

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD**  
**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON**  
**4<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ann Thomas (in the Chair), Nick Craddock, Emma Hall, Mark Hastings, Andrew Foyle, Glyn Jenkins and Graham Duffield and County Councillor Michael Morgan

**1 (408) PUBLIC FORUM:** No member of the public attended the meeting.

**2 (409) RECEIVE APOLOGIES:** Councillor Peter Castle and Inspector Andrew Rice (SW Police)

**3 (410) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None

**4 (411) MINUTES AND AGENDA:** The minutes of the ordinary meeting and AGM on 7th May 2019 and agenda for current meeting were approved and signed.

**5. (412) POLICE REPORT:** No representative of SW Police was present however the Chair had been visited by SW Police requesting help in locating an address in Welsh St Donats at which a possible "person of interest" lived. Police are trying to locate Michael Patrick O'Brien as they believe he may be able to help them with their inquiries into a serious sexual assault on 25 April in Swansea.

**Action:** Ann Thomas would circulate a poster with details to Councillors

**6 (413) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN:**

At the Vale Council AGM a change in the administration of the Council took place (a coalition of 12 Independent and 14 Labour Councillors) with Michael Morgan (now standing as an Independent) on the Environment and Regeneration Committee. Michael reported that it was still intended to go ahead with the plan to relocate Llancarfan Primary School to a new site in Rhoose where a new 210 place primary school would be built, although this had been strongly opposed by residents in Llancarfan and their County Councillor. Michael confirmed he had reported to Highways the potentially dangerous passing point on Watery Lane where the land dropped away steeply at the edge of the tarmac. He also alerted the meeting to the closure of the A48 between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June at Darren Farm when a roundabout would be constructed. Michael confirmed that the Sycamore Cross/Pendoylan road closure would finish on time, and Nick Craddock requested the diversion signs through Welsh St Donats be removed so the increased traffic would no longer cause havoc in the narrow lanes. Michael said he would look into this. On the St Hilary Filling Station planning application, Michael said our request for referral to the planning committee, if the application was likely to be successful, was noted and we would have to wait for the Delegated Officer to make his decision.

**7. (414) MATTERS ARISING:**

**(1) Castell Talyfan:** This was discussed and the Community Council requested that Glyn Jenkins would prepare a report on vehicles types and research business rates for the following meeting, regarding activities at Castell Talyfan.

**Action:** Glyn Jenkins to draft

**(2) To Review Standing Orders and Concerns and Complaints Policy:** following discussion on procedure regarding motions and decisions in the Standing Orders it was agreed the Chair would draft and circulate an amendment to the Standing Orders for discussion and approval at the next meeting.

**Action:** Ann Thomas to draft and circulate before next meeting

Regarding the Concerns and Complaints Policy, Emma Hall noted that on page 5 of the Policy under 'What we expect from you', there is reference to a separate policy to manage situations where someone's actions are unacceptable. Such a policy for the Community Council is not in place.

**Action:** Clerk to contact One Voice Wales to request model policy

The decision made at the last meeting to report dogs barking at stables on the lane from Welsh St Donats to the Forest had not been acted upon as it was noted the dogs had not been on site or had been quieter. It was agreed the Vale Council would not be contacted about the potential nuisance until further evidence had been collected. Residents would keep a diary.

Monitoring of earth moving in fields off Stony Lane would continue.

#### **8. (415) HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**

After a discussion about the effectiveness of the cones on Watery Lane at the passing point warning drivers of a steep drop, it was agreed to write again to the Vale Council expressing grave concerns.

**Action:** Chair to draft a letter for circulation and approval

Glyn Jenkins confirmed that he would prepare a footpath survey in the near future.

Following a response from Natural Resources Wales regarding large commercial vehicles parking in the car park on Sandy Lane, it was agreed that a height barrier was not needed yet, but if the situation worsened the public would need to be consulted as the car park is used by the Glamorgan Hunt and others. It was agreed Glyn Jenkins would have exploratory discussions with a contact at NRW about other solutions.

