add to next agenda.

Glyn Jenkins noted that a PROW Officer had been absent from work causing delays in footpath issues, but would return shortly.

9. (124) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

Nick Craddock had attended the Pendoylan Focus Group M4/A48 Link and agreed it was too early to comment. He had also turned on the lights at the Tree Lighting in Welsh St Donats in December.

Glyn Jenkins had attended the Planning Aid session.

10. (125) CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE: None.

11. (126) 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)

Electoral Register – display notices

Annual Report - s106 (19.11.17)

Justina Moss: Castell Talyfan application 16/00335/FUL – in hand

Shafqut Zahoor: no comments to make regarding erection of fence at 26 Tair Onen before application is considered

Precept 2018-19 due before 31.1.18. (levy £1.00 produces £314)

Electoral Register for 2017 and poster of key results – displayed

Morgan Williams: Cherry Orchard Farm: confirmation that a residential caravan is permissible temporarily during the course of implementation of planning permission. Officers are taking wider action at the site in relation to breaches of the planning consent

Vale of Glamorgan Budget 18-19 – consultation to 19.1.18 (7.1.18) – no comments

One Voice Wales:

C & TC Review Consultation – copy Chief Executive's speech for consideration

Training Sessions – quick finder February to July

Welsh Government:

Planning Law in Wales Consultation to 1.3.18 (2.12.17)

Independent Review Panel – request for information regarding co-options in T & CCs – response drafted by Clerk and approved by Chair

General:

Peter Castle – copy of comments sent to Vale Planning concerning 17 /01283/FUL 32 Tair Onen

- request for restrictions of use at TO workshops. VofGC response – no conditions or restrictions on lawful use

Graham Duffield – request to put superfast broadband problems on agenda

Diverse Cymru: Well Being project

Resident of Heol y March: mud on roads around Hendrewennol and the Croft

CHC UHB: request for views on Thoracic Health Services and Major (28.11.17) Trauma Unit

Law Commission (London): Planning Law in Wales Consultation: request to forward information to all interested parties

Graham Duffield: Connection to Superfast Broadband in the WSD area

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

ROWIP session 21.11.17 – Glyn Jenkins to attend
Michael Morgan: Highway Consultation report M4 Link
Clare Cameron: M4 Link report to cabinet
Stephen Butler: confirming no restrictions on use of Unit 1
Workshops currently available for lease
CRC: Inspiring Local Workspace in Rural Vale – event
Care Services Programme for Councillors for 2018
Christmas Greetings from Councillor John Thomas, Executive Leader
Legal Services:- provision of legal services*
Valeways Guided Walks
Local Democracy Boundary Commission for Wales review – notice of review in 2019 -2020
further information to follow
Making Sense of Food Project – survey for individual responses
Reshaping Local Services Programme Update

Welsh Government:

21st Century Schools and Education Programme – Statement
Contact details for David Melding and Andrew Davies, and Jane Hutt with Christmas cards*

One Voice Wales:

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

Christmas Greetings
Expert Panel on Assembly Electoral Reform – Report publication
Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Chair and wife to attend
Area meeting 15.1.18 – Andrew Foyle to attend
SEWales RET Team - bulletin
Public appointments: Members for Health Board Trusts
Temporary Finance Officer Sully and Lavernock CC
Members Community Health Councils
Training sessions: Health and Safety
Chairing Skills
Local Government Finance
Code of Conduct

General:

Age Cymru: Inquiry into Loneliness and Isolation – Report and Envisage bulletin
GDPR session details Nick Craddock and Clerk
Kidney Wales: rededication of Gift of LifeStone
Nick Craddock: review of focus meeting for M4/A48 Link
NRW: funding available for projects to improve environment and newsletter
Zurich Insurance: invitation to risk management seminar
PMSA Ordnance Survey – forwarded to Andrew Foyle
Pendoylan CC: grant to fund bench at Prisk*
CPRW:- bulletin
Standbrookes Guides – confirmation of contact details for Clerk
Valeways Newsletter

Advertising: Glasdon

Women in Local Government Conference – unsubscribe?
Llangollen Festival 2018
Plimsoll Productions*

Matthews Confidential Shredding
Clerks and Councils Direct*

Donation requests:

Heart Charity for Wales
Marie Curie
Wales Ambulance
Eisteddfod 2018

12. (127) TRAINING: No discussion.

13. (128) FINANCES

- (1) To pay: Peter Beddoes to install bench at Prisk (£445.00) – payment postponed as work not completed
One Voice Wales for Councillor training (Code of Conduct) (£20) - approved.**
- (2) To discuss appointing contractor for grass cutting: two possible contractors have been found and quotations requested.**
- (3) to update Councillors on account transfer from Barclays to Lloyds: online payments have been set up and the Barclays accounts will be closed before the end of the financial year.**
- (4) Set the precept for 2018/19: following discussion it was agreed the precept would be set at £5,200.00 to reflect the increase in Councillor costs and expenses as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel Report 2017. It was agreed to cease paying £25 to CPRW in line with Community Council policy on donations.**
- Action: Clerk to inform Vale Council**

14 (129) WEBSITE: No discussion.

15 (130) PROJECTS:

The Log Book was signed for November and December.

It was agreed to contact the Amphibian Trust to find out when the pond would be cleared.

Action: Clerk to contact Peter Hill

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

17 (132) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Welsh Government Town and Community Council review consultation: following discussion it was agreed Councillors had no specific comments.**
 - 2. Welsh Government Planning Law in Wales: Nick Craddock to draft response.**
 - 3. Welsh Government Independent Review Panel report – duplication of 1.**
 - 4. CHC UHB – Thoracic Health Services and Trauma Unit consultation – no specific comments**
- Action: Clerk to submit comments. Chair to draft response to 2.**

18 (133) PLANNING

Applications for discussion:

2017/01283/FUL32, Tair Onen, St Hilary – concerns were expressed about the possible change of use due to the size and scale of plot

Action: Clerk to draft response

2017/01284/FUL3, Heol y Mynydd, Welsh St. Donats – no comments

2017/01255/OUT Tan y Lan Cottage, Maendy – concerns were expressed about the access on a bend, the small size of the plot and proximity to existing stone cottage.

Action: Andrew Foyle to draft response

2017/01354/FUL Tyr Mynydd Farmhouse, Ty Mynydd Lane, Welsh St. Donats:

Councillors welcomed renovation of an old stone long barn with original features, if done to specification.

Action: Clerk to make comments

To note applications where consultation was done online before the meeting:

2017/01178/FUL 26 Tair Onen, St Hilary

Applications approved: 2017/01122/FUL White Lodge, Maendy

2017/01178/FUL 26 Tair Onen, St Hilary

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

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