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MEETING on 10th JANUARY 2023
WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 13th December 2022**

PRESENT: Councillors Emma Hall, Philip Popp, Cheryl McNamee-Brittain, Ann Thomas, Kay Davies and Tim Rich and County Councillor Michael Morgan. Due to weather conditions the meeting was moved online with ample notice. Technical problems prevented Emma Hall connecting so, in the absence of the Vice Chair, Ann Thomas was nominated to chair the meeting until Emma Hall connected at 20.06 during Item 4 and took the Chair.

1.(130) PUBLIC FORUM: No member of the public was present.

2. (131) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillors Natalie Bosworth

3. (132) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Ann Thomas declared an interest in planning application 2022/01206/FUL and took no part in discussions.

ACTION: add to website listing of members' interests

4. (133) MINUTES AND AGENDA: the minutes meeting on 1st November 2022 and the agenda were approved and signed.

5. (134) POLICE REPORT: there were no reported crimes in October in the WSDCC area and one in November, the theft of a trailer from a farm in Maendy (no suspects identified)

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

20mph Rollout: Welsh St Donats Village is to have the 30mph speed limit reduced to 20mph.

Damage to verges: Michael Morgan had raised this and understood it would be addressed in the Rural Roads Policy (to appear in the next few months).

22/00305/FUL South of Ty Mynydd Farm, WSD: this application is still pending. Michael Morgan will investigate further.

Older Persons Housing Strategy: Michael Morgan had forwarded a draft for comments and suggestions, stressing that it was a personal priority to see older people continue to remain housed in their communities for as long as possible.

Waste Disposal Site Llandough: We had previously been informed that the Site would be re-located, Ann Thomas requested that if the plan was delayed or abandoned the road leading to the Site should be repaired.

ACTION: Michael Morgan would seek clarification.

Pond next to the highway at Spring House: the Clerk had contacted the Vale Council and requested urgent action to warn road users of the hazard. Michael Morgan had viewed the area and agreed to take this up with the Vale Council as a matter of urgency.

ACTION: Michael Morgan to keep us informed

7. (136) MATTERS ARISING:

1. 20mph speed limit for Welsh St Donats Village: news of the 20mph speed limit for Welsh St Donats was welcomed, however it was agreed that we should seek clarification of when this would become operational and what had been learned from the trial 20mph speed limits in Aberthin, Peterston-super-Ely and St Brides and whether and when these limits would be enforced. Tim Rich had been unable to connect to the Vale Council meeting on the 20mph speed limit roll-out in the Vale (22.11.22) but updated Council members with a summary. It was agreed to request a 20mph speed limit on Sandy Lane to extend from Ystradowen village up to Bwlch Gwyn by the substation and from the A48 to the Heol y March junction in Tair Onen.

ACTION: Inform Emma Reid, VoGC Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport

2. Damage to verges: a resident had written in twice with concerns over the destruction of local verges caused by vehicles driving onto them to let others pass. The resident had also noted an increase in heavy agricultural vehicles carrying stones and earth along Watery Lane at Welsh St Donats village. It was agreed to respond that in both cases visual evidence of the events would be helpful and the increase in vehicles transporting earth would be monitored. The resident would also be informed that damage to verges would be addressed in the Rural Roads Policy as mentioned in Michael Morgan's report.

ACTION: Clerk to draft response

3. Local Community Power – at the request of Philip Popp the Project Manager, Jenny Carlisle, from the Welsh Government gave a preliminary presentation for those members of the Council who were able attend on November 14th. The presentation was an overview of the schemes and case studies but in Philip Popp's view there seemed to be no obvious pathway as to how to implement the schemes or what would be appropriate for our area.

ACTION: Philip Popp to follow for more details.

4. Pond adjacent to highway, Spring House, Bonvilston: see Item 6

5. Signage for Tair Onen – no response had been received from Visible Services and Transport (Kyle Snooks) but a response is awaited from Planning Development for guidance on regulations and permission required to install signage. NRW await a plan of locations before taking further action.

6. Bullying and Harassment Guidance: this was discussed and noted.

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

1. Informal path in Hensol Forest: a permissive draft agreement is being drawn up by the Vale Council and will then be passed to NRW for approval.

Ann Thomas will forward photos of the fishing pegs as requested by NRW, these indicate that the areas between the pegs have not flood as anticipated.

