

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 10th January 2023

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

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

2. (149) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillors Cheryl MacNamee-Brittain, Ann Thomas and Emma Hall

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

4. (151) MINUTES AND AGENDA: the minutes of the meeting on 13th December 2022 and the agenda were approved and signed.

5. (152) POLICE REPORT: None

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

22/00305/FUL South of Ty Mynydd Farm, WSD: this application has been withdrawn.

20mph Speed Limits in the Vale: the roll-out will be imposed strictly according to Welsh Government guidance, however Michael Morgan intends to make sure that issues around the speed limit, including signage and road markings, are also addressed.

By way of clarification, it should be noted that despite not meeting Welsh Government criteria, the reduction of the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph in Welsh St Donats Village is expected to go ahead.

Michael agreed to look at the street lighting at Highgrove and find out whether it would be included in the new 20mph speed limit.

Warm Spaces: Michael had attended a Vale Council meeting where suitable locations were discussed. It was agreed as the various communities within Welsh St Donats Ward were widespread that the Village Hall, which is not at the centre of any of them and the only community facility within the ward, would not be a suitable candidate.

Flooding at roadside, Spring House: bollards were now in place and the Vale Council is fully aware of the situation and looking into the matter.

7. (154) MATTERS ARISING:

1. Local Community Power – Philip Popp reported that his contact at the Welsh Government was currently on leave.

ACTION: Philip Popp to follow up

2. Signage for Tair Onen – no further update. The Vale Council officer dealing with this is currently on leave.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up

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

1. Informal path in Hensol Forest: no further update. The draft permissive agreement is awaiting authorisation before being passed to NRW. Natalie Bosworth reported that

as there is no stile on the informal path yet, walkers are climbing the fence which is rotting badly and is a potential safety hazard.

ACTION: Clerk to report to PROW

Kay Davies reported the footway on A4222 between Maendy and the Manse House is in need of clearing so pedestrians can use the full width of footway.

Natalie Bosworth reported the poor road surface in Church Lane near the pond. The major potholes have been repaired but the road surface is crumbling and minor potholes make this unsuitable for pedestrians as there is no footway.

9. (156) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

One Voice Wales area meeting 16.1.23 – Natalie Bosworth to attend.

10. (157) CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAIR: None

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

Internal Auditor/Churchyard maintenance grant: members discussed the Internal Auditor's suggestion to contact Audit Wales for views on using the Local Government Act 1972 (S137) as the power to reinstate the grant. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

ACTION: add to agenda

12. (159) COUNCILLOR TRAINING: sessions to be discussed at next meeting.

13. (160) FINANCE:

1. Payment was approved: to reimburse Emma Hall for OVW conferences fees (£54.00), to reimburse the Clerk for October mowing costs (£52.50) and to OVW for training fees (KD) (£35.00)

2. Consider grass cutting contract: details were discussed at a site meeting with the contractor and at the meeting. Agreement was reached. The contract will be drawn up for final approval at the next meeting.

ACTION: add to next agenda

3. Set the precept for 23/24: it was agreed to set the precept at £7,000.00 for 2023-24. No increase from the previous year. It was suggested that the Community Council should consider a contribution to Tair Onen, possibly towards their mowing costs and the proposed signage project.

ACTION: add to next agenda and inform the Vale Council of precept.

14. (161) WEBSITE: No discussion.

15. (162) PROJECTS:

1. Consider maintenance of bus shelter and surrounding area: It was agreed that residents within WSD should be consulted via WhatsApp to gauge the feeling for this proposal. It was noted that Phillip Popp was informed by an officer that the Vale Council cut the area around the bus stop. This was thought to be once in July and possibly a second time only, not on a regular basis.

ACTION: Natalie Bosworth to draft a message.

Dog poo bags in bins – it was noted that the litter bin next to the bus stop was often used to dispose of a large number of poo bags creating an unpleasant odour. As the bin is not intended for this purpose, it was agreed to ask those doing so to desist.

ACTION: put in parish mag and notice on board.

Land opposite Vale View: it was agreed to not pursue this as a project but to leave as generally advised to enhance biodiversity

2. Working party for pruning rosa rugosa hedge at the pond: Natalie Bosworth would consult Ann Thomas as to the best approach

ACTION: Natalie Bosworth to contact

3. Suitable location to plant apple tree (Welsh Government initiative): it was agreed to leave this to the next meeting.

ACTION: add to agenda

Nic Phillips from PG&HS would cut back shrubs and hedges behind the pond and remove some of the bulrushes in January, as agreed previously.

The Pond Book was completed for December

16. (162) MATTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: Natalie Bosworth and Philip Popp suggested that potholes could be put forward as an agenda item.

ACTION: Clerk to find out next meeting and prepare agenda item..

17. (164) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION: None

18. (165) PLANNING:

To note: 22/01305/FUL Pant Wilkin Stables – this application was discussed online before the meeting and clarity and further information on the disposal of foul water which was not addressed in the application.

The Chair thanked those present and closed the meeting at 8.34

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 13.12.22 and 10.1.23 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Highways regarding 20mph in Tair Onen and Highgrove, not current policy.

Highways (MC) approval for signs to be installed on privately owned
land at Tair Onen

Pond by Spring House – urgent action to warn road users to be put in place and
Highways looking into why the pond was dug out

Welsh Government:

Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill - to note

One Voice Wales:

Training Sessions February and March

General:

NRW (JP) resurfacing in Tair Onen (3-8) in February

Internal Auditor – regarding the power the churchyard grant – seek advice from Wales
Audit

PROW (AB) reported stiles will be repaired in January

NRW (JP) confirmation that the concealed fire hydrant will be brought to the attention of correct department

Graham Duffield, website manager – possible upgrading for website

Resident WSD – copy of comments submitted regarding application 22/01260

Orchard Dene

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Finance: levy (£1 provides £325 and precept due by 31.1.23

Highway Development (DL) – map showing adopted highway at Vale View

Community cycle markings at Village Hall – acknowledgement of our interest

Vacancies: representative for Standards Committee

One Voice Wales:

Democratic Engagement Grant

Green Energy Awards

Vacancies: Deputy Director Equality, Poverty and Children's Evidence Division - Welsh

Government, Arts Council, Brackla CC Clerk, IRP members, LD&BC members

Older Peoples Commissioner for Wales - newsletter

Welsh Government:

Understanding the power of payroll savings schemes for employers and

Employees – n/a

Michael Morgan:

Details of draft – Older Persons Housing Strategy

General:

Environment Agency – update on Hinkley C

Planning Aid training courses

Fly tipping in Hensol Forest – reported to NRW 3.1.23

Christmas greetings from: Planning Aid, OVW, Penarth Town Mayor, Chief Executive

VoGC, Leader, VoGC, Mayor, VoGC,

Advertising: Litter Lotto, Cardiff Conservation Volunteers

Donation requests: Yes Cymru (Welsh Independence)