

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDUNWYDD
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
ON 7th MAY 2019

PRESENT: Councillors Andrew Foyle (in the Chair), Graham Duffield, Ann Thomas, Nick Craddock, Glyn Jenkins, Emma Hall and Mark Hastings.
Members of the Public: Two residents (Tair Onen and Heol y March).

- 1. (377) PUBLIC FORUM:** No member of the public spoke.
- 2. (378) RECEIVE APOLOGIES:** Councillor Peter Castle and County Councillor Michael Morgan
- 3. (379) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** Nick Craddock declared an interest in planning application 19/00418/FUL The Grange, Bonvilston, signed a declaration and left the meeting for any discussion.
- 4. (380) MINUTES AND AGENDA:** The minutes of meeting 2nd April 2019 and AGM agenda and ordinary meeting agenda were approved and signed.
- 5. (381) POLICE REPORT:** None.
- 6. (382) MATTERS ARISING:**
 1. Castell Talyfan. No discussion.
- 7. (383) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR:** None
- 8. (384) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

Glyn Jenkins had photographed a large lorry parked in the Forest picnic area. It was agreed the pictures should be forwarded to NRW and the Vale Council for their information
Action: Clerk to forward

Potholes were reported in Heol y March, between the Grange and Ty Isha.
Action: Clerk to inform Vale Highways .

It was noted that no work had been done to repair the collapsed hedge and fence in Watery Lane. A row of cones is marking the edge of the tarmac before the land falls away steeply.
Action: Clerk to request progress report from Vale Council
- 9. (385) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:**

Andrew Foyle had attended a One Voice Wales meeting at which Wales Audit had presented an interesting report. This was later circulated to all members of the Community Council.
- 10. (386) CORRESPONDENCE TO CHAIR:** Andrew Foyle had received a copy email from a resident setting out their concerns over planning application 19/00299/FUL The Old Hilary Filling Station, Welsh St Donats. These comments were noted and taken into account in the subsequent discussion of that application.
- 11. (387) CORRESPONDENCE TO CLERK:**
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION (Circulation dates of documents in brackets):

*received by mail

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Standards Committee – proposed observations of T & C Council meetings. There was some concern that the proforma to be used by the observers seemed to assume that decision making would relate to formal motions being moved, seconded and voted on, and that much of the business would flow from written reports (from officers or Committees) circulated in advance. This didn't seem appropriate to the way a small Community Council like ours in fact conducts business.

Action: put on the next agenda to consider whether we need to amend any of our practices, to become more formal, or whether possibly our Standing Orders require some relaxation to reflect the reality of what we do.

Guidance on Payments for members of T & C Councils - noted

Welsh Government:

Planning Officers' Society – survey completed by Clerk and Chair 28.4.19

One Voice Wales:

Request for survey on Empty Dwellings Within Communities – not applicable

Training: Chairing Skills 14.5.19

AGM request for motions for debate - none

General:

Glyn Jenkins – photos of large vehicles parked in the Forest car park and photos of the access on to A48 at proposed coffee station.

Emma Hall – has received concerns about dogs from two members of the public, the dogs are kept in kennels on Sandy Lane just outside WSD village next to stables. The dogs bark at night and appear to be alone most of the time. Concerns were for the welfare of the dogs and the disturbance to residents. It was agreed the RSPCA and the Vale Council (Environment) should be informed.

Action: Clerk to inform both

Emma Hall - noted large scale earth moving on a field off Stony Lane

Action: it was agreed to monitor the earth moving

Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School Report – noted with thanks. The Ofsted report on the new nursery provision was very encouraging.

Peter Castle (as a resident) – comments on 16 Tair Onen

*Grant Thornton (Wales Audit appointed external auditors) – due to errors in their charges in previous years, expect an increase for 18-19 audit

Zurich Insurance for 19-20 (£257.60)

Michael Morgan – giving his apologies and stating his intention to become an Independent Councillor - noted

NO ACTION NEEDED:

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

EU Elections – guidance for purdah period for Vale Councillors

Planning Aid free event 11.4.19

One Voice Wales:

NEC minutes

April Bulletin

Area meeting 22.7.19 with presentation from Wales Audit Office

Welsh Government:

*Boundaries Commission – notice of review of electoral arrangements 8.5 to 30.7 19 – details to follow

General:

Peter Castle – issues with new recycling proposals

Andrew Foyle – report on recycling following CLC meeting with details of proposed new scheme

Access Penarth Launch 27.4.19

Ordnance Survey PMSA update – forwarded to Andrew Foyle

Planning Aid – Planning policy free event

Advertising: Utility Aid, Planning Aid Wales free sessions, Plantscape, Lappset playground equipment, Haggs playground equipment*, Wales and West Utilities Stakeholder Workshops, CRC digital skills training

Donation requests: Alun Cairns on behalf of Alzheimer's

Phone calls:

Resident from Prisk – 1.5.19 An attempt was made to cut down a willow tree in a field, owned by the resident, opposite Tan y lan Cottage. It is not clear whether the tree could be saved. The Clerk informed PC Stuart Elson

12. (388) TRAINING: The Chair informed Councillors of training sessions in the next few months. Councillors agreed to consult their diaries.

13. (389) FINANCES:

1. Payments: were approved to AD Williams for internal audit 18-19 (£250.00), Allan Williams for cutting grass in April (inv 2059 £462.00), Allan Williams to cut and clear bushes at pond (inv 2034 £192.00) and Zurich Insurance (policy reviewed by Councillors) to 31.5.20 (£257.60).

Action: Clerk to process online payments for authorisation.

2. The accounts for 18-19 were approved and signed and the Annual Governance Statement for the Annual Return for Wales Audit (external audit) was completed and signed. The Internal Auditor had approved the accounts for 18-19 and had no comments to make.

Action: Clerk to submit Annual Return and all documents to Wales Audit for External Audit. Notices for the public concerning the audit to be displayed as required.

14. (390) WEBSITE: No discussion.

15. (391) CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS:

Log book for the pond signed for April.

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

17. (393) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION: None

18. (394) PLANNING:

2019/00387/FUL6, Tair Onen, Welsh St. Donats – no comments

2019/00385/FUL16, Tair Onen, Welsh St. Donats – after discussion it was agreed to reiterate comments made on the original application, which had been refused, since nothing in the application seemed to have changed.

2019/00418/FUL The Grange, Bonvilston – no comments

Action: Clerk to submit comments

2019/00299/FUL The Old Hilary Filling Station, Welsh St Donats – after a full and lengthy discussion, it was agreed to object to the application on grounds of road safety due to increase of traffic manoeuvres near an awkward junction on the busy A48, including good

and heavy vehicles, extended use of site (currently only 28 days a year), an unsightly design and overall a commercial proposal for which there was no clear need unsuited to this rural location. it was also agreed to request that the application be determined by the Planning Committee unless the delegated officer was minded to refuse it.

Action: Andrew Foyle to draft a letter of objection to the proposals including a request for determination by Committee, Clerk to inform Planning Officer and Michael Morgan of that request.

Applications approved:

2019/00206/FUL Ton Y Pwll, Maendy

2019/00226/FUL Vale View, Welsh St Donats

2019/00275/FUL Coetref, Church Lane, Welsh St Donats

2019/00323/FUL Morfa, Welsh St Donats

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