ACTION: Clerk to forward to NRW

Potholes in Church Lane, WSD had been circled in yellow for future filling

Litter in Sandy Lane by the Forest was reported and the Vale Council will arrange a litter pick.

Cheryl McNamee-Brittain had noted, as had Tair Onen residents, rubble on the A48 at the junction with the lane leading to the Quarries. It was agreed to monitor.

9. (138) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

- 1. Vale of Glamorgan presentation:** 20mph rollout – see Item 7 (1)
- 2. Welsh Government: Community Power** – see Item 7 (3)

10. (139) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR: None

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

12. (141) COUNCILLOR TRAINING: January timetable awaited.

13. (142) FINANCE:

1. Payment was approved: PH&GS for mowing in October (£52.50) and OVW for Councillor Training Sessions (£35).

2. Consider power for churchyard maintenance grant: after discussion it was agreed that the grant would be made under the power of the Local Government Act 1972 (S137) as prior to reinstatement.

ACTION: Inform Internal Auditor

3. Consider the grass cutting contract – after a discussion it was agreed the Clerk should draft the contract for further discussion at the next meeting. Nick Philips would be consulted as to the practicality, his availability and cost of the changes needed to enhance biodiversity.

ACTION: for next agenda

14. (143) WEBSITE: No discussion.

15. (144) PROJECTS:

1. Consider maintenance of bus shelter and surrounding area: Vale Highways had done an assessment and reported back that the bus shelter was in reasonable condition and Highways would be doing minor repairs in the next few weeks. No mention was made of the Community Council taking responsibility for the bus shelter and upgrading the area.

Land opposite Vale View: upgrading this with biodiversity in mind was raised as a possible project.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Vale Council to establish ownership
The Pond Book was completed for November

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

17. (146) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

Vale of Glamorgan -Public Services Board Well-being Plan 2023 consultation- no comments

Welsh Government: Local Government Finance Reform – draft regulations on council tax to extend to second homes – no comments

Commission for Welsh-speaking Communities – call for evidence – no comments

18. (147) PLANNING:

Planning Applications:

2022/01206/FUL Orchard Dene, Welsh St Donats – concerns were expressed on the accuracy of some the information provided in the application

2022/01260/FUL Pantwilkin Stables, Aberthin

Applications approved by the Vale Council:

2022/01115/FUL Forge Cottage, WSD

The Chair thanked those present and closed the meeting at 21.32

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 1.11.22 to 13.12.22

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Community cycling markings for children – it was agreed to put forward the Village Hall car park

ACTION: send in application and inform Hall Committee

Community Review conducted by Local Democracy and Boundary Commission – two nominees required for workshops, meetings etc.

ACTION: inform of Ann Thomas nomination

Standards Committee observation at meeting on 18th April 2023 (Mrs P Hallett) – noted

Default Speed Limit Rollout – summary of presentation

Section 137 expenditure limits 23-24 is £9.93 per elector

Welsh Government:

Geospatial Commission call for evidence to 12.12.22

Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill - noted

General:

Resident of WSD – fire hydrant covered in earth following recent work on the lake

ACTION: Report to NRW

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

CLC meeting minutes Community Review and Traffic Speeds

Housing in Rural Communities.

Meeting to discuss PSB consultation 8.12.22 – invitation

Electoral Register 2022

One Voice Wales:

Social Farms and Gardens Winter Newsletter

Nature Hub – NB unable to attend

Press release from Seaweed Alliance

Cost of living crisis webinar 16.12.22

Courier Fraud Awareness

Public Health Wales – energy support

October Area Meeting – additional information

Innovative Practice Conference 8.12.22

Welsh Government:

Tackling poverty and Supporting Families Division – fuel rights handbook and financial help for families

Workshop Events November

General:

Dementia friendly council webinar

WSD Parish Council – acknowledgement and thanks for Churchyard grant

Older People Wales – increasing pension credit

20s Plenty - update

Advertising: Elan City (radar speed signs), Fresh Air Fitness, Creative Play. Primary Care Services (defibrillators), Glasdon UK (street furniture), JAC (Salt and grit bins), Zoom, PSGA Comms, LitterLotto, Creative Play.

Vacancies: Clerk to Bonvilston and St Nicholas, Support Officers for Care Inspectorate Wales, WG Deputy Director, Supporting Families, Director of Risk, Resilience and Community Safety, New Cross Healthcare.

Donation requests: Wales Air Ambulance