

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING ON
5th October 2021

PRESENT: Councillors Emma Hall (in the Chair), Mark Hastings, Graham Duffield, Ann Thomas, Glyn Jenkins and Mrs P Hallett from the Standards Committee who observed the meeting.

1.(768) PUBLIC FORUM: The Clerk had not received any requests to join the meeting or items for the agenda.

2. (769) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: County Councillor Michael Morgan

3. (770) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Mark Hastings declared an interest in correspondence between the Community Council and a resident of Heol y March and took no part in discussions.

4. (771) MINUTES AND AGENDA: The minutes of the meeting on 7th September 2021 and the agenda for this meeting were approved.

5. (772) POLICE REPORT: PCSO Richard Davies reported no crimes in the Welsh St Donats area in September. Regarding the alleged dog attack on sheep reported at the last meeting, Councillors were unable to confirm whether it had been reported to the police or provide any specific details, although it was understood that a sheep/dog related incident had taken place.

ACTION: Clerk to inform PCSO Davies

6. (773) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN: Councillor Morgan was unable to attend the meeting and did not provide a report.

7. (774) MATTERS ARISING:

1. Casual vacancies: as yet the Clerk has received no expression of interest in the two vacancies advertised in the community update and noticeboard, so it was unanimously agreed, on this occasion, that a short piece should be put on the WSD WhatsApp group asking for those interested to get in touch with the Clerk. It was also agreed that the Social Media Policy should be reviewed at the next meeting to allow for limited use of social media in line with current guidance.

ACTION: Clerk to put Social Media Policy on next agenda. Councillor to draft and circulate a post for WhatsApp group.

2. Replacement bench at pond: the Clerk continues to look for someone available to estimate for installing the bench. The bench has been chosen and is ready to order. The Community Council will pay for both bench and installation and the relative of the former Clerk will reimburse the Community Council.

ACTION: Clerk to continue search for suitable installer.

3. Adopted Highways in Welsh St Donats: Following a query from a resident, Highways had informed the Community Council that the area between the boundary

wall and the kerb at the Wallage, Welsh St Donats, was not adopted highway and advised us to consult Vale Planning. A response is awaited.

4. Enforcement action at Pwll y Darren Farm ENF 21/0084/PRO: no further information to report.

5. Defibrillator for Welsh St Donats: suggested dates for a preliminary meeting have not yet been provided by the Church Committee.

Council Members noted that a response to an article in the Church magazine giving misleading information concerning the withdrawal of the annual maintenance grant to the Church would be circulated shortly.

ACTION: Clerk to forward for publication when approved

Mark Hasting left the meeting.

A drafted response was approved and will be sent to a resident of Heol y March regarding concerns raised that the Community Council had not given proper consideration to application 21/00677/FUL.

Mark Hastings returns to the meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to forward

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

Glyn Jenkins requested that Vale Highways be reminded that dead and dying trees overhanging the highway at Penffordd Fawr need to be removed. These and many others around Welsh St Donats were identified as in need of urgent attention at a site meeting with Vale Highways (Neil Williams and Kyle Snooks) on 9th December 2020. Between Penffordd Fawr and the fork the hedges are overgrown and also need attention. Glyn Jenkins provided the name of the land agent.

Glyn Jenkins will provide further information on blocked footpaths.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways and PROW.

9. (776) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

1. Meeting with NRW 1.10.21

Ann Thomas reported that NRW have no plans to fell further trees in Hensol for the foreseeable future with only thinning operations planned in Tair Onen during 2023.

NRW agreed that footpaths would be photographed before any further works to record their condition for reinstatement. Community engagement would be improved by writing to residents who may be affected by works, as well as the Community Council.

Improvements were planned to the picnic area and these have already begun.

Replanting plans would be forwarded to the Community Council, some of which would be long term.

NRW agreed overhanging branches on the Pendoylan Road and hedges were in need of cutting back and would look in to whether it was the responsibility of the Vale Council or NRW.

NRW Officers seemed to have no knowledge of the VALE PROW plans to divert footpath 24.

