

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD**  
**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Natalie Bosworth (in the Chair), Tim Rich, Philip Popp, Kay Davies, Emma Hall, County Councillor Michael Morgan and two members of the public.

**1.(318) PUBLIC FORUM:** Neither member of the public present wished to speak and both left the meeting following agenda item 6. A request to record the meeting was denied in line with Standing Orders 2018 (31) which requires prior consent.

**2. (319) RECEIVE APOLOGIES:** Councillors Cheryl McNamee-Brittain, Ann Thomas and Nigel England.

**3. (320) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** Emma Hall declared a personal interest in boundary issues at the Wallage and Glanffawydd, Welsh St Donats and took no part in any discussion on the matter.

**4. (321) MINUTES AND AGENDA:** the minutes of meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October and the agenda were approved and signed.

**5. (322) POLICE REPORT:**

1. South Wales Listens: it was agreed the Community Council should sign up for this new community messenger service.

**ACTION:** register with South Wales Police

No crimes were reported in Welsh St Donats ward in October.

**6. (323) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN:**

Prior to the meeting Michael Morgan had circulated the Replacement Local Development Plan (RDLP) 2021-36 and noted that while there were no proposed sites planned for Welsh St Donats ward, there may be knock-on effects from proposals for small units in neighbouring communities. It appeared that there would be a corridor of development along the Vale railway line with improvements to the station at St Athan. Michael Morgan would continue urging for the provision of more affordable and retirement housing in smaller settlements.

Boundary Review: The Vale Council awaits a report.

20mph speed limit for Welsh St Donats: nothing further to report as yet.

Blocked culverts at Penffordd-fawr: these were being dealt with as a matter of some urgency and were in hand.

Boundary issues in Heol y March: there was nothing further to report.

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

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

**1. Future of the Village Hall:** Natalie Bosworth had attended a Village Hall Committee meeting on 2.11.23. Committee members are struggling to find volunteers to replace those standing down and this could result in the Hall closing. A letter is being sent to all residents in the ward to make them aware of the situation.

**2. Council administration:** it as agreed that the Clerk should continue to circulate all incoming emails to members of the Council (with the exception of advertising material and those concerned with the general administration of the Community Council) and consult One Voice Wales on anonymity issues.

**ACTION:** contact One Voice Wales.

**3. Road safety and boundary issues on Heol Mynydd, Welsh St Donats:** the Community Council had been informed that the matter was ongoing and updates were awaited.

**4. Discuss Standards Committee Report:** the report was positive however members noted that it was suggested that, going forward, the Chair should summarise recommendations that had been agreed at the end of each item. It was also noted where there was no dissent, matters could be agreed without a vote.

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

1. Overgrown hedges on Village Hall lane: efforts are being made to establish landownership.

2. Dying Ash Tree, Welsh St Donats: Vale Highways are in the process of addressing this.

3. Condition of Church Lane: it was agreed the response from Vale Highways was unsatisfactory and that the matter should be reported to the area inspector.

**ACTION:** contact Vale Highways area inspector

**9. (326) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:** None

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

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

**12. (329) COUNCILLOR TRAINING:** November sessions had been circulated.

## **13. (330) FINANCE:**

1. To Pay: Nic Philips grass cutting in September (£140) – approve

**ACTION:** make payment

2. To consider:- grant for annual churchyard maintenance – as previous year, £600 was approved.

**ACTION:** make payment

To consider:- grass cutting contract 2024

**ACTION:** put on next agenda

3. To note: interim budget monitoring report: this was discussed, and it was noted that most expenditure occurs in the second half of the financial year. Report approved.

**14. (331) WEBSITE:** John Pearce is the new manager and is working to transfer the website.

## **15. (332) PROJECTS**

The Pond Book was completed for October.

Natalie Bosworth would look into when and if the rosa rugosa hedge at the pond required pruning.

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

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

Vale of Glamorgan Council: Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan (draft ROWIP) – Consultation – it was agreed this was an interesting and informative document but members had no comments to make.

**ACTION:** submit comments

**18. (317) PLANNING:**

2023/00880/FUL East House, Maendy – no comments

**ACTION:** submit comments

2023/01018/FUL Ty Isha Farm, Heol y March, Bonvilston – following a discussion it was agreed to object to this application. Serious concerns were raised about an agricultural building (part of) being converted into a dwelling.

**ACTION:** draft response to be circulated to members for comment.

The Chair thanked those present and closed the meeting at 20.56

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 3.10.23 to 7.11.23**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

Report on road surface, Church Lane WSD – not considered priority and limited budget

Developer Contributions – Section 106 update – on VoGC website - noted

**Welsh Government:**

Review of Democratic Health in the Community and Town Council sector – survey to 27.11.23 for individual Councillor and youth response

**ACTION:** Recirculate to members

**General:**

Public Sector Newsletter

**ACTION:** unsubscribe

South Wales Fire and Rescue Plan 24/25 - noted

Resident of WSD – raising urgent concerns over blocked culvert at Penffordd-fawr – clearing the culvert has been actioned

IRP Councillor Allowances – Homeworking arrangements and consumables these are exempt from PAYE - noted

Natural Resources Wales JP – remedial work at reservoir completed

**ACTION:** thank NRW for work done

Resident of Prisk – request for no through road sign following HGV damaging trees and verges and requiring assistance to exit – approved by Vale Council.

**NO ACTION NEEDED**

**Vale of Glamorgan Council:**

RLDP briefing session 29.10.23

**One Voice Wales:**

Keep Wales Tidy - webinars

RAAC in buildings – further information – forwarded to Hall Committee

Commemorating D Day 80<sup>th</sup> 6.6.24

**General:**

Introducing Future Histories

Resident of WSD – concerns over road safety in Heol Mynydd

Fairtrade Committee meeting 21.11.23

RLDP briefing session 29.10.23

South Wales Fire and Rescue – Op Bang public safety during Halloween

Resident of WSD requesting minutes of meeting on 3.10.23

Vale Public Services boards – minutes of meeting 10.10.23

20s Plenty – update

**Advertising:** Penarth Mayor Table Top sale and quiz evening, Army Engagement event, Penarth Halloween event, Planning Aid, Community Transport Week 16-21.10.23, Zero Hour (requesting support for Climate and Ecology Bill), National Tender Charity (offer), Audit Wales – Good Practice session, Smart Towns

**Vacancies:** Welsh Government – diversity appointments, Deputy Interim Environmental Protection Assessor, University Student Placements. OVW - Governance and policy practice development officer

**Phone Calls:**

Wendy Smith, VoGC – 2.11.23 – confirmation of two no through road signs will be put at Prisk Triangle as requested by a resident.