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MEETING on 16th April 2024**

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 5th March 2024**

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

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

2. (390) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillors Ann Thomas, Cheryl McNamee-Brittain, Tim Rich, Philip Popp and Emma Hall

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

4. (392) MINUTES AND AGENDA: the minutes of meeting 6th February 2024 and the agenda were approved and signed.

5. (393) POLICE REPORT: no crime report had been received for February.

1. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: Jane Wattleworth, chair of the Vale watches, had been contacted and a response is awaited.

PCSO Richard Davies had been asked, in a slot prior to our February meeting, to give us more information about Neighbourhood Watch schemes. This had worked well and we were able to ask more general questions. It was agreed that a member of SW Police should be requested to attend a meeting once or twice a year.

It was noted that Police would be patrolling the picnic area regularly and 'Cuppa with a Copper' had a new time and place.

ACTION: to circulate details.

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

Council Tax: a significant rise in tax is to be expected to cover the increasing costs of services. The tax rate will be set on 6th March 2024.

Retention of Convex Mirror at Park Newydd: Michael Morgan had received a response (and will copy in to the Community Council) in which the Vale Council had refused to replace the unauthorised broken mirror as there was no evidence of any road traffic incidents occurring at the junction. It was suggested the Community Council could install and maintain a mirror.

ACTION: to await copy email.

Signage for Tair Onen: Michael Morgan awaits a response to our request for a site meeting.

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

7. (395) MATTERS ARISING:

1. New Management of the Village Hall: issues regarding the transfer had mostly been addressed. The website would be updated with information for booking and contact details. It was confirmed that the rent for Community Council meetings would remain at £25 per meeting. The leak in the roof had been repaired and Nigel England will be

meeting Kevin Parsons of Vale Council Public Buildings to discuss further repairs. Nigel England put in a request for any residents to join him and create a team to manage the Village Hall.

ACTION: circulate request

2. Signage for Tair Onen: see Item 6.

3. Flooding issues in Welsh St Donats Ward: it was agreed that on the whole the lanes in the ward had remained relatively clear and any flooding had drained away reasonably quickly following work by the Vale Council to clear culverts and drains. However large potholes had appeared in Watery Lane and on the Pendoylan lane around Ty Fry.

ACTION: monitor flooding and report potholes

4. Review process for considering planning applications: it was agreed this should be postponed for discussion when more Councillors were present.

ACTION: for next agenda

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

1. Overgrown branches on Village Hall Lane: these had now been removed.

3. Convex mirror at Parc Newydd: See Item 6.

A meeting had been convened on 20.3.24 at 2.30pm with Natural Resources Wales to discuss responsibility for maintaining the informal path 24/27 to 29/34

9. (397) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

5.3.24 prior to our Council meeting - Cowbridge and Llanblethian Placemaking Plan – a presentation by Cllr Malcolm Wilson (Mayor of Cowbridge and Llanblethian) – after providing general details and aims of the proposed plan which looks ahead for the next 10-15 years and a general discussion, it was clear that both wards were interdependent and Welsh St Donats Community Council and residents' input would be of benefit to the plan. The survey runs to 25.3.24 and a drop in event from 5-8.30pm on 11th March at the Farmers Arms would give those unable to attend the presentation more information and give their views.

ACTION: post information on event and survey on website and noticeboard

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

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

It was agreed that a presentation by the Vale Council on a Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan could be scheduled for our June/July meeting.

ACTION: for further discussion

12. (400) COUNCILLOR TRAINING: Sessions noted.

13. (401) FINANCE:

Payments were approved:

- Councillors wfh allowance (£156 per Councillor) plus office consumables (£52 per Councillor) as set in IRP report 2024
- Clerk's salary (£2,716.48) in accordance with NALC salary scales and wfh allowance and expenses (£299.22)
- Rental of Village Hall 23-24 (£275) £25 per meeting
- Wales Audit – 22/23 external audit fees (£533)

- PG&HS work at pond (£170)
- Proforma for Internal audit 23/24 - £300

ACTION: it was agreed to contact One Voice Wales about the high cost of the full audit 22/23

14. (402) WEBSITE: No discussion.

15. (403) PROJECTS

The Pond Book was completed for February.

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

17. (405) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

Vale of Glamorgan Council: Gypsy and Traveller Site: Call for candidate sites. It was agreed that there were no suitable sites in Welsh St Donats Ward.

18. (406) PLANNING:

2023/01018/FUL Ty Isha Farm, Heol y March, Bonvilston – refused

The Chair thanked those present and closed the meeting at 20.34

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 6.2.24 to 5.3.24
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Welsh Government:

IRP Report – 2024 - noted

One Voice Wales:

Nominations for King's New Years Honours 2025 - none

General:

20s Plenty – it was agreed to unsubscribe

NRW (JP) – liability and maintenance agreement – to be discussed at site meeting 20.3.24 at 2.30pm - noted

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Project Zero Update Report

Public Buildings Maintenance request for inspection of Hall – Job no. 209250/1.

One Voice Wales:

Tiny Forest funding available to May 24

Joint event with Planning Aid Wales – to address planning, biodiversity, and climate change issues

Voter Registration week 4-9th March – promotional events

GWR:Customer and Community Fund – n/a

Community Assets: Policy and Practice in Wales event – n/a

General:

National Forest Wales – further funding for small areas

PCSO Richard Davies – further information on Neighbourhood Watch and survey

Utility Aid - information

ISouth Wales Listens – updates and information

RCT – LDP 22-37 -preferred strategy plan – consultation 17.4.24

Pethau Bychain – Green network for T & CCs - events

King's Portrait Scheme

National Forest for Wales – further funding for small areas.

Advertising: SmartTownsCymru (funding webinar), OS GIS mapping, Flags of Peace, D-Day at 80, RPM Bike Display Trials

Vacancies: Clerk: Caldicot TC, Clerk: Towyn, Clerk: Radyr