

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
6th February 2018

PRESENT: Councillors Nick Craddock (in the Chair), Glyn Jenkins, Ann Thomas and Emma Hall (who left the meeting early). County Councillor Michael Morgan. Members of the public: Christine Evans (Cae Carw) and Scott Lewis and Tom Smith (both Hendrewennol).

1 (134) PUBLIC FORUM: Christine Evans (Cae Carw) stated she had contacted Vale Council PROW officers twice in 2017 and again in January 2018 with her concerns about being photographed while walking the Hendrewennol footpaths, and concerns that some PROWs are blocked. She had not received any response to date. Regarding the poly tunnels at Hendrewennol, she noted that they had not been removed in the winter months, as specified when planning permission was granted. She reported that she had been informed by the Enforcement Unit that it would be difficult to take effective enforcement action now (so late in the season) and possibly next winter.

Scott Lewis (Hendrewennol) requested that, regarding Item 7 (1) (contacting the Vale Event Safety Advisory Committee), any resident at Heol y March with concerns should get in touch, in the first instance, with the owners of Hendrewennol who would be happy to meet residents and try and resolve any problems.

Tom Smith (Hendrewennol) noted that despite some initial problems, fibre optic broadband was in place at Hendrewennol.

Nick Craddock (as a resident) reported that Bridget Craddock had been disappointed that the owners of Hendrewennol had not been present at the last meeting as she had wanted information regarding next season's activities at Hendrewennol so she and other residents could plan ahead. Following the meeting she had tried to contact by email two members of the Keen family for the information (the approach requested by the Keen family at a previous meeting) but had had no response to date.

Glyn Jenkins (as a resident) had sent the Community Council an email with his concerns over 16/00335/FUL Castell Talyfan. He noted that a former application to convert barns into holiday lets had been turned down on the grounds they would not be in keeping with the area.

2 (135) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillors Graham Duffield, Peter Castle and Andrew Foyle, and Inspector David Barclay and PCSO Dan Rees.

3 (135) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Nick Craddock declared an interest in Hendrewennol and Glyn Jenkins declared an interest in 16/00335/FUL Castell Talyfan. Both signed a proforma and stated that they would leave the meeting for any discussion.

4 (136) MINUTES AND AGENDA: The minutes of the meeting on 9th January 2018 and agenda for current meeting were approved and signed.

5. (137) POLICE REPORT: There had been no crimes recorded in the area in January. However the Police had been requested at the last meeting to find out why a break-in in Heol y March in December had not been listed in crime figures to date.

Action: Clerk to contact Dan Rees for progress

6 (138) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN: Michael had attended a M4/A48 Link review group meeting and noted that there was no representative of Welsh St Donats Community Council invited. He had asked that the group should include such a representative.

Michael reported that he had attended a meeting of Pendoylan community where it had been decided that Pendoylan CC would work with neighbouring Community Councils to raise concerns with the Vale of Glamorgan Council about road access and safety issues and concerns were addressed.

Michael had read and noted Glyn Jenkin's comments (as a resident) regarding 16/00335/FUL Castell Talyfan and made no further comment.

He did reiterate his offer to mediate in difficulties between residents of Heol y March and the owners of Hendrewennol. Glyn Jenkins suggested he should start by speaking to each resident individually. Ann Thomas felt there was little the Community Council could do but monitor the situation and attend any meeting with the owners of Hendrewennol and residents of Heol y March.

The Clerk, at the request of Andrew Foyle, asked the County Councillor if he could find out whether any officer in the Vale Council had been appointed to liaise with BT OpenReach regarding broadband in the areas as yet unconnected in Maendy and Welsh St Donats. This possibility had been reported to Andrew Foyle following a phone conversation between by BT and a resident of Maendy.

7. (139) MATTERS ARISING:

(1) Hendrewennol: There was no discussion but Ann Thomas stated that she would draft a letter to the Vale Event Safety Advisory Group for circulation and approval.

Action: Clerk to provide background information.

(2) Tair Onen: No discussion

(3) Castell Talyfan: Glyn Jenkins left the meeting. The Chair agreed to draft a letter for circulation and approval to Vale Planning raising concerns about the lack of information provided to the Community Council, pointing out that if the application is due to be approved conditions should be applied to limit the size and weight of vehicles, in order to reduce the impact of the traffic on the villages and lanes.

Action: Nick Craddock to draft letter, cc Michael Morgan

Glyn Jenkins returned to the meeting.

(4) Co-option of Councillor: a resident of Prisk had expressed an interest in being co-opted on to the Community Council. A brief description of his interests, experience and any issues he felt strongly about had been requested.

Action: Clerk to circulate response to Members

(5) Cherry Orchard Farm: Glyn Jenkins reported that progress was being made on the footpaths but had concerns about the apparent lack of drainage off the recently laid tarmac. It was agreed to monitor any flooding problems that might result.

(6) Broadband: It was agreed that, as progress was possibly being made, this would be discussed at the next meeting if necessary.

8. (140) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

1. A draft letter to Vale regarding overgrown hedges and trees was discussed and agreed.

Action: Clerk to send revised version to Vale Council and notify Highways about blocked stiles around Prisk and potholes and blocked culverts on Watery Lane.

9. (141) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

Ann Thomas, as Additional Governor to Pendoylan School, had attended a Governing Body meeting and was optimistic about the approach to management problems in the school. Improvements had been made to the website and Ann would make sure that Welsh St Donats Community Council, as a stakeholder, received full reports where appropriate.

