

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD**  
**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING ON**  
**8<sup>th</sup> February 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.(845) PUBLIC FORUM:** The Clerk had not received any requests from members of the public to join the meeting or any items for the agenda.

**2. (846) RECEIVE APOLOGIES:** Glyn Jenkins.

**3. (847) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** Cheryl McNamee-Brittain declared an interest in planning application 21/01738/FUL 14 Tair Onen and took no part in discussions. The Clerk declared an interest in Item 7(5) and took no part in discussions.

**4. (848) MINUTES AND AGENDA:** Two amendments were made to the draft minutes of the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Item 6, under Pwll y Darren Farm 'Cowbridge Town Councillor' was amended to 'Vale Councillors' and Item 6(20mph speed limit), 'Ann Thomas raised the issue of 20mph speed limits in residential rural areas' to 'Ann Thomas asked how we might get a 20mph in Welsh St Donats'. The minutes and agenda were then approved.

**5. (849) POLICE REPORT:** No crime report was received from SW Police.

**ACTION:** Clerk to request.

It was noted that email scams should be reported to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk).

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

**Rural Roads Policy:** following an Environmental Scrutiny meeting this proposed policy was referred back to Cabinet for further discussion. Michael Morgan would continue pressing for the policy to be put in place. He would welcome observations and thoughts for improving road safety from all rural road users (cyclists, walkers, horse riders, etc).

**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 continued to press for a conclusion.

**Town and Community Council Elections May 2022:** Michael Morgan again emphasised the need to encourage residents to stand for election. The Clerk informed the meeting that well before the May elections the Vale Election Office would send out to Community Councils details of the procedure for standing for election.

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

Natalie Bosworth asked about the trial period **20mph speed limits** in Aberthin and Peterston-super-Ely and whether Welsh St Donats could be included or have appropriate signage to slow traffic put in place. Cheryl McNamee-Brittain had noted concerns from residents in Tair Onen about the speed of traffic on the lane from the A48 at the bus stop to the fork at Heol y March. Michael Morgan suggested contacting formally the Vale Council emphasising concerns.

**ACTION:** Clerk to draft and circulate

Michael Morgan would let the Community Council know when the planning application 21/01379/FUL/ The Quarries, Bonvilston comes before the planning committee.

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

**1. Discuss contents of Welsh Government Draft Statutory Guidance for T & CCs and response to consultation (by 17.3.22).** It was agreed this document and the consultation (to 17.3.22) should be discussed in detail at the next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March and to allow this, other business should be kept to a minimum. The documents would be circulated immediately and prior to the meeting and the Clerk would draft an annual report for consideration. It was also agreed to hold the next meeting at the Village Hall.

**ACTION:** Clerk to book Hall, circulate documents and draft annual report

**2. Community Engagement – using social media:** it was agreed that reported experiences of social media use from surrounding Community Councils had not been encouraging. This would be discussed further at the next meeting.

It was agreed the Clerk should put 'About the Community Council' in the Community Update to inform residents and encourage them to consider joining the Council.

It was also agreed that the location of defibrillators around and immediately outside the community area would be put in the Community Update

**ACTION:** Clerk to include in update

**3. NRW Hensol Forest to include fire hazards and dog waste:** two requests for a site meeting had been made but to date no response from NRW had been received.

**4. Enforcement action at Pwll y Darren Farm:** Councillors expressed their concerns that information regarding an appeal to Planning Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) by the landowner against the enforcement (ENF 21/0084/PRO) had not been shared with the Community Council. The appeal is currently in abeyance while planning applications are awaited.

**ACTION:** Clerk to pass on concerns to Vale Enforcement

### **5. Defibrillator for Welsh St Donats Village:**

Councillors discussed a request to the Community Council for funding to install a defibrillator in Maendy. This topic has previously been discussed and Councillors had agreed that costs should be met by the local community where the defibrillator was to be located and not the Community Council. As a result the request was declined.

**ACTION:** Chair to draft letter to inform resident

**6. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:** It was agreed that any celebrations should be organised by the community, however the Community Council would like to fund the planting of a tree and this would be discussed further.

**ACTION:** Clerk to add to April agenda

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

**1. Dead and dying overhanging trees:** the tree on the highway boundary west of Vale View is of particular concern. The landowner informed members of the Community Council that the Vale Council is responsible for the tree.

**2. Condition of Footpaths:** Glyn Jenkins, Ann Thomas and Natalie Bosworth attended a site meeting on 7.2.22 with Sandra Thomas and Andy Briscoombe from Vale Council PROW to discuss footpaths 18 and 21. Footpath 21 is now clear and has a new gate. Footpath 18 is completely flooded and blocked and PROW agreed to explore the possibility of moving the footpath to higher ground. PROW would report back. Concerns over the many blocked paths in Heol y March were raised. It was suggested a survey of all footpaths in our area was undertaken.

**ACTION:** Clerk to highlight importance of reporting blocked footpaths and stiles in need of repair in community update.

**3. NRW – Review of trees overhanging highways:** this would be discussed at the site meeting when arranged.

**ACTION:** remove from agenda

## **9. (853) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:**

**1. One Voice Wales Area Meeting 24.1.22:** Mark Hastings had attended and requested information about Local Places for Nature to be circulated to Council members. Funding was available for projects that might be of interest to the community.

