

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD**  
**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING ON**  
**12<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Emma Hall (in the Chair), Nick Craddock, Mark Hastings, Stuart Gaskell, Ann Thomas, Glyn Jenkins, Graham Duffield and County Councillor Michael Morgan. Emma Hall thanked Ann Thomas for chairing the last meeting in her absence.

**1. (642) 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. (643) RECEIVE APOLOGIES:** Councillors Peter Castle

**3. (644) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None

**4. (645) MINUTES AND AGENDA:** Minutes of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and the agenda for this meeting were approved and signed.

**5. (646) POLICE REPORT:** PCSO Richard Davies submitted crime figures for the previous two months. A burglary from a shed in Prisk of garden power tools (no suspects identified), a theft of dogs in Heol y Mynydd and a covid breach in Tair Onen. The Community Council had received conflicting information as to whether it was current policy to have a representative from SW Police attend remote Council meetings. Michael Morgan agreed to look into this.

**6. (647) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN:**

**M4/A48 Link Consultation:** Michael Morgan summarised his objections, environmental and the effect on communities, to the proposal which will go to Cabinet in March and a decision should follow shortly after.

**Covid Breaches:** Michael informed the meeting that the police were now patrolling the car parks at Hensol following reports from members of the public of breaches.

**Surface flooding on highways:** this issue will be discussed at a Vale Council meeting and Michael Morgan will report back to the Community Council plans with plans address the problem.

**Community Charge:** this is currently under discussion at the Vale Council and Michael Morgan indicated that the Vale Council may consider dipping into reserves to avoid a large increase in the charge.

Regarding the culvert opposite Vale View in Welsh St Donats, Ann Thomas reported that the machine clearing the culvert of silt had also knocked branches into the culvert, this making matters no better and possibly worse. Michael agreed to raise this with Highways.

Michael Morgan left the meeting after this item.

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

(1) **Castell Talyfan 16/00335/FUL:** Nothing further had been received from Vale Planning following assurances that a decision on this application would receive urgent attention.

(2) **Funding a defibrillator for Welsh St Donats:** over the weeks before the meeting Councillors had reviewed background information from suppliers, charities and health sources. After a lengthy discussion at the meeting it was agreed to canvass public opinion through the community update and website on installing and funding a defibrillator. This would give Council members a clear idea of resident's views, specifically the opinion of those living close enough to the proposed location of the defibrillator, who would benefit most.

**ACTION:** Clerk to draft a summary of the information and issues for discussion and approval by Council members.

(3) **Pond at Welsh St Donats:** at site meeting (16.12.20) with Sally Curran-Parry from NRW, summary attached, she confirmed that, in her view, the pond is part of a network of local ponds, streams and lakes and has therefore a value in terms biodiversity. It was agreed that as any of the work she suggested could not be carried out until current restrictions were lifted, the pond should be maintained as it is currently. Following the end of restrictions, the Community Council would explore the possibilities of voluntary help and funding she mentioned.

(4) **Footpaths in Hensol Forest:** work to restore footpaths through the forest near the lake is underway with approximately 50% complete. It was agreed to monitor progress and discuss at the next meeting.

Nick Craddock noted that signs on footpaths in the area of the Forest in Heol y March where felling is about to commence are confusing.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact NRW for clarification

## **(5) The Community Council approach to intimidating behaviour towards**

**Councillors:** following discussion, it was agreed that a recent possible incident of such behaviour was not threatening and therefore the matter should not be taken further. It was also agreed that there was no need to amend the existing Habitual or Vexatious Complainants Policy. However it was agreed any such behaviour should be taken promptly to the Community Council for discussion with colleagues.

(6) **Status of lane approaching Pwll y Darren Farm and access to surrounding footpaths:** the Community Council had been notified by a resident of Welsh St Donats that a notice ('Private Property No Trespassing') had been erected preventing access to footpaths 56 and 56a at Pwll y Darren Farm. The Clerk had forwarded the photo and comments (redacted) to the PROW Office and a response is awaited.

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

The Clerk reported that no response had yet been received from PROW regarding a site meeting with a PROW Officer to discuss blocked footpaths at Heol y March.

A resident had reported that a herd of horses had appeared in the field, not in use for some time, next to the Village Hall. The horses did not appear to be malnourished but seemed in good condition and were safely fenced in so it was agreed to monitor the situation.

It was agreed to prompt Highways concerning the damaged kerb opposite Vale View previously reported.

**ACTION:** Clerk to re-send request

**9. (649) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

9.12.20 Site meeting with Vale Council regarding branches and trees overhanging highway – summary attached

Nick Craddock noted that in Heol y March a tree had fallen across the lane from Bonvilston House to Crossways and was reported to Highways through contactonevale. This had blocked the lane for several days and it is unclear who eventually removed it. It was agreed that Highways should be consulted as to the best way to report such incidences as a priority.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Highways

16.12.20 Site meeting with NRW regarding biodiversity value of pond – summary attached

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

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

**12. (652) COUNCILLOR TRAINING:** None

**13. (653) FINANCE:**

1. After discussion it was agreed to set the precept for 21-22 at £7,000.00

It was noted that a fee scheme had not yet been received from Wales Audit for the Full Audit for 20-21.