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

11. (143) 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)

Council meeting dates to May 2019

One Voice Wales:

Bulletin – Welsh Language Strategy – it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting

Action: Clerk to put on agenda

Future Generations Framework to comply with Well-being of Future Generations Act (4.2.18) - no comments

NRW – Area Statements Survey to 9.2.18 – to be completed on an individual basis

Auditor General for Wales – Code of Audit Practice Consultation to 26.3.18

Action: for next agenda

General:

Forces Fitness Team – project to educate families in fitness

St Nicholas and Bonvilston CC – Code of Conduct session – spaces available – Ann Thomas to attend

Action: Clerk to notify St Nicholas and Bonvilston CC and ask other members

Peterston super Ely – requesting support in reducing speed in lanes and suggesting a Councillor is designated to liaise

Action: notify PSE CC that Emma Hall will represent WSD CC

Prisk resident – registering interest in filling the vacancy on the Community Council

Action: Clerk has requested brief outline of his interests and experience and will circulate to members

Glyn Jenkins (as a resident) – regarding 00335/FUL Castel Talyfan, comments concerning inevitable increase in heavy duty vehicles and their detrimental effect on lanes and user safety - noted

Andrew Foyle – various highway issues in Watery Lane and on the A4222 on Watery

Lane

Action: Clerk to report to Vale Highways

NO ACTION NEEDED:

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

CRC Food Value survey

CLC meeting cancelled 30.1.18

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>)

All Wales Public Service Graduate Programme – information

Independent Review Panel – further events for consultation – our comments already submitted

Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens newsletter

Welsh Government: Welsh Taxes ready to go

Welsh Language Promotion Newsletter

Public appointments: Welsh Revenue Finance Officer

Government Lawyer – public law

Listing

Training sessions: Health and Safety, Bridgend and Barry sessions

Emma Hall to attend Charing Skills 10.7.18

General:

PCSO Dan Rees –contact details – circulated

Gary Hemmings (NZ) request for historical information

Peter Hill, Amphibian Trust – work to start on pond in February under Mark Barber

Mark Barber, Amphibian Trust – suggested dates for pond clearance

Bee Friendly Scheme – information

Diverse Cymru – Well being – how to get involved and have your say and invitation to Equality in Social Care

Website Builder – request for historical information

Michael Morgan – copy email from Justina Moss Enforcement Unit update on

Talyfan Castell application 16/00335/FUL

Zurich Insurance LCAS – risk management seminars

Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People – request to sign petition for Access Certificate

Advertising:

Nemesis Fireworks

Emango – website design for Local Councils – Graham has concerns

Donations: Tenovus*

12. (144) TRAINING: Emma Hall to attend a session on Charing Skills.

13. (145) FINANCES:

(1) To pay: Vale of Glamorgan for election expenses (£86.00) - approved

(2) To discuss appointing contractor for grass cutting: it was agreed that Alun Williams should be given the contract, the other possible candidate having withdrawn. A contract was signed for exchange and copy of insurance documents had been received.

Action: Clerk to inform Alun Williams and send off contract.

(3) to update Councillors on account transfer from Barclays to Lloyds: it was agreed

the Clerk should close the account at Barclays, having ascertained the cost to do so, and open two new savings accounts at Lloyds, one for the Clerk's gratuity fund (£1,104.42) and the other to keep surplus funds.

It was agreed to pay the Clerk's salary (£1,934.19) at the next meeting after PAYE had been assessed.

It was agreed that Llewellyn Bros should be approached to replace the bench at Prisk, GreenVenture Lawn and Weed having ceased trading.

It was agreed that a donation should be given to the Amphibian and Reptile Trust as a gesture for clearing the pond, as suggested by the Chair.

Action: Clerk to make online payment to Vale Council (£86.99), contact Alun Williams, close Barclays account having ascertained costs and open two savings accounts at Lloyds. Contact Llewellyn Bros. Contact Internal Auditor

14 (146) WEBSITE: It was noted that the minutes of a prior meeting were mistakenly uploaded on the website for the meeting 7.11.17 and check that other recent minutes have the correct files.

Action: Clerk to report to website manager.

15 (147) PROJECTS:

The Log Book would be signed at the next meeting.

Village Pond, Welsh St Donats: after consideration, it was agreed that work to clear the pond should be done, if possible, by volunteers from ARC Trust. There were health and safety concerns for members of the Community Council and residents volunteering from the community for such strenuous work.

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

17 (149) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 Local Toilets Strategies – consultation to 4.4.18 – it was agreed that this was of no relevance to WSD CC.

2. Welsh Government proposals to tackle crime and poor performance in waste sector – consultation to 26.3.18 - it was agreed that this was of no relevance to WSD CC

3. Passenger Transport Satisfaction Survey 2018 to 2.3.18 (17.1.18) – to be submitted individually.

4. General Data Protection Regulation guidance – compliance by 25.5.18 (17.1.18) – both Clerk and Chair would attend a training session and OVW would be providing guidance to aid compliance.

5. Independent Review Panel request for information on co-options – it was agreed to respond that we do not have a clear idea but having spoken to a few residents, most felt disempowered.

6. Vale of Glamorgan Supplementary Planning Guidance – consultation to 2.3.18 (22.1.18) – it was agreed to further consult members but the general feeling was there were no strong concerns and that it was a helpful document for members of the public.

Action: Clerk to submit comments.

18 (150) PLANNING:

Applications refused:
2017/01284/FUL3, Heol y Mynydd, Welsh St. Donats

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