

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

**PRESENT:** Councillors Emma Hall (in the Chair), Mark Hastings, Peter Castle, Glyn Jenkins, Nick Craddock, Andrew Foyle and Graham Duffield. County Councillor Michael Morgan. PCSO Sion Summers

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

**2 (476) RECEIVE APOLOGIES:** Councillor Ann Thomas

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

**4 (478) MINUTES AND AGENDA:** Minutes of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and the agenda for this meeting were approved and signed.

It was agreed to permit Councillor Peter Castle to be absent from meetings from December 2019 to May 2020 (inclusive). He would maintain online contact with the Community Council and residents and take part in Council business as usual.

**5. (479) POLICE REPORT:** The Chairman welcomed PCSO Summers, who reported an accident on 31<sup>st</sup> October at the crossroads at the junction of the lane leading to the Village Hall and the Pendoylan Road. Two vehicles were involved, the Police attended and there were no casualties. There were no crimes to report in the last month.

Peter Castle asked the Police to look into the motorbikes that travel at high speed along the A48. His concerns focused on those turning into Tair Onen pausing in the central reservation to cross on coming traffic. The bikes overtake and weave through the traffic and he felt it was only a matter of time before there was an accident. PC Summers said he would look into this.

PC Summers said he would report back to the Community Council with further information about fly tipping from the perspective of SW Police.

He also said he would pay a visit to the elderly Maendy resident who had been forced by two men to accept cash to allow their horses to go in his field against his wishes. The Police had been called but by then the men had been persuaded to take back the cash and the horses were not put into the field.

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

**RECYCLING:** Michael Morgan acknowledged that there were problems with the new recycling regime and understood residents' frustration. He urged everyone to be patient and give the new arrangements time to bed in. He suggested residents look on the Vale Council website to see in more detail what was now recyclable. Councillors praised the considerate and helpful attitude of those operatives collecting the recycling. Councillors Nick Craddock and Peter Castle noted that they had not had their recycling collected for nearly three weeks and had concerns that the recycling would attract vermin and also felt the website was misleading.

Michael Morgan acknowledged that fly tipping would increase with the new arrangements for recycling and would be taking this up with Miles Punter, Director of Environment and Housing.

**POTHLES:** Michael Morgan suggested Councillors ask Mike Clogg from Vale Highways to meet them to clarify the Council's criteria for road repair.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Michael Morgan had expressed to Victoria Robinson, Operational Manager of Development Management, his view that when planning future affordable housing, the provision of retirement housing should be included. It has been estimated that 70% of the population of the Vale will be over 75 in 2035 and he felt this age group should be considered when making planning policy.

**PLANNING APPLICATION FOR CASTELL TALYFAN (16/00335/FUL):** Michael Morgan felt it was unacceptable that this application had not yet been determined. He had taken it up with Vale Planning and was pushing forward for a decision at Planning Committee level.

**LINK M4/A48:** this is still at the consultation stage. The rail parkway option was being treated as a separate entity.

**NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK to 2040:** Michael Morgan drew the meeting's attention to this document and recommended all should read it. He felt that it had grave implications for the rural Vale by possibly permitting development around Cardiff spreading into it. The Vice Chair asked if Town and Community Councils or individuals were able to have any input into the Framework. Michael Morgan admitted he did not know.

## **7. (481) MATTERS ARISING:**

**(1) Castell Talyfan:** this was dealt with in Item 6

**(2) Notice boards:** the Clerk had circulated a report outlining the condition of the notice boards and recent costs of replacement and repair together with advice from One Voice Wales about going digital. It was **RESOLVED** that the all notice boards, except the one in the bus shelter in Welsh St Donats, should be removed with a notice placed in each to this effect.

**ACTION:** the Clerk would place a notice in five of the six boards and get a quotation for removing and disposing of the five boards.

**(3) Biodiversity Plan:** the Clerk had prepared a list of possible items for discussion as to how to conform to the requirements of the Environment Act (Wales). It was agreed that the areas the Community Council maintains would continue to be cut at 50mm but in every area only once a month. Prisk Triangle would not be cut till the end of May to allow the primroses and cowslips to seed. All cuttings would be left on site to compost and create habitats. No weedkillers would be used in future. The Plan would be reviewed at the AGM each year. A response to these proposals was awaited from the Parish Council regarding the Churchyard.

