

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
8th January 2019

PRESENT: Councillors Andrew Foyle (in the Chair), Nick Craddock, Mark Hastings, Emma Hall, Ann Thomas and Graham Duffield. County Councillor Michael Morgan and PC Stuart Elson.

1 (325) PUBLIC FORUM: No member of the public was present

2 (326) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Inspector Andrew Rice and Councillors Glyn Jenkins and Peter Castle.

3 (327) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

4 (328) MINUTES AND AGENDA: The minutes of the meeting on 11th December 2018 and agenda for current meeting were approved and signed.

5. (329) POLICE REPORT: PC Stuart Elson reported one crime in December in the area, the theft of an artificial Christmas Tree from a shed in Welsh St Donats.

6 (330) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN: Michael had noted various inconsistencies in criteria on the part of Vale Planning when processing planning applications in rural areas. He is preparing a report.

Action: Clerk to circulate when forwarded.

7. (331) MATTERS ARISING:

(1) Castell Talyfan: nothing to report

(2) Hendrewennol: nothing to report

8. (332) HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:

The Clerk had reported to the Vale Council (4.1.19) a collapsed hedge in Watery Lane as a potential hazard to vehicles using the passing point.

Ann Thomas had reported black bags and a carpet on the Pendoylan Road in Hensol Forest blocking the flood water ditch. These were promptly removed by the Vale Council.

Glyn Jenkins had prepared a report on Footpaths 18 and 20, both needing attention as a potential danger to those using the footpaths. It was agreed this should be submitted to the Vale Council.

Action: Clerk to forward

9. (333) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES: None

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10. (334) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR: None

11. (335) CORRESPONDENCE TO CLERK:

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION (Circulation dates of documents in brackets):

*received by mail

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Supplementary Planning Guidance consultation to 15.2.19 (5.1.19) – Nick Craddock had prepared a review and it was agreed Councillors had no comments to make.

Corporate Plan Workshops 17 and 28.1.19 - noted

One Voice Wales:

Community and Town Council Update – expanding the role - update – noted

General:

Inspector Andrew Rice – to attend meeting 5.3.19.

Action: Clerk to contact Inspector Rice prior to meeting with any issues Councillors wish to raise

NO ACTION NEEDED:

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Press release regarding failures in governance and financial management in Community Councils

Enforcement: Hendrewennol (caravan and containers) – an enforcement case and site visit are to be arranged.

One Voice Wales:

SE Wales Regional Newsletter

New WG Cabinet

Bulletin

Welsh Government:

Countryside flooding and drainage: notice of SuDS training courses and draft guidance.

Law Commission Update: following consultation in 2017 planning law in Wales to be reformed

Funding available for Sports and Play – proposals sought - noted

General:

20s Plenty update and brief on informal meeting with VofGC Officers – Representative David Field was optimistic

Valeways newsletter and winter walks

Cardiff and Vale Integrated Health and Social Partnership – ‘toolkit’

E-Christmas Greetings: Managing Director and Leader, VofGC, OVW, Jane Hutt

20s Plenty update and Skype Training

Advertising: Carnegie Trust UK newsletter, Planning Aid: events.

12. (336) TRAINING: None

13. (337) FINANCES:

(1) Payments approved:

- Allan Williams – treatment of newly repaired knee rail around the pond (£60.00)

Actions: Clerk to process payment online

(2) Set the Precept for 2019-20. This was discussed in detail. It was noted that most of the precept is taken up with administrative costs and maintenance responsibilities. As well as rental of the hall for between the ten and eleven meetings each year, insurance, audit fees and training, the Community Council is required by the Independent Remuneration Panel to make available an annual payment to each Councillor of £150.00 as a contribution towards costs and expenses (the Clerk is paid according to NALC salary scales and allowances). The Community Council is also responsible for the maintenance of the pond, the land around it, and various other pockets of land around the Community Council area as well as three benches and six notice boards.

It was agreed to continue a donation in the next financial year of £1,300.00 to the Parish Church for maintenance of the Churchyard.

It was also agreed to add a contingency allowance of £500.00.

The estimated expenditure for 2019/20 is £7,352.00. However Councillors plan to use some of the Community Council's reserve towards the expenditure so the precept was set at £6,500.00 for 2019/20.

It was noted that the cost of running the Community Council to a Council Tax payer in the Welsh St Donats area in 2019-20 would be £21.10 (Band D) per year.

Action: Clerk to notify Vale Council Finance Services of precept

14. (338) WEBSITE: No discussion.

15. (339) PROJECTS:

The Log Book for December was signed.

16. (340) ITEMS FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: Confirmation awaited for item on recycling submitted for discussion at a future Committee Meeting.

17. (341) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Welsh Government Improving Public Transport Consultation

2. Vale of Glamorgan Council: Annual Budget Consultation

After discussion it was agreed that Councillors had no observations to make on either consultation.

18. (342) PLANNING:

18/01407/FUL Plas Hen, Bonvilston – no comments

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