

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

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

**1.(750) PUBLIC FORUM:** The Clerk had not received any matters for this item. It was agreed that in future members of the public will be able to attend remote meetings. Those wishing to attend should inform the Clerk at least three days before the meeting. Members of the public can speak for a maximum of 5 minutes in the public forum but should remain silent during the remainder of the meeting. Graham Duffield confirmed that a return to meeting in the Village Hall was unlikely in the near future due to issues with staffing and risk assessments.

**ACTION:** Update information on agenda, website and community update

**2. (751) RECEIVE APOLOGIES:** None

**3. (752) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** Mark Hastings declared an interest in correspondence between the Community Council and a resident of Heol y March, he took no part in discussions. Ann Thomas declared an interest in planning application 21/001195/Fairfield, Welsh St Donats and took no part in discussions.

**4. (753) MINUTES AND AGENDA:** The minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were discussed and it was agreed to amend Item 7 (738) Matters Arising: S137 Grants, line 4, to read 'it was agreed that because of advice from the Internal Auditor the Community Council should abide by Resolution 2 (to cease payment of the grant).' The minutes of the last meeting and the agenda for the meeting were then approved and signed.

**ACTION:** Clerk to amend for the website

**5. (754) POLICE REPORT:** PCSO Richard Davies emailed his report which contained no reported crimes in the Welsh St Donats area in July and August. Glyn Jenkins queried that no mention of an alleged sheep attack by a dog in early July was included in his report.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact PCSO Davies

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

Michael Morgan expressed concern at the number of council houses in St Georges lying empty for an extended time whilst awaiting refurbishment and would be taking this up with the Vale Council. Michael is also on a committee looking into statues, road names and memorials that could be considered controversial and he continues to highlight the need for provision of suitable housing in rural villages for the elderly.

**20mph speed limit in residential areas in Wales:** a 20mph limit has been imposed in Peterston super Ely.

**Castell Talyfan 16/00335/FUL:** This application was approved with conditions. The Community Council were advised by Michael Morgan to note these conditions and monitor activities.

**Pwll y Darren Farm ENF 21/0084/PRO:** The Community Council had made repeated requests for information on the progress of the enforcement action as work still continues on the site. Michael agreed to look into this and report back.

**Garden Waste Collection:** it was suggested that while collections were suspended, trailers should be allowed to take garden waste to the civic amenity site free of charge. Michael agreed to look into this and also any progress on the proposed new recycling facility near Cowbridge.

The Chair thanked Michael Morgan for his report and he left the meeting.

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

**1. Casual vacancies:** the Community Council are now permitted to co-opt two further members to the Community Council following the resignation of Councillors Nick Craddock and Peter Castle. It was agreed to prepare an advert to request applications.

**ACTION:** Clerk to draft and circulate for approval and check whether social media could be used to extend the reach of the vacancies under the current policy.

Letters thanking the Councillors for their contributions over many years would be sent.

**ACTION:** Clerk to draft

It was agreed to accept the resignation of Stuart Gaskell.

**ACTION:** Clerk to inform the Election Office and draft a letter of thanks.

**2. Elect replacement Vice-Chair:** It was agreed that until the election in May if the Chair is not able to attend, a Councillor present at the meeting should be nominated by members to chair the meeting. Graham Duffield would represent the Community Council at the Vale Community Liaison meetings until May and the Environmental Cluster Group would be requested to provide minutes of meetings until a replacement representative could be nominated.

**ACTION:** Clerk to inform committees

**3. Meeting with Natural Resources Wales (1.10.21):** items for the agenda would be finalised during September and a list of those attending prepared.

**ACTION:** Clerk to prepare.

**4. Enforcement action at Pwll y Darren Farm ENF 21/0084/PRO:** see item 6.

**5. Guided Walks in Hensol Forest:** the local naturalist offering guided walks is unwilling to this until the covid climate improves.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact later in the year

**6. Replacement bench at pond:** a relative of the former Clerk had kindly offered to pay for a new wooden bench (using the original plaque) and installation. It was agreed to accept the offer with thanks and contact the internal auditor for accounting advice.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact the relative and Internal Auditor.

