

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
3rd December 2019

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

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

2 (494) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillor Peter Castle, Nick Craddock and PCSO S Summers.

3 (495) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

4 (496) MINUTES AND AGENDA: Minutes of the meeting on 5th November 2019 and the agenda for this meeting were approved and signed. The Chair thanked Emma Hall for taking the last meeting in her absence.

5. (497) POLICE REPORT: No member of SW Police was able to attend.

6. (498) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN:

RECYCLING: Michael Morgan will circulate a report from Miles Punter on recycling.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate to members, post on notice board, website and community update.

COWBRIDGE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS: The Vale Council has proposed changes in its policy for admissions to Cowbridge School. A consultation document will appear on 11th December.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate

CASTELL TALYFAN (16/00335/FUL): Michael Morgan is keeping up the pressure for the long over due determination of this application.

ROAD REPAIRS: Michael Morgan apologised for not having yet arranged a site meeting with Mike Clogg, Vale Highways, but would make every effort to do so in the following weeks.

7. (499) MATTERS ARISING:

(1) CASTELL TALYFAN: see Item 6

(2) NOTICE BOARDS: A specification for removing five notice boards was approved and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation given by Allan Williams to do the work (£280.00 + vat). It was agreed a photographic record should be made of notice on the notice boards indicating the Council's intention to remove them.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Allan Williams and photograph notice.

(3) BIODIVERSITY PLAN: The Action Report was discussed at length. The contractor had advised that the proposal to cut the churchyard grass only once a month was impractical but an alternative approach of leaving a strip uncut around the edge was welcomed. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the report subject to a small amendment in

retaliation to grass cutting. Thanks were given to Emma Hall who assisted the Clerk in drawing up the report.

(4) FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/FLY TIPPING: The Vale Council's response to our FOI request was considered inadequate since it did answer the questions raised. It was agreed to ask Nick Craddock to draft a further request to the Vale Council for an explanation of why they do not undertake prosecutions of fly tipping offences. It was agreed to await a response from the Vale Council before requesting this as an agenda item for a CLC meeting.

ACTION: Nick Craddock to draft and circulate to members.

(5) ABOUT THE COUNCIL: The Chair is updating and will circulate before the next meeting.

ACTION: Chair to complete and circulate.

(6) AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS AND VEXATIOUS COMPLAINANTS POLICY: These were approved.

ACTION: Graham Duffield to post on website.

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

Andrew Foyle reported the poor state of the curb on the bridge over the old railway line between Maendy and Trerhyngyll, with concerns it would collapse.

ACTION: Andrew Foyle to photograph and Clerk to report to Vale Highways.

The bridleway between Duffryn House and Watery Lane is completely overgrown.

ACTION: Clerk to report to Highways at the Vale Council

9. (501) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES: None

10. (502) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR: None

11. (503) CORRESPONDENCE TO CLERK:

See attached list.

12. (504) TRAINING: No discussion

13. (505) FINANCES:

(1) Contract for grass cutting 2020: Councillors approved changes to the contract to reflect the Biodiversity Action Report.

ACTION: Clerk to send to Allan Williams.

14. (506) WEBSITE: No discussion

15. (507) PROJECTS:

The pond Log Book for November was signed.

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

17. (509) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Welsh Government: A More Equal Wales - it was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

ACTION: to put on agenda and recirculate prior to next meeting 14.1.20

18. (510) PLANNING:

Applications:- 19/01253/FUL Cwrt Newydd, WSD – no comments
19/01194/FUL 16 Tair Onen – no comments

Appeal: - 19/32405373, Heol Y Mynydd, Welsh St Donats – as this was a household appeal the Community Council were not permitted to make any further comments in support of this application.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting. (8.43pm)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 5.11.19 and 3.12.19

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

*received by mail

One Voice Wales:

Reporting S6 of Environment Action Wales – see Item 7

General:

Freedom Of Information request - report on fly tipping – the Vale Council does not pursue prosecutions, however all incidents are removed – see Item 7.

National Community Energy Campaign – request for CC motion to support a Local Energy Bill – agreed no action since the Bill must have lapsed once the General Election was called.

Board of Community Health Councils in Wales – representing the interest of people in the NHS in Wales - priorities in 2020-21 – survey – agreed to respond individually

Power for People – request for support for Local Electricity Bill

NO ACTION NEEDED:

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Draft Corporate Plan 20-25 event 26.11.19

Transport Improvements M4 to A48 Link – draft minutes of meeting 26.9.19 attended by Nick Craddock

Christmas and New Year public transport arrangements

Michael Morgan:

Response from Highways stating there was no funding for widening roads outside the existing width of the highway

One Voice Wales:

Governance and Accountability: Practitioner's Guide 2019

Minutes of Larger Councils meeting

Bulletin November

Welsh Government:

Written Statement – Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation – publication details and webinar

General:

Older People's Commissioner for Wales – newsletter tackling ageism

Penarth TC Carers' Rights Day – event

Planning Aid Wales: Responding to planning applications 22.1.20 Rogiet £40.00

20s Plenty for us – update

GVS Network Events for Local Councils

WSDPC Andrew Foyle to light the tree lights on 7.12.19

CPRW magazine winter 2019