

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING ON
8th June 2021

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

1. (713) 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. (714) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillors Peter Castle and Nick Craddock, and Mrs Lorna Tinsley, an observer from the Independent Standards Committee.

3. (715) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None.

4. (716) MINUTES AND AGENDA: Minutes of the AGM and OGM meetings on 4th May 2021 and the agenda for this meeting were approved and signed.

5. (717) POLICE REPORT: A breach of covid regulations reported in Welsh St Donats was reported by PCSO Richard Davies, however no breach was detected. A suspicious van sited in Welsh St Donats village was also reported but no identification was possible as the number plate reported was incorrect.

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

Hensol Cottage, Welsh St Donats 20/01504/FUL: this application has been determined and Michael will forward a copy of the decision report.

Castell Talyfan 16/00335/FUL: Michael urged both residents and a representative from the Community Council to attend and express their concerns about this application for the permitted three minutes at the Vale Planning Committee meeting (probably scheduled for discussion at the Vale Planning Committee meeting on 21.7.21).

20mph speed limit: both Aberthin and Peterston-super-Ely would be taking part in this trial funded by the Vale Council.

Project Zero Report: Michael has forwarded the draft report which progresses to Cabinet approval. He requested any views or concerns to be directed to him. Michael Morgan left the meeting at 8.37pm.

7. (719) MATTERS ARISING:

1. Matters arising from the AGM:

- a) the accounts for 20-21 were approved and signed and the Annual Governance statement in Annual Return for Wales Audit (external audit) was completed and signed.

Action: Clerk to complete documentation and submit to Wales Audit

b) It was agreed to continue using the services of AD Williams as internal auditor for 21-22.

Action: Clerk to request his services as per letter of engagement 1.3.16

c) updates were approved to the Biodiversity plan for 21-22

d) Ann Thomas, as a Trustee of the Charity Trust, outlined issues with the Trust that led to the decision to formally start proceedings to wind up the Trust and transfer remaining funds to a local charity with similar aims.

The final outcome would be reported at the next meeting.

2. Planning regulations for new members: this item would be on the agenda for the first face-to-face meeting

3. PROW in Hensol Forest during tree felling operations: it was agreed that most recent reports from PROW should be re-circulated for any comments.

Action: Clerk to send

4. PROW maps provision to the public: PMSA registration underway

5. Revise Resolution 1. (\$137 payments): following advice from the Internal Auditor concerning an \$137 payment (an annual grant to the Church for Churchyard maintenance) and after lengthy discussion of the information available, a vote was taken as to whether or not it was permissible to continue with these grants. The majority agreed that the annual grant should cease at the end of financial year 20-21 and no further payments made. A **RESOLUTION** was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Glyn Jenkins and was carried by a majority vote.

Councillor Stuart Gaskell was not in complete agreement with the proposal and requested that his objection be recorded in the minutes. He agreed that the grants should cease but, following clarification of advice from the internal auditor, believes the Community Council is legally obliged to recoup the grant made in 20-21 from the Church.

Action: Record Resolution. The Chair and Clerk would meet shortly with a representative from the Church to inform them of the decision.

6. 16/00335/FUL Castell Talyfan representation at Planning Committee: see item 6. It was agreed that a representative would be nominated at the next meeting and interested parties would be notified of the date of the Planning Committee meeting when finalised.

Action: Clerk to put on agenda

7. Discuss bench at pond and bus shelter in Welsh St Donats: it was noted that the bus shelter is rotting and in need of repair. As this is the responsibility of the Vale Council, it was agreed to report it.

The bench at the pond had collapsed and hazard tape has been put in place to warn the public of its condition.

Action: Clerk to report condition of bus shelter and contact insurance company about the bench.

8. Enforcement action at Pwll y Darren Farm: it is understood that three Enforcement Actions are currently in place for activities around the Farm. It was agreed that the Community Council should ask Enforcement to keep us fully informed of progress. It was also agreed to request a replacement Enforcement Notice that has disappeared from a gate opposite the bus stop in Welsh St Donats.

A resident notified the Community Council of a new track leading south towards two unused quarries on the lane from Welsh St Donats to Aberthin between Whitefields Farm and Pwll Y Darren.

Action: Clerk to contact Enforcement Unit.

9. Village Covid Memorial: it was agreed to accept the offer of returning this grant (£100) as the memorial had surplus funds.

