

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING ON
2nd March 2021

PRESENT: Councillors Emma Hall (in the Chair), Nick Craddock, Mark Hastings, Stuart Gaskell, Glyn Jenkins, Graham Duffield and County Councillor Michael Morgan.

1. (659) PUBLIC FORUM: The Clerk had not received any matters 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. (660) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillors Peter Castle and Ann Thomas. It was agreed to extend Peter Castle's absence from remote meetings for a further six months. This is in line with guidance under current restrictions from One Voice Wales.

3. (661) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Nick Craddock declared an interest in planning application 20/00014/Ful Ffaldwen, Heol y March, Bonvilston and took no part in online or remote meeting discussions.

4. (662) MINUTES AND AGENDA: Minutes of the meeting on 12th January 2021 and the agenda for this meeting were approved and signed.

5. (663) POLICE REPORT: PCSO Richard Davies submitted a crime report for the previous two months. A theft of equipment from a farm and a dog attack on another dog, both in Welsh St Donats. There had been numerous reports in the Welsh St Donats area of horses loose in gardens, on the highways and in fields without landowners' permission. Also a covid breach in the car park in Hensol Forest and two reported suspicious incidents, one of a male in Tair Onen making women feel uneasy and another male in Church Lane in Welsh St Donats possibly looking for suitable properties to burgle. PCSO Davies reported a spate of thefts from sheds and outbuildings over the last few weeks and advised vigilance.

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

M4/A48 Link Consultation: The response to the consultation had been varied and large. A report on the consultation is to be delivered on 16.3.21 and will be considered at a Vale Council Cabinet meeting on 22.3.21.

Community Charge: the rise is expected to be around 3.9%.

20s Plenty for Us: has announced St Brides Major is to be a trial area for a rural area vehicle speed policy.

Cowbridge Cattle Market: The Vale Council is currently the landowner and as yet there are no planning applications or proposals. Michael Morgan would like to see the land used to alleviate parking problems in Cowbridge but feels any application would see

some sort of retail development included. He urged the Community Council to be alert to any proposals.

Castell Talyfan 16/00335/FUL: As normality returns, Michael Morgan will be pursuing a decision on this application.

Police presence at Community Council meetings: Michael Morgan intends to bring this up with the Police, but is conscious of their heavy work load dealing with Covid breaches and burglaries, so has delayed doing so.

Hensol Forest: Glyn Jenkins noted the communication problems with NRW and the Vale Council over the footpaths and public safety in the area where felling operations are underway. In future he would like to see stronger lines of communication with the Community Council so the community feel fully involved and informed. His views were strongly supported by other members of the Community Council. Michael Morgan said he was aware of the problem.

Michael Morgan left the meeting after delivering his report.

7. (665) MATTERS ARISING:

(1) Castell Talyfan 16/00335/FUL: it was agreed to await further information from Michael Morgan before taking further action.

(2) Defibrillator for Welsh St Donats: after further discussion it was agreed to postpone this item until it could be discussed at a physical meeting. It was also agreed that a different approach might serve the community better, possibly using the support of a larger organisation to ensure any defibrillator is extensively publicised. It was also agreed that the community should be fully consulted and engaged with both the running and funding of the project.

ACTION: Keep on the agenda

(3) PROW in Hensol Forest during tree felling operations: Councillors expressed their concern that the footpaths in this area were currently un-useable and the public were not informed or protected. It was felt that the Vale Council and NRW, as public bodies, had not behaved or communicated effectively and it was agreed that before future logging operations commenced the Community Council should be involved and consulted. It was RESOLVED that the concerns expressed above should be reported to NRW through their official complaints procedure and senior officials at both the Vale Council and NRW should be informed to avoid repetition of the current situation in the future.

ACTION: Councillor to draft for circulation and approval

(4) Livestock on the highways: we understand this is under investigation.

(5) Proposal to mark pandemic in Churchyard: it was agreed that as this project was community funded, a contribution of £100 would be made as a gesture.

ACTION: Clerk to set up payment

(6) NRW Condition assessment report on Pysgodlyn Mawr: it was agreed that as NRW is responsible for the lake as an SSSI, the Council should request a site meeting to find out how NRW plan to improve it.

ACTION: Clerk to request site meeting

(7) Development plans for Cowbridge Cattle Market site: Councillors were concerned about the impact development of this site would have on the town.

ACTION: Clerk to ask for details and information

(8) Access to footpaths 56 and 56a from WSD Village: having received a report from PROW it was agreed to await a response from Highways before taking further action.

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

The Clerk would meet Neil Williams of the Vale Council to re-log all trees in need of attention as discussed at a site meeting in December. This was due to a tech failure.

9. (667) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

25.1.21 Area Meeting One Voice Wales – Mark Hastings had attended the meeting where there had been a presentation on Land Registry, the aim being for all unregistered land in Wales to be registered by 2025, currently 20% of land in Wales is unregistered. Also discussed were the occasions when expert planning advice was required by Town and Community Councils, for example when the unitary authority had plans for land they own, but these plans were at odds with the wishes of the local community. A possible case in point being the land around the Village Hall in Welsh St Donats. It was agreed that Mark Hastings should contact St Nicholas and Bonvilston Community Council, which has recent experience of such a situation, for further information and advice.

