

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 31st May 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Emma Hall (in the Chair), Natalie Bosworth, Cheryl McNamee-Brittain and Ann Thomas

1.(31) 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. (32) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: County Councillor Michael Morgan

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

4. (34) MINUTES AND AGENDA: the minutes of the Ordinary and AGM meetings on 17th May and agenda were approved and signed.

5. (35) POLICE REPORT: No report had been received.

The Clerk had attended a forum held by PCSOs Richard Davies and Jen Alcock at the Three Horseshoes on 27.5.22. Concerns were raised by residents about an accident (two cars) between the A48 and Peterston-super-Ely and groups of cyclists travelling at speed in the lanes and villages. Regarding the changes in reporting crime figures to Community Councils, reports will be given in more general terms due in part to data protection regulations and time limitations. Warnings of crime trends (eg. an increase in shed thefts) in local areas will continue.

ACTION: Ann Thomas would attend the next forum on 24.6.22

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

In his emailed report Michael Morgan concentrated on the accident near Peterston-super-Ely involving a cyclist. Vale Highways are considering future actions and will consult with South Wales Police Traffic Management Team to fully understand the circumstances and implications.

7. (37) MATTERS ARISING:

1.To consider applications for vacancies: it was **RESOLVED** that Kay Davies, Philip Popp and Nigel England would be co-opted on to the Community Council.

ACTION: Clerk to inform the applicants and Election Office and record resolution.

2. Matters arising from the AGM: it was agreed to select a fourth signatory to the bank account at the next meeting on 2.8.22.

ACTION: Add to next agenda

It was agreed that the next meeting (26th July) should be moved forward to 2nd August.

ACTION: Change Hall booking and website

3. Guided walks in Hensol Forest: a response had not been received from a local naturalist to date. It was agreed to pursue this through different channels if no response received.

ACTION: Add to next agenda

4. 20mph speed limit in Welsh St Donats: after discussion it was agreed that further information was needed about the policy being followed for speed trials and speed limits in the rural Vale. It was agreed to invite a representative from Vale Highways to attend a meeting to explain their policy.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Councillor Mark Wilson, Cabinet Member for Highways.

Signage in Tair Onen: Cheryl McNamee-Brittain had previously raised the possibility of signage for the various areas of Tair Onen. It was unclear whether this would be the responsibility of NRW or Vale Highways or both.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Cheryl McNamee-Brittain.

Site Meeting with NRW: NRW has not responded to repeated requests for a site meeting with a representative to discuss an increasing list of issues and concerns.

ACTION: Cheryl McNamee-Brittain to forward new contact within NRW. Add to next agenda.

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

1. Damaged Verges: following concerns raised by a resident in Welsh St Donats, the Vale Council has been informed of these concerns.

Natalie Bosworth raised the poor surface of Church Lane in Welsh St Donats

ACTION: Clerk to report to Highways

Cheryl McNamee-Brittain proposed thanks should be expressed to Vale Highways for the recent resurfacing work on the lane from the Hall to Pendoylan road crossroads.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways

NRW Works at Pysgodlyn Mawr: Ann Thomas had discussed with those on site that plans for the ford and bridges had been changed from the original plan. The Community Council had not been informed.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Vale Council PROW and NRW for further information.

9. (39) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES: See Item 5.

10. (40) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR: None.

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

A resident of Welsh St Donats requested the contractor ask for their parked cars to be moved before mowing to avoid debris on the cars.

ACTION: Contractor to be consulted on best course of action.

12. (42) COUNCILLOR TRAINING:

ACTION: Clerk to circulate latest list of OVW training courses

13. (43) FINANCE:

1. To pay: PH&GS for grass cutting in May and June. Approval was given for payment of invoices for these months. These payments would be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting on 2.8.22.

14. (44) WEBSITE: None

15. (45) PROJECTS:

1. Project: circular walk in Hensol Forest. The landowner confirmed ownership of the boundary fence between his land and Hensol Forest and he had discussed a possible kissing gate with Vale Council PROW. It was agreed NRW should be consulted as a next step and a quotation for installation obtained.

ACTION: Clerk to contact NRW and request quotation.

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

17. (47) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION: None

18. (48) PLANNING:

Pre-consultations/Pwll y Darren Farm: drafts were approved.

ACTION: Clerk to submit to Geraint Planning Ltd.

21/01379/FUL The Quarries, Bonvilston: this application has been referred to Planning Committee for determination, the next meeting is on 29.6.22. Cheryl McNamee-Brittain requested information as to whether and how further representations could be made at this stage of the application process.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Michael Morgan and Vale Planning for further information

The Chair thanked those present and closed the meeting at 9.09pm

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 17.5.22 and 31.5.22

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

General:

RCT Development plan – no comments

NO ACTION NEEDED

One Voice Wales:

Police – information about Cyber Resilience Centre for Wales

Community Ownership Fund

Bulletin

Local Places for Nature Pack/Hub

General:

Older Peoples' Commissioner for Wales – age friendly communities –
webinar

Advertising: Planning Aid Wales