

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD**  
**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Natalie Bosworth (in the Chair), Kay Davies, Nigel England, Emma Hall and Philip Popp. County Councillor Michael Morgan.

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

**2. (283) RECEIVE APOLOGIES:** Councillors Cheryl McNamee-Brittain, Tim Rich and Ann Thomas. It was agreed that due to personal reasons, Ann Thomas could to take a break from the Community Council.

**3. (284) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None

**4. (285) MINUTES AND AGENDA:** the minutes of meeting 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and the agenda were approved and signed.

**5. (286) POLICE REPORT:** South Wales Police reported an incident of anti-social behaviour, drug use and dealing at Hensol Forest car park on 11<sup>th</sup> August, patrols are ongoing.

**6. (287) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN:** Councillors raised their concerns, and the concerns of residents, on road safety and boundary issues in Heol Mynydd following ongoing building works close to the highway. Michael Morgan agreed to view the area and seek clarification from the Vale Council as to whether this was permitted and in the interests of road safety on a lane that is mostly single carriage and with no other footway.

**ACTION:** Clerk to forward background information to MM

The poor condition of the road surface in Church Lane was raised.

Michael Morgan left the meeting.

**7. (288) MATTERS ARISING:**

**1. Signage for Tair Onen:** dates for a site meeting to discuss directional signage are awaited. Until this has been resolved, house number signs cannot be progressed.

**2. Mirror at junction of A4222 and Trerhyngyll lane:** the Vale Council has refused to consider installing a mirror at the junction, so it was agreed a final request would be made for a site meeting.

**ACTION:** Clerk to request.

**3. Green Waste Charges:** details of the charges by the Vale Council were circulated and after a discussion in which it was clear many other areas were similarly charged, it was agreed not to take the matter further.

**4. Road safety and boundary issues on Heol Mynydd, Welsh St Donats:** see Item 6

**5. Website Management:** Graham Duffield has indicated he wishes to step down as website manager. Graham set up the website and has been the manager for many years for which the Community Council wished to offer their thanks. It was agreed to get in touch with those who may be interested in taking over both management of the website and domain ownership.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact.

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

**Swing Gate for informal path, Hensol Forest:** the approved swing gate had not been installed to date but we had been assured it would be done soon.

Fallen trees on footpath 26 (Hensol Forest) have been reported and removal is in hand. A tree near the Cornelly crossroads and close to the highway was noted as being badly affected by ash die back.

Branch at Hensol Forest main carpark entrance obstructing vision splay was reported.

**ACTION:** report to Vale Council

**9. (290) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:**

**1. Meeting with NRW 22.8.23** – Emma Hall had prepared a summary of the meeting and this will be put on the website.

**ACTION:** post summary and send copy to NRW

**10. (291) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR:** None.

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

**12. (293) COUNCILLOR TRAINING:** September sessions had been circulated.

**13. (294) FINANCE:**

**1. To Pay:** Nic Philips grass cutting in August – invoice not yet received.

OVW Training session (NB) £38.00 - approved

**14. (295) WEBSITE:** See Item 7(5)

**15. (296) PROJECTS**

**Welsh St Donats bus shelter:** Nigel England agreed to clear out and clean up the bus shelter and review the condition of the roof.

A resident had mentioned picnic benches at Pysgodlyn Mawr as a possible project.

The Pond Book was completed for August.

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

**17. (298) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**1. Standards Committee Report 2023 – consider areas for concern.** Members discussed the general areas for concern and commented:

- not being able to easily identify the Members of the Committee from the Clerk or Members of the public present e.g. no name cards available – it was agreed that name cards were not required routinely at meetings as Councillors and residents are well known to each other and visitors rare, however on occasions when this is not the case, it was agreed that Councillors should introduce themselves at the start of the meeting. This would be reviewed if circumstances change.
- the Chair allowing the Clerk to manage the meeting - noted
- lack of understanding of each other's role – noted
- lack of understanding of declaration of interests and required procedures and

processes – most Councillors have attended training session and are fully aware of procedures and processes but noted.

- agendas being too long – not normally the case but noted

- lack of adherence in some instances to Council procedure rules e.g. no proposing and seconding of recommendations - noted

- lack of adherence to the agenda e.g. other matters being discussed not on the agenda – not normally the case but noted

#### **18. (299) PLANNING: none**

The Chair thanked those present and closed the meeting at 20.29

#### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 8.8.23 and 5.9.23**

##### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

##### **Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Survey – Let's Talk about Living in the Vale – for circulation and individual response

##### **One Voice Wales:**

Conference and AGM at Royal Welsh Showground 30.9.23 - declined

##### **General:**

Resident of Welsh St Donats raising green bag charges, the condition of Church Lane and general lack of services.

Resident of Pontyclun raising various issues regarding increase in traffic, overhanging branches and adopted highway in WSD village

Website manager – informing the CC he wishes to stand down

##### **NO ACTION NEEDED**

##### **Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Rapid Rehousing Plan

##### **Welsh Government:**

Alun Cairns MP – 5.10.23 National Lottery Funding briefing

##### **General:**

Amity (regarding pre-planning consultation Sandy Lane) welcoming comments from WSDCC – response sent 30.8.23 registering concern over road safety issues

20s plenty - update

PSN – Public Service Network newsletter – unsubscribe?

Philip Popp (as a resident) raising concerns over the highway boundary on Heol Mynydd

Save our Wild Isles -community funding

Ombudsman Annual Report 22-23

**Advertising:** Llias Ystadau Cymru, Cwmpas (community led-tourism), Social Farms and Gardens (awards)

**Vacancies:** For Clerk, Llanaes and Llangan. Newcastle High (Bridgend), Dinas Powis, Michael-le-pit and Leckwith, various at One Voice Wales