

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD**  
**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING ON**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Emma Hall (in the Chair), Mark Hastings, Glyn Jenkins, Natalie Bosworth and County Councillors Michael Morgan.

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

**2. (787) RECEIVE APOLOGIES:** Graham Duffield

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

**4. (789) MINUTES AND AGENDA:** The minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and the agenda for this meeting were approved.

**5. (790) POLICE REPORT:** No report had been received for crime figures in October.  
**Action:** Clerk to request report

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

**Rural Road Policy:** it was hoped that this policy will be developed to make our rural roads safe for all those, including cyclists, walkers and riders, using them.

**Brown Signs on A48:** this will be discussed at a special CLC meeting. Michael Morgan supports brown signs as businesses, such as pubs and restaurants, need to have this signage to allow to them to recover and flourish following lockdown.

**Retirement Housing:** the dialogue continues for provision of housing for the elderly within their communities and will possibly be included in the next LDP.

**Pwll y Darren Farm:** no further update

**Police attendance at meetings:** Michael agreed to take this up with the Police.  
Michael Morgan left the meeting at 7.49.

**7. (792) MATTERS ARISING:**

**1. Casual vacancies:** it was agreed that Natalie Bosworth should be co-opted onto the Community Council and she joined the meeting at as a Councillor.

**Action:** Clerk to inform Election Office

As there are only four meetings left until the election in May, it was agreed that if a resident expressed an interest in joining the Community Council it should be followed up. Engagement with the community was discussed and it was agreed to inform residents of the role of Councillors and the Community Council prior to the election in May.

**Action:** Clerk to put on March agenda

It was noted that the November issue of In Touch would be the last

**2. Replacement bench at pond:** the Clerk will meet up with Chris White who has agreed to give a quotation for installing the bench.

**Action:** Clerk to meet up on site

**3. Adopted Highways in Welsh St Donats:** both Vale Planning and Highways had been consulted on the area outside the boundary of the Wallage in Welsh St Donats. The area between the kerb and the boundary wall is not adopted highway and there had been no breach of planning control. Highways had previously advised however that the kerb should be maintained during any works or changes and it was agreed that this would be something to check in any forthcoming planning application.

**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. It was agreed to ask if any date had yet been identified.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Church Committee

**6. Multi location meetings:** after a discussion about the problems involved with this for smaller Councils, it was agreed in the first instance to formally ask the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee if we could hold meetings at the Village Hall in Welsh St Donats.

It was noted that Ystradowen Village Hall had wifi and could accommodate Community Council meetings.

It was agreed that the December meeting should be held remotely.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Chairman and inform Graham Duffield

**7. Response from Natural Resources Wales/Hensol Forest:** work upgrading the picnic area and establishing a new recreational area further into the forest was underway. Concerns were raised about the fire risk resulting from barbecues and the need to provide litter bins. It was agreed to inspect the area when work was completed and discuss this at the next meeting.

**Action:** Clerk to keep on agenda

NRW had agreed to find out who was responsible for cutting back the overgrown hedges and trees around Hensol Forest. It was agreed that this should be reviewed at the January meeting.

**Action:** Clerk to add to January agenda.

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

**1. Dead and dying overhanging trees:** The Clerk had prepared a map of the trees in need of attention as discussed with Neil Williams at a site meeting last winter. It was agreed to submit the map and request that trees opposite Vale View and in the field next to it were given priority.

**Action:** Clerk to send in map

**Footpath 21:** Glyn Jenkins reported that this footpath was very overgrown and hazardous in parts. The exit at the eastern end involved climbing a fence. It was agreed that PROW should be advised to close this path and use footpath 22 instead. It was also noted that footpath 21 was advertised on the noticeboard at the picnic area as a suggested route. Valeways on their website state that the path is blocked. It was agreed that Michael Morgan should be asked to help as this footpath had been identified in 2017 as in need of attention and to date nothing had been done.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Vale PROW and Michael Morgan

**9. (794) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:**

**1. One Voice Wales Area meeting 11.10.21:** Mark Hastings had attended the meeting. Smaller Community Councils highlighted the problems holding multi location meetings, however the Welsh Government stated that Town and Community Councils are obliged to provide multi locations meetings. A digital officer was to be appointed to investigate the problems and report back. Funding might be available to install wifi. The Chair thanked Mark Hastings for attending the meeting

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

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

**12. (797) COUNCILLOR TRAINING:** Training schedules for November were noted and would be forwarded to Natalie Bosworth.

**Action:** Clerk to forward

**13. (798) FINANCE:**

1. The Budget Monitoring sheet 1.4.-31.10.21 was discussed and approved.

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

**15. (800) PROJECTS:** The pond book was signed for October.

Chris White had agreed to quote for cutting the grass areas next season and cutting the shrubs and hedges in the pond area.

**Action:** Clerk to meet him on site.

It was noted that the sign at the back of the pond was barely legible and was in need of replacement.

**Action:** Clerk to look into replacing

Clearing the pond: It had been suggested by Vale Biodiversity that bulrushes could be removed from one third of the pond in the autumn and that it might be possible to find volunteers to do the work.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Sally Curran Parry about volunteers and find out if there is a requirement for risk assessments and insurance.

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

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

**Vale of Glamorgan Council Consultation on identified priorities for sports in Community Councils – no comments**

**ACTION:** Clerk to submit comments

**18. (803) PLANNING:**

**Applications discussed at the meeting:**

21/01231/FUL Mawingo, Church Lane, Welsh St Donats – no objections

**ACTION:** Clerk to submit comments

The meeting finished at 21.00pm

## **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 5.10.21 to 2.11.21**

### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

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

Community Flood Plan – guidance on how to prepare a plan - noted  
Planning/The Wallage, WSD – no breach in planning control  
Neil Williams overhanging dead and dying trees – map in preparation.  
Notice of diversion of footpath 27/24  
Casual Vacancy to replace Stuart Gaskell – no by-election requested CC can go ahead with co-option.

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

Draft minutes of area meeting on 11.10.21 - circulated

#### **General:**

Resident of WSD expressing interest in joining the Community Council  
NRW – summary of future operations in Hensol Forest and Tair Onen - circulated

### **NO ACTION NEEDED**

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

Play Capital funding from Welsh Government  
Special CLC meeting to discuss brown signage on A48 - 4.11.21  
Public Services Board exchange with T & CCs 19.10.21  
Cabinet Report - Strategic Collaborative Working Initiatives Update

#### **Welsh Government:**

Peoples peer-to-peer network – practical action

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

Care Inspectorate Wales - vacancies  
COP 21 Cymru toolkit  
Create a mini wildflower meadow webinar  
Connect update  
October and November training sessions  
Active Travel consultations to be considered by individual unitary authorities  
Bulletin  
Pilot of Self-evaluation toolkit for T & CCs

**Michael Morgan:** Report – includes Rural Road Policy summary, Hensol Cottage approval and no further information on Pwll y Darren Farm - circulated

#### **General:**

Sigingston CC – Bonvilston Exchange copper line withdrawal – Open Reach notification  
20s Plenty - training  
Older Peoples' Commissioner for Wales – training session Taking Action against Ageism  
NHW Wales Connect newsletter  
Sustain Wales – eco literacy training course  
PSGA update - mapping  
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