**(4) About the Council:** in the absence of the Chair, any discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

**(5) Amendment to Standing Orders and Vexatious and Complainants Policy:** in the absence of the Chair, any discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

**Freedom of Information Request ref 00200050:** as no request for payment of a fee had been received and 20 days had passed from acknowledgement of receipt of our request, it was agreed the Clerk should chase up.

**Action:** Clerk to contact FIO Office

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

**Potholes and width of lanes:** following the advice from Michael Morgan, Item 6, that the Community Council should request a site visit to areas of concern, it was agreed that Nick Craddock and Glyn Jenkins should draft a request to meet on site (the lane by the Village Hall) with the Vale Council for clarification of the width of roads and lanes so that in future it was clear to the Council what parts of the highway could be repaired.

**Action:** Nick Craddock and Glyn Jenkins to draft request and Clerk to arrange a meeting with Mike Clogg (Operational Manager for Highways).

**Tair Onen bus shelter:** Peter Castle reported that the hedges at the approach to the bus shelter had been cut back but this was not sufficient for an approaching bus to see that there were people waiting to catch it. It was suggested that the bus shelter be moved forward nearer the curb where those waiting would be clearly visible by the approaching bus.

**Action:** Clerk to write to Vale Highways.

Mark Hastings leaves the meeting (20.45).

**9. (483) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:** None

**10. (484) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR:** None

**11. (485) CORRESPONDENCE TO CLERK:**

See attached list.

It was agreed that Councillors individually would complete the Fire and Rescue Service online survey.

In the light of Councillor Michael Morgan's remarks concerning the National Development Framework to 2040, it was agreed that the CPRW appeal letter should be circulated for Councillors to respond to if they wished.

**12. (486) TRAINING:** No discussion

**13. (487) FINANCES:**

**(1) Payment approved:** Allan Williams for mowing in October (£318.00) invoice 2250  
PC Churchyard Maintenance Grant (£1300)

**ACTION:** Clerk to process payment online

**(2) Grass Cutting Contract 2020:** - following discussion of the Biodiversity Plan in Item 7 (3), it was agreed to amend the contract accordingly.

**ACTION:** Clerk to amend the contract (after hearing the views of the Parish Council), circulate for approval and send to Allan Williams, pointing out the changes.

**(3) Six Month Review of Budget:** approved and signed.

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

**15. (489) PROJECTS:**

The pond Log Book for October was signed.

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

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

- 1. Independent Remuneration Panel:** - no comments
- 2. Welsh Government Proposed Changes to Planning Policies** – no comments
- 3. Vale of Glamorgan Council Draft Corporate Plan 2020-25** – no comments

**18. (492) PLANNING:** No discussion

There being no other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting. (21.10 hrs)

## **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 1.10.19 and 5.11.19**

### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

\*received by mail

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

Notice boards – keep minimum of one and go digital

#### **General:**

Fire and Rescue Service online survey

Glyn Jenkins – potholes at Bryn y Ddafad

CPRW Appeal – consultation ends 15.11.19\*

### **NO ACTION NEEDED:**

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

Council's response to proposed closure of Sam Davies Ward, Barry and notice of a further public meeting

Update – Reshaping Local Services

Local Development 2015 (circulated as requested at CLC meeting)

Standards Committee – observation checklist for T&CC meetings

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

Dispensations granted since 2017

Circular Economy Wales – events

Plans for VE Day celebrations 2020

Understanding Welsh Places

Beyond Cities: local economies and communities 28.11.19

Training sessions

Bulletin October

Vacancy – mid and West Wales Development Officer

Managing green spaces for biodiversity – report from Camarthen TC

#### **Welsh Government:**

Election (Wales) Bill to be debated 9.10.19

Chief Planning Officer - Securing biodiversity enhancement in development

proposals

Local Government elections in Wales will be moved to May 2022 to avoid coinciding with National Assembly elections in 2021

Update on Senedd and Elections Bill

Research in Community asset transfers

Diversity Workshops

Sustainable Drainage (Enforcement) (Wales) Order 2018 – minor amendment

**General:**

Cowbridge Mayor – Remembrance Sunday invitation – Chair unable to attend.

Resident of WSD reported Japanese Knotweed to NRW, they responded that it is the Vale's responsibility, so forwarded information.

20s Plenty for Us

Planning Aid Wales – introduction to planning, renewables

Penarth Mayor – fundraising event

Older People's Commissioner for Wales – State of the Nation Report – Everyday Ageism Campaign

PMSA

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**Advertising:** Penarth Charity Event

**Phone calls:**

Resident reports flooding at Keeper's Lodge Farm - reported