**7. Defibrillator for Welsh St Donats:** as the Church Committee were unwilling to take this on as a project, it was once again discussed and all Councillors agreed this was not a suitable project for the Community Council as it would require the use of public money to benefit those few residents living close enough for it to be of use. In the view of the Community Council, it should be a community led project. It was therefore agreed to suggest an initial meeting with the Church Committee, perhaps at the Church, to discuss engaging with those residents who had originally expressed an interest and setting up committee to move the project forward.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact the Church Committee.

Councillors were made aware of an article in the September Church magazine informing the Parish of the withdrawal by the Community Council of the annual grant to the Church for maintenance of the churchyard. It was agreed that some of the information was misleading and that the Community Council should provide a response.

**ACTION:** Councillor to draft for circulation and approval before copy date (15.9.21) for the October edition.

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

The Clerk confirmed that work on footpaths and unsafe stiles had begun and those around Llynddu had been cleared and repaired.

It was agreed to delay putting a map of footpaths in Welsh St Donats on the website until more work had been completed.

**9. (758) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:** None

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

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

Mark Hasting left the meeting for discussion of correspondence from a resident of Heol y March raising concerns that the Community Council had not given proper consideration to a planning application. It was agreed that a response should be drafted.

**ACTION:** Councillor to draft for circulation and approval.

**12. (761) COUNCILLOR TRAINING:** Training schedules for September were noted.

**13. (762) FINANCE:**

1. to note payment (£160.00) to Emile Tanti for grass cutting in August

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

**15. (764) PROJECTS:** The pond book was signed for July and August.

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

**17. (766) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Welsh Government:**

Consultation on local taxes for second homes and self-catering accommodation to 17.11.21- no comments

Consultation on the draft Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 and draft Local Elections (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021 to 24.9.21- no comments

Consultation Corporation Joint Committees draft regulations and statutory guidance to 6.9.21- no comments

**For further consideration:**

Consultation: 20mph speed limit on residential streets to 1.10.21

Eligible Community Councils (General Power of Competence) Qualifications of Clerks (Wales) – to 24.9.21

**ACTION:** Clerk to recirculate for response.

**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Ministerial Advisory Forum on Ageing – consultation to 17.9.21- no comments

Active Travel Network Maps – consultation to 24.10.21- no comments

Public Services Board – Improving how we work together survey to 19.9.21- no comments

Statement of Principles for Gambling Act 2005 consultation to 28.8.21- no comments

**ACTION:** Clerk to submit comments

**18. (767) PLANNING:****Applications discussed at the meeting:**

2020/01504/FUL Hensol Cottage, Welsh St Donats – re-consultation – this application will be determined at the next Planning Committee meeting. A response will be submitted.

**ACTION:** Clerk to draft response and circulate for approval

Ann Thomas left the meeting.

2021/01195/FUL Fairfield, Welsh St. Donats- no objections

**ACTION:** Clerk to notify Vale Planning

**Note: applications discussed online prior to meeting:**

2021/00902/FUL 11, Tair Onen, St Hilary - no objections

2021/00908/FUL 22, Tair Onen, St Hilary- no objections

21/00677/FUL Ty Isha, Seven Acres Lodges, Heol y March, Bonvilston – withdrawn 27.7.21

**Approved by Vale Council:**

2021/00167/FUL 4, Heol Y Mynydd, Welsh St Donats (amendments)

2020/01454/FUL Greenland Farm, A48, Bonvilston

The meeting finished at 21.22.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 6.7.21 to 7.9.21****FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

\*received by mail

**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Electoral Registration – no by-election requested, proceed with co-option

Independent Standards Committee – member to attend meeting 5.10.21

**Welsh Government:**

Questionnaire – Asbestos Management – no comments

Consultation – Shaping Future Wales to 26.20.21 – no comments

Joel James MS Shadow Minister for Social Partnership - offer to come to CC meeting

Local Government Partnership (LGP) briefing note on multi-location meetings  
for C&TC – for further consideration

**General:**

Resignations of Stuart Gaskell , Nick Craddock and Peter Castle – Vale Council notified