ACTION: Mark Hastings to contact Councillor Ian Perry

4.2.21 PROW meeting with Vale Officers and PSE – Nick Craddock and Ann Thomas had attended (minutes attached).

26.1.21 Community Liaison Committee meeting – Nick Craddock had attended. A presentation had been given by Mike Clogg concerning hedge and tree cutting on highways and along footpaths in the Vale. Where requests to landowners to cut back growth had been ignored, the Vale Council did the work and reclaimed the cost from the landowners.

10. (668) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR: The Chair had been notified by another 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. See Item 7 (8).

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

12. (670) COUNCILLOR TRAINING: Emma Hall to attend 'Chairing Skills' module on 16.3.21

13. (671) FINANCE:

1. Payment was approved for:-

- Councillors' allowances (£825.00 in total) as per IRP report for 20-21
- Clerk's salary (£2,258.88) as per agreement with NALC and expenses (£245.83)

ACTION: Clerk to process payment

2. The proforma for internal audit fees for accounts 20-21 (£275.00) was signed

14. (672) WEBSITE: No discussion.

15. (673) PROJECTS: The pond book was signed for January and February.

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

17. (675) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

From the Welsh Government:

- Litter and Fly-tipping prevention plan for Wales – consultation to 22.4.21 – discussion postponed to the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to put on next agenda

- Local Democracy and Boundaries Commission for Wales Final recommendations report – no changes for WSD
- Independent Remuneration Panel – no comments

18. (672) PLANNING:

Applications considered:

21/00014/Ful Ffaldwen, Heol y March, Bonvilston – no comments

Applications approved by Vale Council:

20/01399 Rhos Colwyn, Heol y March, Welsh St Donats

20/01535/FUL Mawingo, Church Lane, Welsh St Donats

21/00014/FUL Ffaldwen, Heol Y March, Bonvilston

On the recommendation of One Voice Wales and because 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 12.1.21 to 2.3.21

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

*received by mail

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

PROW – Pwll y Darren Farm public access permitted along adopt track, query passed to Highways for further information.

PROW – Hensol Forest – response to public safety issues during timber harvesting.

General:

PCC requesting support for their plans to plant bulbs and install two benches in the Churchyard. Alan Williams informed.

South Wales Police – February crime figures for PSE area 3.2.21

South Glamorgan CHC – sign up for newsletter and opportunity to give feedback

NRW Chris Rees: clarification of signage in Hensol Forest at Heol y March during current tree felling operations. WSDCC responded with further concerns. VocGC PROW contacted

NRW Chris Rees – confirmation of routes between Hensol Forest and A48 during current felling operations

Phone Calls: Maendy resident expressing concerns about the safety bank of the south side of the lane over the disused rail bridge on side west of village -reported to Vale Highways and Planning.

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Grants for internal flooding

Application for Standards Committee dispensation

Mourning Protocol

Animal Health (SRS) – 832574 Livestock on Highway – situation under control

Neil Williams, Arboriculture Officer – to note priority contact is 01447 700111 or direct 07912 292 619

Restriction Business Fund – extension to end of March 2021

Cabinet report on flooding in December 2020

Sport Wales Fund – support grants

Sustrans webinar and draft plans for network

Business Support Grants

CLC meeting 26.1.21 – Nick Craddock to attend

Michael Morgan:

Cabinet flood report

Notice of transport funding bid M4/A48 Link and station interchange

One Voice Wales:

Second Home webinar

Digital Media Guide

Town and Country Strategic Planning event invitation 20.1.21

Constructive Conversations Courses

Eden Project Virtual Community Camp

Minutes of area meeting 25.1.21 Mark Hasting to attend

Bulletin

Social Farms winter newsletter

Summary of presentations 25.1.21 (see 28.1.21 Shan Bowden)

February and March training sessions

New Chair – Mike Theodoulou

Scams – Amazon, Vaccine fraud

Coronavirus update

Welsh Government:

Electoral newsletter – Senedd elections 6.5.21

Future Wales, the national plan to 2040 – published 24.2.21

Vacancies

LGFP – timetable for submitting accounts for audit 20-21

MAFA funding for online workers

General:

SW Police: change of email address to first name second name and advice to lock sheds and February Crime Figures.

PSECC Clerk – virtual meeting with PROW Officers 4.2.21 – Ann Thomas and Nick Craddock to attend and minutes

Glyn Jenkins (as a resident) – concerns over signage of public footpaths in Hensol Forest during tree felling operations

Sight Loss Awareness Training

Alan Williams – liability insurances

Ann Thomas (as a resident) forwarding email from Animal Health and Welfare Officer outlining its involvement and regulation for livestock loose on highways. Situation under control. LA and Police are working together for a long-term solution

C&VUHB- OVW representative report

Land Registry – survey on ownership of land by CC – completed by Clerk

21.1.21 – the CC does not own any land

Wales Audit – NHS governance during Covid audit

Keep Wales Safe Campaign/Golley Slater/ notice on notice board

SW Police – vaccine scam, facebook scam, courier frauds

20s Plenty for us – updates

Dark Sky Awareness Training

CCLA Investment Management – advice for Councils

Advertising: Planning Aid Wales, HugoFox (website development), Rezobaond (renewable, eco surfacing), Mortis Sport and Play, Utility Aid, Zurich, Adventure Playgrounds, Golley Slater, myparishcouncil (websites), British Legion Industries

Donation requests: Urdd for Eisteddfod 22, Hope Rescue