**Action:** Glyn Jenkins to contact NRW and keep Councillors informed

#### **9. (416) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES: None**

#### **10. (417) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR: None**

#### **11. (418) CORRESPONDENCE TO CLERK:**

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

\*received by mail

##### **Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Model Informal Resolution Protocol – follow up survey – Clerk to complete

##### **Welsh Government:**

##### **One Voice Wales:**

Paul Egan – correct procedure for motions and seconding at meetings

##### **General:**

Natural Resources Wales – regarding large commercial lorries in Hensol car park,

a height barrier could be installed but that would prevent access by horse boxes. NRW sought the community's views on whether a barrier was wanted or not. The car park will be closed from May 29<sup>th</sup> for 7 days for resurfacing. (see item 8)

SW Police (Insp Rice) – request for support from CC for a commendation for community police officer. - Inspector Rice will be attending our meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>

After lengthy discussions it was agreed the Community Council was not willing to give its support to the proposed award

**Action:** Chair to draft a response

AD Williams has accepted our request for his services as internal auditor for the accounts 19-20

Natural Resources Wales – request for help in reporting fly-tipping in Hensol Forest. This was to be re-circulated for comment before responding.

Garden waste had been left near the lake

Action: Clerk to re-circulate and report garden waste.

**NO ACTION NEEDED:**

**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Michael Morgan – updates on Sycamore Cross and Old Hilary Station proposal  
Vale Digital Skills Training course

New Cabinet – Coalition Labour, Vale Independents and Llantwit First Groups

All Ability Couch to 5K – run

Highways (Mike Clogg) – Watery Lane has more cones in place and an assessment of the area will be done. Potholes will be repaired in Heol y March.

**One Voice Wales:**

Bulletin

Innovative Practice Conference 20.7.19

**Welsh Government:**

**General:**

Michael Morgan – allocation of £275,00 has been made by Welsh Government to further the investigation into the M4A48 Link proposal

20s Plenty for Us – updates

CPRW Magazine\*

**Advertising:** Earth Anchors (notice boards), Planning Aid Wales, CRC Film Festival, Glasdon UK\*

**Phone calls:**

20.5.19 Resident of Prisk – objected strongly to the lane being blocked outside Ton y Pwll for over 20 minutes while a large lorry unloaded materials for the garden room (planning permission granted) . Also concerned that access had been made through the garden hedge during the nesting period. The Planning Officer concerned could not do anything retrospectively about the lane being blocked and felt this had to be expected occasionally for short times in narrow lanes. Regarding the hedge, since it is part of the curtilage of the house and a garden hedge, the owner has the right to do what he/she likes with it, even remove completely. Different regulations apply for hedgerows on agricultural land. Both residents were informed.

**12. (419) TRAINING:** It was confirmed Mark Hastings would attend a code of conduct

session in June.

**13. (420) FINANCES:**

**(1) Payment approved:** Allan Williams for mowing in May (£318.00) invoice 2102

A bursary form was signed and completed for training sessions in 2019

**Actions:** Clerk to process payment online and submit form

**14. (421) WEBSITE:** No discussion.

**15. (422) PROJECTS:**

The Log Book for May was signed.

**16. (423) ITEMS FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE:** None

**17. (424) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**1. Local Democracy and Boundaries Commission for Wales – Vale of Glamorgan  
Electoral Review** - no comments

**Action:** Clerk to forward and confirm all notices were displayed as requested.

**18. (425) PLANNING:**

**Applications:**

2019/00538/FUL 25, Tair Onen, Nr. Cowbridge – no objections but the comment that Councillors questioned the need for a toilet and balcony in a garage.

**Actions:** Clerk to forward comments

**Applications approved by Vale Council:**

18/01196/FUL Church Farm, Welsh St Donats

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