

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING ON
11th January 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Emma Hall (in the Chair), Mark Hastings, Natalie Bosworth, Graham Duffield, Ann Thomas, Cheryl McNamee-Brittain and County Councillor Michael Morgan.

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

2. (828) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Glyn Jenkins.

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

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

5. (831) POLICE REPORT: PCSO Richard Davies emailed - no reported crimes in the Welsh St Donats area in December.

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

Rural Roads Policy: this would be discussed at a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee. Discussions with Vale Highways are taking place.

Retirement Housing: Michael Morgan continues to highlight as a priority provision of housing and care for the elderly within their communities.

2021/01379/FUL - The Quarries, Bonvilston: this application has been referred to Planning Committee for determination.

Pwll y Darren Farm ENF21/0084/PRO: Michael Morgan is working with Vale Councillors to move this to a conclusion. Any further and continued activities should be reported directly to the Enforcement Unit.

Town and Community Council Elections May 2022: Michael Morgan emphasised the need to make it clear to residents that standing for election was open to all. Community Councillors are aware of this and would be making effort to bring this to the attention of those living in the Welsh St Donats area.

SW Police presence at Community Council meetings: Michael Morgan continues to pursue this request with the Police.

Ann Thomas asked how we might get a **20mph speed limit** in Welsh St Donats. Michael Morgan confirmed that trials in Aberthin, Peterston super Ely and St Brides Major were still running and making roads safer for all users was the priority for the proposed Rural Roads Policy.

7. (833) MATTERS ARISING:

1. Casual Vacancies: Cheryl McNamee-Brittain was co-opted on to the Community Council and signed an acceptance of office form.

2. Social Media Policy: it was agreed to make no changes to the Social Media Policy. After a lengthy discussion about the best platform to use for engaging with the community to keep all residents informed and encourage them to come forward and join the Community Council, it was agreed to contact other Clerks to find out their experiences with the various platforms.

Action: Clerk to contact neighbouring Clerks and report back before the next meeting.

3. Hensol Forest Picnic area: to date there had been no response from NRW Land Management Team concerning dog waste bins and fire safety, so it was agreed that a site meeting should be arranged.

ACTION: Clerk to contact NRW

4. Enforcement action at Pwll y Darren Farm ENF 21/0084/PRO: See item 6. The Chair summarised the current situation and it was agreed to forward recent comments about continued activities at the Farm from a resident and copy these to Michael Morgan. Before taking any further action it was agreed to see the results of Michael Morgan's discussions with Cowbridge Town Councillors.

ACTION: Clerk to forward, cc MM.

5. Defibrillator for Welsh St Donats: Emma Hall reported the application for funding was pending.

6. Multi location meetings: Graham Duffield told the meeting that the Village Hall Committee would meet on 13th February and he would put forward the Community Council's request to reopen the Hall for meetings. Graham outlined the difficulties in opening the Hall under current regulations.

Action: Graham Duffield to report back after meeting.

OVW is currently carrying out an audit of the problems of providing multi location meetings for small rural Councils.

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

1. Dead and dying overhanging trees: In November Vale Council Visible Services assured the Community Council that steps were being taken to establish land ownership where trees overhanging the highway were in need of removal or cutting back. Ann Thomas and Natalie Bosworth raised their deep concerns that the two trees near Vale View, WSD, that had been identified as a priority for attention had not yet been removed. It was agreed to request clarification from the Vale Council as to why it was taking so long when it was a matter of public safety.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Visible Services and cc MM

It was noted that that over grown trees had been cut back around Penffordd Fawr.

A tree hanging over the highway opposite the Village Hall entrance was causing concern.

ACTION: Clerk to report to Vale Council.

2. Condition of Footpaths: The Clerk confirmed that PROW had been informed of various footpaths and stiles that were in a hazardous condition and the Community Council's suggestion that certain well used footpaths should be prioritised for repair.

3. NRW – Review of trees overhanging highways: there was little evidence that any cutting back had taken place to date.

ACTION: Clerk to request update on progress so far.

