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**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING ON
7th December 2021**

PRESENT: Councillors Emma Hall (in the Chair), Mark Hastings, Glyn Jenkins, Natalie Bosworth, Graham Duffield, County Councillor Michael Morgan and a member of the public (Tair Onen).

1.(809) PUBLIC FORUM: A resident of Tair Onen had expressed an interest in joining the Community Council and attend the meeting to better understand what the role involved.

2. (810) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Ann Thomas. Emma Hall had been delayed and it was agreed the Clerk should take the meeting until she arrived.

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

4. (812) MINUTES AND AGENDA: The minutes of the meeting on 2nd November 2021 and the agenda for this meeting were approved.

5. (813) POLICE REPORT: PCSO Richard Davies had emailed reports for October and November. No crimes were reported in November. In October, a covid breach in Maendy (enquiries ongoing), a theft of a farm vehicle (Welsh St Donats, no suspect identified) and a suspicious person in a garden in Ystradowen.

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

Biomass Power Plant Barry: planning issues are currently under discussion.

Local Authority Housing: Michael Morgan has expressed his concerns to the Vale Council regarding four residences in the Peterston-super-Ely ward that have been empty for some time awaiting refurbishment.

Retirement Housing: provision of housing for the elderly within their communities will be considered in the next LDP.

Rural Roads Policy: the Vale Council has agreed to produce a report next year, having previously rejected the suggestion to create a policy.

Pwll y Darren Farm ENF21/0084/PRO: Michael Morgan agreed to request an update from the Enforcement Unit on the situation.

Police attendance at meetings: we receive monthly crime reports but no member of the Police currently attends meetings. Michael Morgan regards a police presence at meetings as a benefit to all.

7. (815) MATTERS ARISING:

1. Casual Vacancies: a resident of Tair Onen had expressed an interest and was attending the meeting as a member of the public.

2. Replacement bench at the pond: a quotation (Evan Rosser) was approved for installing the bench and disposing of the old one was £100. All costs to be met by the doner.

ACTION: Clerk to contact donor for her approval then order and pay for the bench to be delivered to Evan Rosser.

3. Hensol Forest Picnic area: It was agreed to raise concerns with Natural Resources Wales of a possible fire hazard at the newly refurbished barbecue area near the car park.

ACTION: Clerk to contact NRW

4. Enforcement action at Pwll y Darren Farm ENF 21/0084/PRO: See item 6. If no response is forthcoming, it was agreed to discuss a further course of action at the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to add to January agenda.

5. Defibrillator for Welsh St Donats: Emma Hall, as a resident, has agreed to take this forward and any conflict of interest will be recorded as required. A grant application has been submitted. The Community Council would support the project in a way previously agreed.

6. Multi location meetings: No response had been received from the Chair of the Village Hall Committee following our request for a meeting to discuss re-opening the Hall for meetings. After further discussion about the possible problems of using the Hall under current regulations and the lack of wi-fi to create multi location meetings, it was agreed to hold the meeting in January remotely and review the matter when further guidance from One Voice Wales might be available.

Action: Clerk to put on January agenda

7. Social Media Policy: it was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to add to January agenda.

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

1. Dead and dying overhanging trees: Visible Services at the Vale Council have reassessed the trees identified last year and the work has been booked in and enforcement letters will be sent to landowners.

Convex mirrors in Heol y March: a further review of the six mirrors is required before any conclusion as to need and permission.

Bus Shelter WSD: a further request was made concerning the condition of the bus shelter and response awaited.

Footpaths: Glyn Jenkins will send the Clerk details of trees fallen across and blocking footpaths in WSD area.

ACTION: Clerk will forward to PROW

9. (817) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES: None

10. (818) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR: None

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

12. (820) COUNCILLOR TRAINING: None

13. (821) FINANCE:

1. Payment to OVW for Councillor training (£30) was approved.

ACTION: Clerk to process payment

It was noted that S137 Payments 22-23 will be £8.82 per elector.

Grass cutting and pond maintenance: a quotation from Evan Rosser to cut back the hedges behind the pond, the rose hedge and shrubs (£80.00) and to remove one third of the bulrushes from the pond (£120.00) was approved. It was agreed that in both cases the cuttings and debris should be removed from the site. A quotation for the grass cutting contract 2022 would follow shortly.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm debris is removed and accept quotation.

14. (822) WEBSITE: It was noted that 'About the Council' needed updating.

ACTION: Clerk to draft and circulate.