**ACTION:** Clerk to inform Vale Council

Payment was approved for Wales Audit fees for accounts of 19-20 (£258.75).

**ACTION:** Clerk to process payment

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

**15. (655) PROJECTS:** The pond book was signed for December.

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

**17. (657) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:-**

1. Bro Tathan y Porth Draft Development Brief – no comments

2. Natural England Countryside Code Review – no comments

3. From the Vale Council:

Annual Delivery and Budget Plan 21-22 – no comments

Active Travel Routes consultation to end January 21 – for individual responses

4. From Welsh Government:

Strategy for an ageing society – for individual responses

**ACTION:** Clerk to submit comments

**18. (658) PLANNING:**

The following planning applications were considered:

2020/01355/FUL Llwynddu House, Ystradowen – a response containing reservations

concerning the location of the proposed extra stabling was circulated prior to the meeting and approved for submission.

20/01399 Rhos Colwyn, Heol y Mynydd, Welsh St Donats -no comments

20/01454/FUL Greenlands Farm A48 Bonvilston – concerns regarding traffic access, although this has been addressed in the previous application, the full impact will not be apparent until the Pick Your Own business is operating at peak.

20/01535/FUL Mawingo, Church Lane, Welsh St Donats – no comments

**ACTION:** Clerk to notify Vale Planning of comments

The following applications were approved by Vale Planning:-

20/01252/ Ful Waun Wen, Maendy

20/01315/FUL Catre Glas Farm, Ystradowen

The following applications were refused by Vale Planning:-

19/01194/FUL 16 Tair Onen

20/01012/FUL Tan y Lan Cottage, Maendy

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 9.25pm

## **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 1.12.20 to 12.1.21**

### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

\*received by mail

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

CLC meeting 26.1.21 – Nick Craddock to attend

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

Your Town, Your Future survey – n/a

#### **General:**

Resident of WSD – concerns over sudden appearance of horses in the field next to the Village Hall

NRW, Sally Curran-Parry – summary of site meeting and further information regarding enhancing biodiversity of WSD pond

Wales Audit – fees for audit 19-20 (£258.75)

PCSO Richard Davies, SW Police – not policy to attend zoom CC meetings but will send in crime figures at the end of each month. November and December crime figures – Michael Morgan to follow up

Save a life Cymru – information about defibrillators (15.12.20)

### **NO ACTION NEEDED**

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

Response from Cllr Peter King in response to questions posed by Michael Morgan regarding the M4 Link

Precept due by 31.1.21 levy £1.00 produces £314\*

Consultation – draft Delivery Plan and Budget by 4.1.21 – no comments

Confirmation of site meeting with Neil Williams regarding overhanging branches and trees 9.12.20.

Recycling calendar for Christmas break  
Leader of the Council – covid message for holiday break  
Coronavirus update  
ERF Business Grant  
Report – Strategic collaborative initiatives update  
Contract opportunities with Vale Council  
Electoral Register  
Self-Build Wales – information

**Michael Morgan:**

Copy of his letter to the Vale Council regarding M4/A48Link consultation

**One Voice Wales:**

Your Town, your survey  
Frontline workers day 5.7.21  
SE Wales Engagement Team - newsletter  
WLGA – coronavirus update  
Older Carers survey  
Bulletin December  
Understanding Welsh Places 2 website launch  
Futures Wales – the national plan 2040 - newsletter  
Scams targeting T & C Councillors, involving Microsoft and vaccine queues  
Training sessions December and January  
MAFA information

**Welsh Government:**

Proposed postponement of local by-elections  
Volunteering Recovery Grant – details  
Vacancies

**General:**

South Glamorgan CHC - briefing  
Resident of Welsh St Donats – reporting concerns over the access to footpaths 56 and 56a at Welsh St Donats and related issues  
CPRW magazine\*  
South Glamorgan CHC – Healthwatch newsletter  
Christmas cards/messages from: Jane Hutt, the Mayor of the Vale, Leader of the Council, Managing Director of the Council, Planning Aid Wales  
Covid Survey – research fellow, Southampton University  
20s Plenty news for December  
WSDPCC – thanks for grant for Churchyard maintenance  
Sargeant Adele Sweet, SW Police – a new contact will be assigned in due course, crime figures for November follow

**Advertising:** Playlistforlife, Elan City, Charities Buying Group (covid tests etc), Greenways Grounds Maintenance

**Donation requests:** Welsh Ambulance Appeal