Member of Church Committee – comments concerning defibrillator for WSD

Resident of Heol y March – raising concerns the CC had not given proper  
consideration to planning application 21/00677/FUL – CC response sent  
27.7.21- application withdrawn

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

Funding for Local Places for Nature – meeting 9.9.21

Garden waste collections - disruptions due to staffing issues

Highways – map showing designated passing places and adopted highway in Heol y March, inspection of convex mirrors to be carried out.  
Annual Report – S106 Agreements 20/21  
Golden Projects Launch – funding for activities for over 60s  
PROW – confirmation that the diversion at Psygodlyn Mawr will be hard surfaced to prevent waterlogging - stiles and footpath clearance in hand  
Cabinet information report/covid  
CLC minutes of meeting 5.7.21  
Special Planning Committee meeting 14.7.21 to discuss Model Farm, Rhoose.

**Welsh Government:**

Event – Building more carbon low homes  
Vacancies – Community Health Councils - voluntary  
Opening of outdoor spaces and children’s playgrounds from 27.8.21  
All Wales Public Service Graduate Programme  
Net-Zero Route Map – reporting guide and timetable

**One Voice Wales:**

August and September Councillor training courses  
Keep Wales Tidy webinar  
iOS zero-day vulnerabilities - update notification  
Networking Hub for environmental issues 23.7.21  
Dog Fouling – comments and innovative practices emerging to prevent fouling  
OVW Response to IRPW consultation on remuneration for T & CCs  
SW Regional engagement team – bulletin  
Queen’s Platinum Jubilee beacons on 2.6.22 - update  
New Years Honours 2022 – citations requested  
Webinar - Regenerating Town Centres  
Recruitment of Additional Training Associates  
Innovative Practice Conference 22.9.21  
Local Places for Nature - webinar  
Social Farms Gathering  
Operation London Bridge

**General:**

Planning Aid Wales – responding to planning applications  
Relative of former Clerk offering to pay for new bench, wood preferred  
Powys Police – BT Scam  
Vacancy Independent Monitoring Board, Parc Prison  
Nick Craddock – information from a resident of Tair Onen regarding forest operations planned for 2023.  
NRW meeting arranged for 1.10.21 – request for items for the agenda  
Independent Remuneration Panel – Framework for T & CCs consultation  
Resident of Welsh St Donats – copy of letter of complaint to Clarkes Transport concerning large vehicle blocking Watery Lane  
C & V UHB Connect update  
ICO notice of direct debit for GDPR fee (£35.00) to be collected 9.9.21  
Community Council Environmental Cluster Group meeting 12.7.21  
Wales Biodiversity Partnership – 14.9.21 event  
Transport for Wales - bulletin  
CPRW AGM 23.8.21

Public Services Ombudsman – updated guidance to Code of Conduct 2016  
 Relative of former Clerk offering to pay for new bench preference for wood  
 Community Fridge - details  
 Zurich Insurance – Claims portal set up  
 First Aid training for T & CCs  
 Cardiff and Vale UHB - Bulletin  
 Transport for Wales Annual Report 20/21  
 Allan Williams – cancelling grass cutting contract  
 Residents of Heol y March – objections to Ty Isha and a request for basis of  
     CC decision not object to Ty Isha – application withdrawn  
 SW Police – Digital contact for non urgent reports QR code  
 Fields in Trust update  
 20s Plenty - update  
 Sigingstone CC: copperline withdrawal – further information  
 Notification of RTC LDP (2030) and questionnaire/survey  
 Inside Local Government Health and Wellbeing conference 6-7.10.21  
**Advertising:** Public Sector Event (Power), Golley Slater, OpusXenta (innovative tech  
 solutions), First Aid courses, Govlaunch(global tech products), EcoGreen  
 Communities(dog litter bags etc), Planning Aid, Proludic playgrouds, Cognitive  
 Publishing (Challenges of Rapid Digitalisation), Cloud it (broadcasting meetings), SW Ret  
 regional newsletter, EcoGreen Communities (keeping green spaces clean), Wiserd,  
 Ramblers Cymru, Home-Start's why do I campaign (voluntary), Wales Remembers (Final  
 Publication)  
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