15. (823) PROJECTS: The pond book was signed for November and the warning sign for ice on the pond put in place.

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

17. (825) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

Vale of Glamorgan:

- Annual Delivery Plan 22-23 – consultation to 9.1.22 – recirculate for further consideration before next meeting

- Draft Review Report and Draft Replacement Local Development Plan Delivery Agreement

Consultation to 17.12.21- no comments

- Charter between Vale of Glamorgan Council and Town and Community Councils for adoption – recirculate for further consideration at next meeting.

Welsh Government:

- Corporation Joint Committee (General) Wales Regulations 2022 to consultation 22.12.21- no comments

- Inquiry into Second Homes (terms of reference) consultation to 14.1.22 – no comments

- Consultation on planning legislation and policy for second homes and short-term holiday lets to 22.2.22 – no comments

- Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 Sections 46 and 47 - noted

ACTION: Clerk to submit comments and VoGC Charter on next agenda

18. (826) PLANNING:

Application discussed prior to the meeting.:

21/01379/FUL The Quarries, Bonvilston – following comments received from residents it was agreed to object to this application and request that the application be referred to Planning Committee for determination. Michael Morgan confirmed that this request had been put forward to Vale Planning.

It was suggested that a request for traffic lights on the A48 at Tair Onen bus stops would improve road safety for pedestrians and road users.

To note:

21/01231/FUL Mawingo, Church Lane, Welsh St Donats – approved

21/01290/FUL The Old St Hillary Filling Station – refused.

The meeting finished at 20.52pm

Following the meeting Cheryl McNamee-Brittain confirmed that she would like to join the Community Council as a Councillor. This will be formally approved at the next meeting.

Emma Hall, as Chair, wished to record her thanks for the contribution Glyn Jenkins had made regarding the mail drop to residents in Tair Onen and Heol y March.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 2.11.21 to 7.12.21
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Rob Thomas to be Returning Officer for elections 2022 - noted

Budget Consultation 22-23 – survey – no further comments

Gypsy/Traveller site survey to 21.12.21 – Clerk to complete

Local Places for Nature Biodiversity Projects – survey – Clerk to complete

General:

Resident of Welsh St Donats requesting update on activities at Pwll y Darren Farm

Resident of Tair Onen expressing an interest in joining the CC

Emma Hall, as a resident, confirms intention to set up committee of residents to install a defibrillator in WSD, any conflict of interest to be declared

PCSO Richard Davies – crime report for October and November

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

County Cllr Christine Cave – responding to the CLC request to reconsider

Rural Roads Policy, the request was turned down by Cabinet

Neil Williams – overhanging branches and dead trees noted – work in hand

PROW – footpath 21, comments noted, matter in hand

Christmas and New Year Public Transport Arrangements 21/22

Cabinet report – delivering climate change challenge plan

Cabinet response to request for Rural Road Policy

Boys and Girls Club of Wales Event

Welsh Government:

National Learning Welsh - courses

S137 Payments 22-23 will be £8.82 per elector

One Voice Wales:

Job vacancies

Repurposing Buildings – training sessions

Local Elections for Principal Areas and Communities Rules 2021

Request for interest in Local Nature Forum – meetings on Teams

Section 47 Multi-location meetings survey to 26.11.21 – completed by Clerk

OVW Bulletin

TfW – Community Woodlands Funding

Disability access to Politics – free event 18.11.21 and 9.12.22

Together we can do so much - NALC, SLCC, OVW

Community Wealth Building event 30.11.21

OVW response to consultation on local taxing of second homes and self-catering accommodation

Launch of National Framework for the delivery of bereavement care in Wales

Connects Bulletins

Health and Wellbeing impacts of climate change – poster

Third Sector registration grant

Michael Morgan:

Rural Roads Policy – request to Vale Council to put on next agenda for Economic and Regeneration Scrutiny meeting

General:

TfW – works over Christmas

Jubilee Celebration funding available

Western Power – fuel poverty fund - details

Older Peoples' Commissioner for Wales newsletter, focus groups/posters

Boundaries Commission Public Hearings for second consultation period

20s Plenty update

Advertising: Planning Aid Wales, Glasdon UK (street and play equipment), Social Farms and Gardens, Zurich Insurance (jubilee events info), Shared Assets

Donation requests: Marie Curie, Wales Ambulance, Urd Eisteddfod 22, Eco-Green Communities (dog litter bins/bags), Freshair Fitness Equipment