9. (835) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

It was noted that Mark Hastings would attend a OVW Area meeting on 24th January and Graham Duffield a CLC meeting on 25th January.

Welsh St Donats Charity Trust: Ann Thomas confirmed that the Trust had been wound up and the remaining funds donated to Age Connect.

ACTION: Clerk to thank Louise O'Shea.

10. (836) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR: None

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

12. (838) COUNCILLOR TRAINING: Cheryl McNamee-Brittain attends code of conduct training on 3.2.22.

13. (839) FINANCE:

1. Set the Precept for 2022-23 – it was agreed to set the precept for £7,000.00

ACTION: Clerk to inform Vale Council Finance

Payment for a new pond sign 'no fishing or swimming' £7.25 +vat was approved.

ACTION: Clerk to order

14. (840) WEBSITE: An updated version of 'About the Council' was approved.

ACTION: Clerk to send to Graham Duffield for uploading on website.

Graham Duffield confirmed that domain fees would be due shortly.

15. (841) PROJECTS: The pond book was signed for December and the warning sign for ice on the pond remains in place.

Signage for Tair Onen was suggested as a possible project.

ACTION: Cheryl McNamee-Brittain to explore further and report back

A resident in Prisk had raised the possibility of planting two trees that had died on Prisk Village Green. It was agreed that this should include consultation with all the residents in Prisk if taken forward.

It was noted that the Welsh Government was proposing to give every household in Wales a tree to plant in 2022.

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

17. (843) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

Vale of Glamorgan: it was agreed that both documents below were in need of further discussion:-

Vale of Glamorgan: Charter between Vale of Glamorgan Council and Town and

Community Councils for adoption. – contact Karen Bowen with date of adoption

Welsh Government: Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils consultation to 17.3.22

ACTION: Clerk to recirculate and put on next agenda.

Vale of Glamorgan Council : An assessment of Current and Future Well-being

consultation to 13.2.22 – it was agreed that this was for individual responses and would be put on the website and on the website under 'Have your Say' or similar.

18. (844) PLANNING: No discussion.

The meeting finished at 21.19pm

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 7.12.21 to 11.1.22

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Precept due 31.1.22, levy £1.00 produces £321

Welsh Government:

Policy announcement – changes to compulsory purchase process

One Voice Wales:

Request for Solar Farm Policy Llangan CC

General:

Glyn Jenkins – photos of picnic area at Hensol Forest car park to support concerns of fire risk

Natalie Bosworth – dog waste bags at Hensol Forest car park

Resident of WSD – further loud earth moving/digger noises coming from top of road up to Pwll y Darren Farm at 08.40 on 6.1.22

NRW response to fire concerns at Hensol barbecue area and dog waste problem referred to Land Management Team

Resident of Heol y March – comments on convex mirrors/accident at Ty Cerrig/Quarries application

YCSA – opening the Hall under current regulations

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Senedd Update 153: LLG Wales Branch

Recruitment to Citizens Voice Board (Health and Social Care)

Cabinet report: Nature Emergency – delivering Council's Action Plan

Cabinet report: Councillor safety and support

Welsh Government:

Smart Towns webinar

Draft budget 2022-23

Report on Councillor remuneration and citizen engagement in Wales

Shaping Future Wales update

Jane Hutt Minister for Social Justice – shaping future wales

One Voice Wales:

Work Wales residential language courses

Update Jubilee Beacons

Vacancy - IRP

Bulletins – C & Vale UHB Connects

General:

NRW Sally Curran-Parry – information on pond management

RNID webinar for carers

Boundaries Commission – representations made in initial consultation, hearings postponed to 30.3.22

National Heritage Lottery Fund – funding available for nationally important
heritage in Wales and UK

20s Plenty update

PGSA GC contracts/OS

Christmas Greetings : Leader and Managing Director VoGC, Jane Hutt

Advertising: Planning Aid Wales, High Street Safari (Jubilee Trail)