

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING ON
1st December 2020

PRESENT: Councillors Mark Hastings, Stuart Gaskell, Ann Thomas, Glyn Jenkins, Graham Duffield and County Councillor Michael Morgan. As both Chair and Vice Chair were unable to attend, Ann Thomas was nominated to chair the meeting.

1. (626) PUBLIC FORUM: The Clerk had not received any issues for this item. Following advice from One Voice Wales concerning public attendance at remote meetings, it had been agreed to continue with current practice and request residents write in or email issues they would like raised at meetings. This information is on every agenda and in the updates on the website and notice board.

2. (627) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillors Emma Hall, Peter Castle and Nick Craddock

3. (628) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Glyn Jenkins declared an interest in 20/00335/FUL Castell Talyfan and Stuart Gaskell declared an interest in 20/01252/FUL Waun Wen, Maendy. Both did not take part in any discussions.

4. (629) MINUTES AND AGENDA: Minutes of the meeting on 3rd November 2020 and the agenda for this meeting were approved and signed.

5. (630) POLICE REPORT: No member of SW Police was available to attend and no crime report was received.

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

Michael Morgan was present at the meeting for this item only.

M4/A48 Link Consultation (to 23.12.20): Michael Morgan would formally raise a Question at a full meeting of the Vale Council on 7.12.20 raising concerns of the relevance of this proposal as circumstances have changed since its inception. He would like to see the prompt conclusion of the consultation which started three years ago.

He would be forwarding a report shortly.

The Community Council confirmed that their response to this consultation would be made following a further meeting with Emma Reed, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport at the Vale Council, and the result of the Vale Council Cabinet meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to forward copy of response to Michael Morgan.

Michael Morgan noted that a representative of SW Police had not been present at today's meeting and also agreed to look into the difficulties for the Community Council into responding to the survey 'Our Police, Our Survey'. He assured the meeting that fly tipping remained a priority for him and he was currently requesting information on the number of prosecutions.

7. (632) MATTERS ARISING:

(1) Castell Talyfan 16/00335/FUL: Councillors welcomed the response from the Vale

Council that a decision on this application would now receive urgent attention.

(2) Fly tipping: Councillors also welcomed a response from the Vale Council setting out their plans to improve the reporting system, fixed penalty notices and possible CCTV surveillance. It was suggested that when reporting any incidences of fly tipping directly to the Vale, Councillors should also inform the Clerk so as to build up a picture of where fly tipping was worst in our area, with a view to perhaps making a case for a CCTV camera.

ACTION: Clerk to record fly tipping cases reported to the Vale Council.

(3) Consider M4 Link consultation response: Nick Craddock, as the Community Council representative, had provided an extensive report on the current situation. As several meetings were yet to take place, a draft response would be circulated mid-December for Councillors consideration.

(4) Clerk's job description and contract: an updated contract and job description was reviewed and approved.

ACTION: Chair to sign

(5) Funding for defibrillator for Welsh St Donats: a rough estimate (device £1350-£2500, insurance £130, maintenance £130, installation £200+vat) had been obtained from Community Heartbeat Trust but the question of how this could be funded remained unanswered. It was agreed the options for funding and maintenance should be discussed further at the next meeting. It was suggested that the Community should be consulted before the Community Council committed to this level of expenditure and information, such as how many lives had been saved by community defibrillators, might help to highlight the value for money of such a project.

ACTION: Item for the next agenda and supporting information to be collected.

(6) Pond at Welsh St Donats: a site meeting would be arranged with Sally Curran-Parry, NRW Biodiversity Officer, the Clerk and members of the Community Council on either 16th or 17th December.

ACTION: Clerk to finalise

(7) Footpaths in Hensol Forest: it was noted that NRW engagement with the public had improved and, after several site meetings with members of NRW and Community Councillors, commitments had now been given that remedial work would be carried out before Christmas. It was agreed to see what this yielded before seeking a joint meeting with Vale footpaths officers and NRW representatives.

Regarding the letter from a resident of Heol y March expressing concerns about the damage to wildlife following recent operations, protecting saplings from weed infestation and how far the SSSI area extends beyond Psygodlyn Mawr, it was agreed that a redacted version of the letter should be sent in to NRW for their comments.

ACTION: Clerk to forward to NRW

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

It was noted that the Vale Council PROW Office would take action on the cropping issue on footpath 17 reported at the last meeting.

Ann Thomas reported she tried, without success to cross footpath 40/36/37 and that other residents had found footpath 42 blocked. It was acknowledged that there had been consultations previously about rerouting and rationalising the paths in this area but these appeared to have been unproductive. Until any changes were agreed Councillors

felt that the existing paths ought to be kept open. It was agreed this network of paths should be discussed with a PROW Officer.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange site meeting.

It was also noted that pot holes should be reported directly to the Vale Council on contactonevale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

The stream opposite Vale View in Welsh St Donats had been previously reported to Vale Highways as the culvert was blocked with debris and part of the kerb had come adrift, so the road was regularly flooding.