It was agreed to take no further action until feedback had been received from NRW

ACTION: Clerk to put on next agenda

2. Community Liaison Committee meeting 4.10.21

Graham Duffield reported on presentations from the Police, who noted crime figures in the Vale were on a par with those of 2020, and Highways, in which Michael Clogg noted concerns over brown signs on the A48 and road safety in rural lanes. He also informed the meeting Highways were operating on a very small budget. Michael Morgan, present at the meeting, raised concerns over road safety in the rural lanes and suggested lowering the default 60mph limit. The location of the new civic amenity site has two possible locations under consideration.

The Chair thanked all Councillors for their attendance at these meetings.

10. (777) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR: None

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

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

13. (780) FINANCE:

1. to note payment (£80.00) to:

- Emile Tanti for grass cutting in September
- Graham Duffield for Spanglefish domain fees £29.95

Payment was approved for Emile Tanti for grass cutting 1.10.21 (inv 57)

ACTION: Clerk to process payment

14. (781) WEBSITE: No discussion.

15. (782) PROJECTS: The pond book was signed for September.

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

17. (784) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

Boundary Commission for Wales - Initial Proposals – consultation to 3.11.21 – no comments

Ombudsman for Wales Open Consultation on draft Guidance for records management

and Guidance on Good Administration to 1.11.21 – no comments

Natural Resources England/Wales survey on Countryside Code for landowners and land

managers to 13.10.21 – no comments

ACTION: Clerk to submit comments

18. (785) PLANNING:

Applications discussed at the meeting:

2021/01290/FUL The Old St. Hillary Filing Station, Welsh St. Donats – objections, comments to be drafted and circulated for approval.

ACTION: Clerk to submit comments

Approved by Vale Council:

2021/00902/FUL 11, Tair Onen, St Hilary
2021/00908/FUL 22, Tair Onen, St Hilary
2021/01195/FUL Fairfield, Welsh St. Donats
2020/01505/FUL Amendments Hensol Cottage, Welsh St Donats

Mark Hastings asked about the possibility of resuming meetings at the Village Hall. Graham Duffield reported that this was under consideration but staffing was a problem. It was suggested that in the short-term meetings could be held at either Ystradowen or Pendoylan Village Halls.

ACTION: Clerk to find out availability and terms.

The Chair thanked Mrs Hallett for her attendance.

The meeting finished at 8.42pm

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 7.9.21 to 5.10.21
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – maps available for public view in Barry and Penarth Libraries and Vale Council offices

Welsh Government:

Councillor Smart Survey to 29.10.21

General:

SW Police – crime figures

Independent Remuneration Panel Draft Report 22-23 consultation to 26.11.21 – for the next agenda

Wales Audit – audit decision delayed, annual return pre audit conclusion displayed on website with accompanying notice.

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Public Service Board – details of future meetings

Casual Vacancy notice - displayed

Welsh Government:

2021 YC Awards to 3.10.21

Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: development, flooding and coastal erosion

Tax Conference 3.11.21

One Voice Wales:

Training Sessions September and October

Facebook Market Place scams

SURE for Mental Health (webinars)

Connect bulletin

Michael Morgan: updates on PROW at Psygodlyn Mawr (footpath 24(Pendoylan) and 27(WSD) will be closed from 18.10.21 to 8.4.22), green waste collections will continue as normal and amendments to the 20mph limit in PSE

General:

Updated Guide to taking part in Queen's platinum jubilee beacons

Nick Craddock – thanks for letter of thanks

Resident of WSD – concerns over recent removal of front boundary wall and

hardcore on verge at the Wallage, WSD
Barry TC invitation to Turner House opening
20s Plenty update
Older Peoples Commissioner for Wales – bulletin
Lottery Funding for action against climate change in communities
Advertising: Public Policy Exchange (events), RBL Poppy Appeal, Saltex exhibition,
Calon Hearts (defibrillators), Mediad Meithrin (Welsh for Early years), Sanjay app
building,