**ACTION:** Clerk to circulate and put on April agenda.

**Community Liaison Committee Meeting 25.1.22:** Graham Duffield had attended. Minutes of the meeting had been circulated to Councillors. The proposed Rural Roads Policy had been discussed.

**10. (854) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR:** a phone call from the landowner of the field next to Vale View concerning the dead tree on the roadside.

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

**12. (856) COUNCILLOR TRAINING:** Natalie Bosworth would attend Community Engagement 1 on 17.2.22, Cheryl McNamee-Brittain Community Engagement 2 on 24.2.22 and Ann Thomas both courses.

**ACTION:** Clerk to book with OVW

## **13. (857) FINANCE:**

**1. Payment for website fees (£11.99) was approved.**

**ACTION:** Clerk to process payment by cheque.

A quotation for grass cutting had been received from Evan Rosser, however it was agreed that the Clerk should get a quotation from a contractor from Ystradowen.

**ACTION:** Clerk to arrange

**14. (858) WEBSITE:** The Chair thanked Graham Duffield for his management of the website.

**15. (859) PROJECTS:** The pond book was signed for January and a warning sign for ice on the pond remains in place.

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

**17. (861) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:** None

It was noted that the Vale of Glamorgan Charter with Town and Community Councils was currently under review and a draft revised version would be circulated during the year.

**18. (862) PLANNING:**

**Planning applications:**

2021/01632/FUL 11, Tair Onen, St Hilary – no comments

2021/01738/FUL 14, Tair Onen, St. Hilary – no comments

CAS-01576-R4H4N8 2020/01504/FUL Hensol Cottage, Welsh St Donats – notification of Appeal against condition 1 – it was agreed clarification was needed before further action.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Appeals Officer.

The meeting finished at 9.57pm

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 11.1.22 to 8.2.22**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Notice of appeal to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales regarding Hensol Cottage, WSD

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – request for details of events planned

Play – Have your say – for individual response - survey to 28.2.22

**Welsh Government:**

Welsh Community Food Survey 2022 (not formal consultation)

**One Voice Wales:**

Raising Awareness promotion videos for those interested in being elected

Pugh's (Modern Work Place Experts)

**General:**

Quotation for grass cutting in Welsh St Donats from Evan Rosser

**NO ACTION NEEDED**

**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Enforcement Unit – update on activities at Pwll y Darren Farm

Monitoring Officer meeting with Clerks – minutes 24.11.21

Information following CLC meeting 25.1.22

Xmas Tree Recycling details

Council / Committee meeting agendas and reports will be sent electronically, unless hardcopies are specifically requested, from 1.1.22

Community Hall dangerous trees – in hand

Observations of Independent Member for Standards Committee

COVID-19 Economic Resilience Fund (ERF) Business Support

Launch dates for Welsh Government Emergency funding

**Welsh Government:**

National Strategy - Violence against women domestic abuse and sexual violence  
– for individual response - consultation to 1.2.22. (inc simplified version)

Notice of Apprenticeship Scheme

**One Voice Wales:**

Training sessions

Cardiff and Vale UHB - Connects

Nature Forum – Tree and Orchard Planting

Minutes of Area meeting 24.1.22

Jubilee Beacons - information

Winter of Wellbeing Funding

Nominations to attend Queen's Palace Garden Party – Emma Hall nominated

Social Care Wales – shared learning events Community Resourcefulness

Vacancy for Trainee Solicitor/Development Officer/Chief Operating Office, WG/ Non-executive Director WG/ Temporary Clerk Brackla/ Clerk Penttyrch/Bilingual Team Supports WG/

Wales on Alert 2 – update January

**Michael Morgan:**

Confirmation that the Scrutiny Committee recommend the Cabinet review its decision over Rural Roads Policy

**General:**

Resident of Welsh St Donats – reporting further activities at Pwll y Darren with photo – forwarded to MM and VoGC 1.2.2. 7624354

Confirmation that current school governor finishes in September 22 but covid restrictions may extend this.

Experiences of social media use – Pendoylan Clerk 18.1.22, Wenvoe Clerk 19.1.22/ Penyllyn Clerk 19.1.22

Glyn Jenkins – 17.1.22 information on footpaths around Llwynddu

Natalie Bosworth – meets landowners of field next to Vale View and confirms that discussions are underway to remove the tree.

Graham Duffield – as Hall Committee representative – steps are being taken to re-open the Hall.

Audit Wales Fee Scheme 22-23

RCT revised LDP 22-37

Wales NHS – Vale Food Spring Festival

Cardiff and Vale UHB Connects

SW Police -scam report@phishing.gov.uk

NHA Connects update

National Allotment Development Team

Older Peoples' Commissioner for Wales - update

National Lottery Fund Awards/Queen's Jubilee

**Advertising:** Planning Aid Wales, Calon Hearts (Defibrillator), High Street Safaris, Utililty Aid, My Parish Council (support for CCs)

**Donation requests:** Alun Cairns MP (requesting sponsorship for London Marathon for NSPCC and Violence against Women), Royal British Legion Industries

**Phone Calls:**

Sarah Feist, Enforcement regarding progress of ENF21/0084/PRO Pwll y Darren Farm