ACTION: Clerk to re-send email

9. (634) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Hensol Forest footpaths: Before the meeting Ann Thomas had circulated a report of her site meetings with Geraint Price and another with Chris Rees, both from NRW, to discuss footpaths through the forest, she felt optimistic about the commitments eventually made by NRW.

Pond Welsh St Donats: Councillors Ann Thomas, Glyn Jenkins, Graham Duffield and the Clerk meet Chris Rees, NRW, at the Pond. Chris Rees recommended an assessment of the biodiversity and would put the Clerk in touch with an NRW Biodiversity Officer.

10. (635) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR: None

11. (636) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CLERK: Please see attached list.

12. (637) COUNCILLOR TRAINING: None

13. (637) FINANCE:

1. The churchyard maintenance grant was set at £1300.00 for 2020 and the PCC would be invoiced for grass cutting in 2020 (£1760)

ACTION: Clerk to process payment and invoice

2. Online payments since the last meeting were noted:

- Allan Williams for grass cutting (£318) and pond maintenance (£216)
- Graham Duffield for website fees (£29.95)

3. The half-year budget monitoring summary was discussed and approved.

ACTION: Chair to sign

4. It was noted that the External Audit of the Annual Return 19-20 had been completed and the Auditor had no comments to make.

14. (638) WEBSITE: No discussion.

15. (639) PROJECTS: The pond book was signed for November.

16. (640) MATTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: None

17. (641) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:-

From the Welsh Government:

- New Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management
- Welsh Government Consultation to 19.1.21- Compulsory Purchase Revisions

- Welsh Government Consultation to 4.1.21 – Establishing Town and Country Planning (Strategic Development Plan)(Wales) Regulation
- Consultation to 4.1.21 - to establish Corporate Joint Committees (LG Partnership)
- SW Fire Service – proposed objectives 21-22 – consultation to 15.1.21

ACTION: Clerk to respond to all with no comments

18. (641) PLANNING:

The following planning applications were considered:

20/01315/FUL Cartreglas Farm, Ystradowen - no comments

Prior to discussion of 20/01252/FUL Waun Wen, Maendy, Stuart Gaskell left the meeting.

20/01252/FUL. Waun Wen, Maendy – no comments

ACTION: Clerk to notify Vale Planning

The following applications were approved by Vale Planning:-

25 TairOnen approved 20/00917/FUL

4 HeolMynydd approved. 20/00671/FUL

On the recommendation of One Voice Wales, since the Community Council are not currently admitting members of the public to remote meetings, it was agreed that a draft of the minutes would be posted on the website as soon after the meeting as possible.

The meeting finished at 9.03pm

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 3.11.20 to 1.12.20

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

*received by mail

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Fly-tipping – planned improvements to reporting systems, fixed penalty notices and possible cctv surveillance - noted

Review of Statues, monuments, street and building names - no comments

Determination of Castell Talyfan 20/00335/FUL – an oversight – now

reallocated to Helen Davies, Senior Planning Officer for urgent attention

Welsh Government:

Flooding and Tan 15 update feedback before 8.1.20 – no comments

One Voice Wales:

Circular economy fund – details - noted

Survey regarding strengthening and advancing Equality and Human Rights in Wales for individuals and organisations – put in community update

General:

NRW biodiversity officer – site meeting dates

SW Police – Our Police, Our Community – awaiting response from Michael for list of questions in this survey – MM to follow up

NO ACTION NEEDED:

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

PROW – Andy Briscoombe to look into cropping issues on footpath 17 Prisk

Development of climate change action plan
Play Capital Funding available
Covid TTP mobile service now established
Neil Moore – acknowledgement of our letter concerning determining of planning application 16/00335/FUL

Michael Morgan:

Queries arising from meeting with Vale Council and CCs
on 3.11.20 regarding M4/A48 Link and request for comments,
comments forwarded 16.11.20.

Chief Inspector A Williams, SW Police, will arrange a representative to attend Meetings

Michael Morgan will raise the following formal question at Vale Cabinet meeting on 7.12.20: 'In view of this background and the changes in approach to Climate Change and Traffic Management since 2017 should the Vale Council and the Welsh Government now reconsider the Junction 34 proposals and concentrate not on the "needs of the car" but on the "needs of the people" of the Vale of Glamorgan and our environment?'

One Voice Wales:

WISERD - newsletter

Member Survey - report

Commissioner for Future Generations – new domestic abuse policy

Proposed Planning Strategic Development plan seminar – Emma Hall
registered interest in attending

Wales Biodiversity Partnership Conference

Fake police phone calls

Royal Mail redelivery scam

November and December training sessions

Bulletin

Welsh Government:

Electoral Reform Newsletter

Discretionary Expenditure Limit for 21-22 (£8.41 per elector)

Job vacancies

Coronavirus updates

General:

Resident from Heol y March raising concerns over the ecological damage caused by recent tree felling operations around PsgodlynMawr

Disability Wales – vacancy

WCVA Guidance on re-opening community centres

NRW funding update

South Glamorgan Community Health Council – Text Local Highlight report

20s Plenty – information and update

Repair Café Wales – Repair and reuse funding available

Advertising: Refill Wales

