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MEETING on 9th January 2024**

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 5th December 2023**

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

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

2. (336) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillors Ann Thomas and Tim Rich.

3. (337) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Emma Hall declared a personal interest in planning application 23/01084 Glanffawydd, Welsh St Donats and took no part in any discussion of the application. Nigel England declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 22/00151/FUL Pwyll y Darren Farm and left the meeting before the application was discussed.

4. (338) MINUTES AND AGENDA: the minutes of meeting 7th November and the agenda were approved and signed.

5. (339) POLICE REPORT: No crimes were reported in November in our area. The Community Council is now registered with South Wales Listens (community messenger service). It was agreed to look into joining the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

ACTION: Clerk to find out more about the scheme.

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

Michael Morgan noted there were no proposed sites planned for Welsh St Donats ward in the Replacement Local Development Plan (RDLP) 2021-36. In the interests of sustainability most of the larger proposed sites will have easy access to the railway line from Llantwit Major to Barry. Michael Morgan will continue urging for the provision of more affordable and retirement housing in smaller settlements.

It has been proposed that the constitution for Vale Council meetings should be changed to allow a limited time and number for questions at meetings.

It was noted that the SW Police survey -South Wales Listens would close on 18.12.23
The Vale Council has a Charity Church Fund for communities within the Vale, further information to follow.

ACTION: forward link to Charity Church Fund

The meeting was informed that a planning application for the former Red Lion in Pendoylan has yet to be determined.

Cheryl McNamee-Brittain requested assistance with signage for Tair Onen as no response to repeated requests to the Vale Council for a site meeting had been received. Michael Morgan agreed to take this up.

ACTION: Clerk to forward background to Michael Morgan

The Chair thanked Michael Morgan for his report and he left the meeting.

7. (341) MATTERS ARISING:

1. Future of the Village Hall: Natalie Bosworth had attended a Village Hall Committee meeting on 2.11.23 where future management of the Hall was discussed. No one present at the meeting volunteered to take over the Chair. A further meeting will take place on 10.12.23 to discuss this further.

Nigel England indicated he was keen to keep the Village Hall running and offered his assistance.

2. Signage for Tair Onen: see Item 6

3. Road safety and boundary issues on Heol Mynydd, Welsh St Donats: regarding the boundary wall at the edge of the highway at the Wallage, the Community Council had been informed by the Enforcement Team that no further action would be taken.

Boundary issues at Glanffawydd would be formalised in a planning application, see Item 18.

4. Approve amended model Standing Orders: a new version of the standing orders provided by One Voice Wales had been reviewed and amendments made. The final version was approved and would be uploaded on the website.

5. Community Power: Philip Popp had found Energy Service Wales of little assistance when progressing to the next stage, a feasibility study, for a single wind turbine for Welsh St Donats village. It was suggested he get in contact with organisations that had previously been through the process for advice.

ACTION: to explore other possible sources of advice.

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

1. Overgrown branches on Village Hall Lane: the Community Council had requested two sycamore trees overhanging the highway should be cut back, a response is awaited.

2. Condition of road surface in Church Lane, Welsh St Donats: while areas had been patched it was agreed to consider reiterating our request to resurface the entire lane.

ACTION: keep on agenda.

3. Convex mirror at Parc Newydd: the Community Council had been informed by the Vale Council that the mirror was broken and, as neither the Community Council nor the Vale Council had installed it, the mirror would be removed. The Community Council requested that in the interests of road safety on this blind bend the mirror should be replaced and maintained by the Vale Council. A response is awaited.

During recent heavy rain the road surface on Watery Lane, between Sunnyside and Loos House, had become covered with mud and silt and the culvert completely blocked.

Further rainfall would cause the road to flood.

ACTION: report to Vale Council

9. (343) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES: None

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

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

12. (346) COUNCILLOR TRAINING: December sessions had been circulated.

13. (347) FINANCE:

1. To Pay: Nic Philips grass cutting in October (£140) – approved

ACTION: make payment

2. To consider grass cutting contract 2024: Nic Phillips (PG&HS) had indicated there would be no increase in the cost of grass cutting in 2024, but that due to the increase in his costs any additional work would increase by £20 per hour. It was therefore agreed to offer PG&HS the contract for 2024.

ACTION: put on next agenda

14. (348) WEBSITE: no discussion.

15. (349) PROJECTS

The Pond Book was completed for November.

It was agreed the rosa rugosa hedge should be cut in January

ACTION: inform Nic Phillips

It was noted that the bus shelter was greatly improved and areas of bulbs had been planted around it.

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

17. (351) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

Vale of Glamorgan Council: Revised Delivery Agreement 2021-36 Draft Preferred Strategy – no comments

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: Annual report 24-25 – Determinations 6, 7 and 8 were noted and approved.

Welsh Government: Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill for collective and individual responses - noted

ACTION: submit comments

18. (352) PLANNING: Councillor Nigel England left the meeting.

2023/01084/FUL Glanffawydd, Welsh St. Donats – no comments

Councillor Nigel England left the meeting.

2022/00151/FUL Pwll Y Darren Farm, Whitefields Farm Lane, Welsh St. Donats – was discussed and it was agreed a draft response should be circulated for approval

ACTION: Clerk to circulate draft response for comments and submit final draft before 13.12.23.

The Chair thanked those present and closed the meeting at 21.00

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 7.11.23 to 5.12.23

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Work completed to overgrown hedges at Hall (NT) – reported back two sycamore trees still overhanging

Removal of broken mirror at Parc Newydd junction (Tair Onen)

ENF/2023/PC Highway Boundary Walls at Glanffawydd and the Wallage, Welsh St Donats - No further action on the Wallage, For Glanfawydd see planning application 2023/01084/FUL

Welsh Government:

Local Government Finance Policy & Sustainability Division - maximum expenditure incurred in sections 137(1) and (3) in 2024-25 will be £10.81 per elector - noted.

General:

Resident of Welsh St Donats raising concerns over new building behind Fairfield and Orchard Dene, Welsh St Donats - it was agreed the Vale Council enforcement Team should be informed.

ACTION: a draft would be circulated and a final draft submitted.

Our Police, Community Survey to 18.12.23 - noted

Resident of Penffordd Fawr reporting flooding on lane, Vale informed and work in hand (KS)

Residents on Catreglas Lane reported potholes - reported

NO ACTION NEEDED

One Voice Wales:

Wales Climate Week 4.12.23

Introducing Cost of Living Crisis Team

Training sessions November/December

National Awards Conference 2024

Asbestos Management in the Public Estate – forwarded to the Hall Committee

Minutes of area meeting 1.10.23

Welsh Government:

Road Safety Strategy Consultation to 31.1.24 for individual responses

<https://www.gov.wales/road-safety-strategy>

General:

Ombudsman's Casebook 5

Resident of WSD with concerns over condition of horses in field between Brynyddafad and Caercaddy – suggested contact with Vale Council Animal Health Officer or RSPCA with concerns.

Office of the Future Generations Commissioner – promoting CymruCan

Advertising: 20sPlenty, SLCC MA in public leadership, Pontyclun celebrating Town status event, Army Engagement Team event 21.11.23, Planning Aid Wales, Wales and West Utilities – stakeholder workshop (unsubscribed)

Vacancies: Welsh Government -Head of Escalation and Enforcement, Senior Anti-racist Wales Action Plan (ArWAP) Regional Forum Convenor – SEO x 4 roles, Environmental and Protection Assessor

Donation Requests: Urdd National Eisteddfod Maldwyn 2024, Hope Rescue