Action: Graham Duffield to contact organiser for further details

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

Cropping issue: footpath 13, at Prisk stile, it was agreed to monitor planting this season which blocked the path last year.

Overhanging trees and branches: it was noted that residents with trees and branches overhanging the highway (following a site meeting with Highways in December 2020) had received notices requiring removal.

9. (721) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

Site meeting with NRW 26.5.21 – to discuss the Condition Assessment Report on Pysgodlyn Mawr. A summary of the meeting was circulated to members and the NRW representative, Elizabeth Felton.

10. (722) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR: None

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

12. (724) COUNCILLOR TRAINING: Training schedules for June were noted.

13. (725) FINANCE:

1. Payment was approved for Alan Williams for grass cutting in May (£328.80).

It was agreed the Clerk should consult Allan Williams about split invoicing following the resolution in Item 7 (5).

ACTION: Clerk to process payment

14. (726) WEBSITE: No discussion.

15. (728) PROJECTS: The pond book was signed for May.

16. (729) MATTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: It was agreed that an item for the agenda for the next meeting on 4th October 2021 should be clarification for Town and Community Councils of recipients of S137 payments.

Action: Councillor to draft an outline of concerns for approval and submission.

17. (730) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION: None.

18. (731) PLANNING:

Applications considered at the meeting:

2021/00677/FUL Ty Isha, Seven Acre Lodges, Heol y March, Bonvilston. It was agreed that further information from Vale Planning was needed before submitting any comments

ACTION: Clerk to circulate response

Applications discussed online prior to meeting:

2021/00588/FUL Pantwilkin Stables Aberthin, Cowbridge – no comments

Pre-application consultation:

Pantyyffynnon Quarry/Seth Hill and Son Ltd – it was agreed to submit the following comment:

If this proposal advances to a full application, it will be crucial to have more detailed, thorough and independent reports regarding issues that will impact the local community and environment such as (a) Noise from the site, (b) Dust production and fallout from the site, (c) effect on local wildlife, (d) Traffic flow from the site onto and off the A48.

Action: Clerk to forward comments

Approved by Vale Planning:

21/00304/FUL 8 Tair Onen

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 pm

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 4.5.21 to 8.6.21

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

*received by mail

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

2021/00677/FUL Ty Isha Farm, Seven Acre Lodges, Heol Y March, Bonvilston
Gwyn Teague – response to email/Hensol Forest PROW at Heol y March
(10.5.21)

Sandra Thomas – following meeting 25.03.21 – footpaths 27 and 24, (NRW have agreed to a suitable surface), footpath 31, (diversion proposals follow shortly).

Welsh Government:

Jane Hutt MS – copy letter requesting a response from NRW regarding our concerns over recent felling operations in Hensol Forest

One Voice Wales:

Request for information role of T &CCs responding to the community
during Covid-19 – 7.6.21

General:

Police Report for April – covid breach in Prisk

Phone Calls:

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Independent Standards Committee – request to observe meeting

Public Services Board – discussion forum 12 to 22.6.21

Regen Team -Food Vale – growing space at community centres

Strong Communities Grant available to 20.7.21

Michael Morgan:

PSE 20mph temporary trial funded by Vale Council

Economic – latest news update

Welsh Government:

How to implement Compulsory Purchase Orders

Strategic Asset Management Leadership course

One Voice Wales:

Whatsapp scam

June Training

Planning Aid Wales – event regeneration of towns 23.6.21

Public Health Wales – survey of volunteers and information on recovery –
enabling key partnerships

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair by 18.6.21, area meeting 5.7.21

Invitation – Healthy Workplaces and Civility in Public Life 24.5.21

Regeneration event in communities – planning aid wales

Information for World Refill Day 16.6.21

Job vacancy

Covid Recovery – enabling key community leadership and partnerships –
free webinar

General:

NRW – Wales Nature Week

Keep Wales Tidy -Local places for Nature – free pack

Clerk of Siginstone – details of possible problems with fibre services for those
connected to the Bonvilston exchange

Children's Commissioner – Summer of Fun free activities

EU Settlement Application Scheme deadline

Resident of WSD – report of possible new road near Whitefields Farm

20's Plenty for us - webinar

SW Police – Sarah Prickett – requesting dates of meetings 21-22

Advertising: Golley Slater, Utility Aid, Mortis Sport and Play, Scribe, Opus Xenta, Fresh
Air Fitness, Planning Wales, Transport for Wales, iCentral and Local Government –
inclusivity workshops, Proludic (sports and play areas)