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MEETING on 5th March 2024**

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD**

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 6th February 2024

PRESENT: Councillors Emma Hall (in the Chair), Philip Popp, Kay Davies, Cheryl McNamee-Brittain, Tim Rich and County Councillor Michael Morgan. Two residents from Heol y March.

1.(371) PUBLIC FORUM: The two residents from Heol y March delivered a summary of past events leading up to and in support of their recent planning application and then left the meeting.

2. (372) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillors Ann Thomas, Natalie Bosworth and Nigel England.

3. (373) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Councillor Tim Rich declared a personal interest in planning application 23/01259/FUL and took no part in any discussions.

4. (374) MINUTES AND AGENDA: the minutes of meeting 9th January 2024 and the agenda were approved and signed.

5. (375) POLICE REPORT: At the Community Councils request PCSO Richard Davies delivered a short presentation on Neighbourhood Watch prior to the meeting. We were informed of the various type of options available for us to consider and further contacts and details would follow.

No crimes had been reported in Welsh St Donats ward in January.

6. (376) 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.

Flood Management: Michael Morgan assured us this would be included in future Vale Council policies following flooding in many parts of the Vale in early January.

Retention of Convex Mirror at Park Newydd: Michael Morgan agreed to follow this up with the Vale Council.

ACTION: Clerk to forward background information.

Michael Morgan also agreed to follow up our request for a site meeting to discuss signage at Tair Onen and provide information on the Church Grant.

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

7. (377) MATTERS ARISING:

1. New Management of the Village Hall: issues relating to the transfer to new management would be discussed at the next meeting to include updating the website, rental charges for meetings and having a representative from the Community Council in place.

ACTION: add to agenda

2. Signage for Tair Onen: see Item 6.

3. Flooding issues in Welsh St Donats Ward: the Clerk had been in touch with Kevin Smith, Vale Highways, to discuss the location of areas that had flooded during January. He assured the Clerk that many had already been cleared and further work would be carried out shortly.

It was agreed by Council members that the Clerk would put in a request each October for the Council to remove silt from, flush out and repair, if necessary, all the culverts in these locations.

ACTION: Clerk to notify Vale Council annually

4. Enforcement notice ENF/2023/0370/CCC Orchard Dene: a planning application has been requested and we await notification.

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

1. Overgrown branches on Village Hall Lane: a survey is underway. Update awaited.

2. Barrier naming at entrances to Hensol Forest: this was discussed and several locally used names suggested, however, it was agreed that those unable to attend the meeting should be consulted before making a final decision.

ACTION: Clerk to consult

3. Convex mirror at Parc Newydd: See Item 6. It was noted that the broken mirror has been removed.

The swing gate on footpath 28 has been repaired.

A new gate is to be installed on the informal path connecting footpaths 24/27 to 29/34. We understand that NRW will not be able to clear the path if it becomes blocked and the Vale Council will not be able to resource future maintenance of the path. It was agreed to request clarification from NRW on the responsibility of the Community Council in path maintenance in light of arrangements NRW have with residents of Tair Onen, as reported by Cheryl Macnamee-Brittain.

ACTION: Clerk to contact NRW

9. (379) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

1. One Voice Wales area meeting 29.1.24 – Natalie Bosworth attended.

2. One Voice Wales Buglife online event 31.1.24 – Philip Popp was unable to gain access to online meeting.

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

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

12. (382) COUNCILLOR TRAINING: Sessions noted.

13. (383) FINANCE: No payments.

14. (384) WEBSITE: No discussion.

15. (385) PROJECTS

The Pond Book was completed for January.

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

17. (387) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

Vale of Glamorgan Council Draft Budget proposals 24/25 – consultation and survey – no comments.

ACTION: submit comments

18. (388) PLANNING:

2023/01252/FUL The Croft, Heol Y March, Bonvilston – after lengthy and considerable discussions it was agreed to submit a ‘no comment’ response.

2023/01259/FUL Crosslands, Whitefields Farm Lane, Welsh St. Donats – no comments.

The Chair thanked those present and closed the meeting at 20.49

ACTIONS:**CLERK:**

- Community update –
- Fly tipping – document incidents reported to Vale Council - none
- Declaration of interests – TR
- Next agenda: community power/condition of Church Lane/Cllr Malcolm Wilson (Placemaking presentation)/Village Hall management
- Future agenda:
- Make payments – none –
- Submit comments on documents – x1
- Submit comments on planning apps – x2
- Pond Book
- For website: approved minutes of previous meeting, draft minutes, police scams, declaration of interests
- Consult OVW on anonymity issues
- Ask MM for Vale Charity Church Fund/convex mirror (background info)/signage at TO
- Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan invitation – revisit?
- Contact NRW on Barrier Naming and maintenance of informal path

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 9.1.24 to 6.2.24**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:****Welsh Government:**

Workplace recycling – change in regulations for businesses, charities and public sector organisations from April 2024 - noted

One Voice Wales:

Joint online event with Planning Aid Wales to address sustainability 7.3.24

Further request for nominations for National Awards Conference for innovative Practices – award ceremony 27.3.24 - none

Buckingham Palace Garden Party Draw – nomination requested for draw – Chair unable to attend.

General:

Cllr Malcolm Wilson – Cowbridge Placemaking Plan presentation 5.3.24 at 7pm.

Related survey on website for individual responses to 25.3.24

Resident of Welsh St Donats - action to clear blockages and outfalls is underway and should shortly be completed - noted

CAVUHB – strategic planning – it was agreed to continue receiving these notifications.

CAVUHB – cataracts survey, EMRTS Service Review

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

ENF/2023/0370/CCC/Orchard Dene – planning application requested by
Enforcement

PROW – gate on footpath 28 repaired, informal path gate to be installed shortly.

Vale of Glamorgan Council and Cwmpas - Programme of engagement with Town
and Community Councils, social enterprises and the third sector –
sessions 13 and 21.2.24 - noted.

Head of Legal Debbie Marles resigns to take up appointment in Cardiff
Council – further information to follow.

One Voice Wales:

The Bulletin

SW Police Cyber Resilience Centre for Wales - update

Report by Richard Cox for presentation at OVW meeting 29.1.24

General:

SW Police Fraud alert

Older People's Commissioner for Wales – report on digital exclusion

Calon Hearts – free CPR training sessions - declined.

Audit Wales – approved fee scheme 24-25

CAVUHB – cataracts survey, EMRTS Service Review

Advertising: Penarth Town Mayor coffee morning, Stellifi (cctv), Planning Aid Wales
online sessions, UK Safety Play Forum event, WCCTV (flytipping)

Vacancies: Clerk St Athan, Clerk St Nicholas and Bonvilston, Colwinston CC Clerk,

CAVUHB – Independent member Welsh Government -ARWAP programme deliver
manager, Welsh Government Chair to NHS Board, Older People's Commissioner for
Wales, Defib World

Donation Requests: Marie Curie, Kids Cancer Charity

