

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
14th January 2020

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

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

2 (512) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillors Peter Castle, Emma Hall and Inspector Rice

3 (513) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

4 (514) MINUTES AND AGENDA: Minutes of the meeting on 3rd December 2019 and the agenda for this meeting were approved and signed.

5. (515) POLICE REPORT: No member of SW Police was able to attend, but the Clerk was notified that there had been no reported crimes in the Welsh St Donats Ward since the last meeting in early December.

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

Castel Talyfan Planning Application(16/00335/FUL): Michael Morgan had made several attempts to achieve a determination of this application but without success. He would be pushing more vigorously for a decision over the next few weeks. He agreed it was not desirable to have an application undecided for so long.

Potholes and road repairs: Progress was being made to repair highways, however current weather conditions were hampering efforts. He urged everyone to continue reporting all incidences of roads in need of repair through the Vale Council's website.

Recycling: Michael Morgan felt that, after an uncertain start, the new regime was bedding in as the number of complaints he was receiving was much reduced. He said the Vale Council webpage was now set up and gives comprehensive and clear information concerning all aspects of recycling.

Llandough Civic Amenity Site: Michael Morgan confirmed that a new site would be opening on the Penllyn Estate but was unable to say when. Meanwhile the site at Llandough is still operational.

Gateway Station at Jct 34: This proposal was at a very early stage and he would attending all meetings for this and the proposed M4/A48 Link. A report on the early progress of the Gateway Station would be made public shortly.
(Michael Morgan left the meeting at 7.50pm).

7. (517) MATTERS ARISING:

(1) CASTELL TALYFAN: this was discussed under the previous item.

(2) FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/FLY TIPPING: following the unsatisfactory response to a Freedom of Information request which revealed the Vale Council do not prosecute fly tippers, Nick Craddock had prepared a draft letter to the Leader of the Vale Council

(Neil Moore) raising our concerns. The draft was discussed at the meeting and it was **RESOLVED** that a few small amendments should be made, the letter re-circulated for approval and then sent to the Leader, Neil Moore, and copied to Michael Morgan.

ACTION: Clerk to submit final draft

(3) ABOUT THE COUNCIL: Ann Thomas had updated this document for the website and after discussion and a few amendments, it was agreed the final draft should be put on the website.

ACTION: Clerk to amend and Graham Duffield upload on to the website

As the Charity Trust is mentioned in 'About the Council', Ann Thomas updated Community Councillors on the current state of the Trust for which she is a Trustee. The Pendoylan part of the Trust has used all of its funds so needs to be wound down. Funds still remain however for occasional grants to be made to Welsh St Donats residents. One of the Pendoylan Trustees has recently resigned and the other is in poor health so a meeting would be called soon to resolve how to move forward and whether changes needed to be made to the terms of the Trust, in particular in relation to the nomination of new Trustees. It also seemed unlikely that the Pendoylan Community Council Clerk would wish to continue to act as Secretary.

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

Glyn Jenkins raised concerns about the overgrown hedges in the area, particularly those at Penffordd-fawr and between the fork and the Village Hall. These are all around a field for which the Vale Council have had been unable to locate the owner. The overhanging branches constitute a hazard to vehicles. It was agreed that Glyn Jenkins would draft a letter to Highways for circulation among Council members for their comments.

ACTION: Glyn Jenkins to draft and Clerk to submit final draft.

It was agreed that Councillors would report potholes individually using the Vale's online facility rather than sending a joint report via the Clerk. It was also agreed not to pursue Vale Highways for the time being regarding clarification of how they define soft verges - which are not repaired - until after current road repair works had been completed.

9. (519) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

Nick Craddock had represented the Community Council at a Vale Council Grip Study Review Meeting about the proposed Gateway Station at Jct 34. Also present were representatives from other surrounding Community Councils. Prior to this he had attended a pre-meeting with members of Pendoylan Community Council to discuss their concerns.

Those taking part in the meetings were requested to keep discussions confidential so Nick was only able to give feedback in general terms. An official report of proceedings should be released shortly.

10. (520) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR: None

11. (521) CORRESPONDENCE TO CLERK:

See attached list.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should contact the leader of the Youth Offender Team regarding their assistance with outdoor community projects, in particular the possibility

of organising litter picking in our area. This followed a presentation given at an Area meeting of OVW in January.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Mark Robertson as the Vale area contact

12. (522) TRAINING: No discussion

13. (523) FINANCES:

(1) Set the Precept for 2020-21: after careful discussion it was **RESOLVED** to set the precept for 20-21 at £7,000.00. This was slightly lower than the expected expenditure in the coming year but there was a modest surplus available to cover any shortfall.

Payment was approved for removal by Allan Williams of five noticeboards as previously agreed. (£336.00)

ACTION: Clerk to submit the precept to the Vale Council and process payment to Allan Williams

14. (524) WEBSITE: No further discussion

15. (525) PROJECTS:

The pond Log Book was signed for December.

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

17. (527) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Vale of Glamorgan Council Strategic Equality Plan 20-24 - no comments
2. Welsh Government: A More Equal Wales – no comments
3. Welsh Government: Proposed changes to planning fees – no comments

18. (528) PLANNING:

Application 19/01253/FUL Cwrt Newydd, WSD – approved by Vale Council

There being no other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting. (9.05pm)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 3.12.19 and 14.1.20

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

*received by mail

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Precept for 2020-21 due 31.1.20. A levy of £1.00 produces £316.00

Recycling and refuse collection dates – sign up

Gateway Station Jct 34 – Grip Study Review Meeting 9.1.20 – Nick Craddock to attend

Electoral Register 2020

One Voice Wales:

Area meeting – Andrew Foyle unable to attend – Youth Offender Team community project information circulated.

General:

Judith Roberts Clerk Pendoylan - request for meeting with Pendoylan CC prior to Gateway meeting – Nick Craddock to arrange

Allan Williams – invoice 2287 £280.00 + vat to remove notice boards.

Glyn Jenkins – overgrown hedges and potholes

NO ACTION NEEDED:**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Emma Reed – final draft M4/A48 Transport improvements

Neil Moore, Leader – Christmas wishes

CRC –invitation to Christmas Celebration at Old Hall

Valeways Guided Walks January

Free Joint Funding Event 29.1.20

GVS Event

Bro Radio community awards – request for nominations

Michael Morgan:

Miles Punter report on recycling – circulated, posted on website and notice board

Notice of drone survey

M4Link Review Group minutes of meeting 2.10.19

One Voice Wales:

Buckingham Palace Garden draw – the Chair is unable to attend

Connecting Communities

Winter Newsletter

Innovative Practice Awards – entries request

Wales VE Day 75

Welsh Government:

Local Government Democracy Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) – Statutory Guidance – error corrected

General:

Allan Williams – signed contract returned

Barry TC – Joint Community Funding Event

Pensions Regulator – re-enrolment and re-declaration

Planning Aid Wales – Events

PMSA – update – forwarded to Andrew Foyle

Christmas Greetings from: Jane Hutt AM, Planning Aid Wales, Vale Council Mayor, Zurich Insurance

Advertising: Adventure Playgrounds, Sports and Play Consulting

Donation requests: Eisteddfod 2020

