

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDWUDD
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 9th January 2024

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

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

2. (354) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillor Ann Thomas.

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

4. (356) MINUTES AND AGENDA: the minutes of meeting 5th December and the agenda were approved and signed.

5. (357) POLICE REPORT: The theft of parcel left on a doorstep in Maendy, with no suspects identified, was the only reported crime in Welsh St Donats Community area. Councillor Nigel England noted that a caravan had been stolen from his Park on the A 48 on 16th December. And queried why this had not been included in the December figures.

ACTION: Clerk to take up with the PCSO

Website details of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme had been circulated and it was agreed that a more detailed discussion with a representative would help to assess whether membership would be appropriate for Welsh St Donats Ward.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up and put on agenda for next meeting

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

Flooding at Penffordd-fawr: following the flooding of a residence in early January, Michael Morgan is monitoring the situation and would keep the Community Council informed of the Vale Council's reaction.

Enforcement action at Orchard Dene: Michael Morgan agreed the Enforcement Unit's response was disappointing and it was not the duty of the Community Council to provide photos, as had been suggested in an email to the Community Council from the Unit.

Signage at Tair Onen: after repeated requests for a site meeting with the Vale Council to discuss the issue, Michael Morgan will be taking this up with Vale officers on our behalf.

RLDP Preferred Strategy: Michael Morgan urged members to respond to the consultation and bear in mind the need for sustainable villages that could provide suitable housing for young people as well as retirees.

Boundary Review: report awaited.

Council Tax: this will be set shortly and an increase in Council tax is to be expected.

Michael Morgan reassured members that the finances of the Vale Council are carefully managed and are stretched but in a relatively robust state.

Charity Church Fund: further information to follow.

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

7. (359) MATTERS ARISING:

1. Future of the Village Hall: Nigel England has taken over management of the Village Hall and is in the process of planning for a viable future. While the Community Council will not be involved with management of the Hall, individual members could do so in a personal capacity. Members thanked Nigel England for taking this on and indicated they would be supporting events and activities at the Hall.

2. Signage for Tair Onen: see Item 6.

3. Flooding issues in Welsh St Donats Ward: see Item 6. Members reported and mapped all areas in the Ward where flooding had occurred and the Vale Council will be requested to remove silt from, flush out and repair if necessary all the culverts in these locations.

Sympathy for the occupants of the flooded residence was expressed by all those present.

ACTION: Clerk to report locations

4. Enforcement notice ENF/2023/0370/CCC Orchard Dene: see Item 6. A response from the Enforcement Unit is awaited.

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

1. Overgrown branches on Village Hall Lane: these had not been removed.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up

2. Condition of road surface in Church Lane, Welsh St Donats: residents in Church Lane had been encouraged to write in to the Vale with their concerns but so far no action has been taken.

ACTION: keep on agenda.

3. Convex mirror at Parc Newydd: the Community Council has requested the mirror be replaced and maintained by the Council as it is vital for those exiting from Heol y March. The broken mirror is still in situ.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up

Footpath 28, the swing gate on footpath 28 has come off its lower hinge and was reported to PROW last week. A response is awaited.

ACTION: add to next agenda

9. (361) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES: None.

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

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

12. (364) COUNCILLOR TRAINING: sessions for the next three months had been circulated. Philip Popp will be attending 'Understanding the Law' on 22.1.24.

ACTION: Clerk to book.

13. (365) FINANCE:

1. To set precept for 24-24: after some discussion it was agreed to set the precept at £7,000 as per previous year.

ACTION: Clerk to submit

2. To sign grass cutting contract 2024: the contract was approved and signed.

ACTION: Clerk to request Nic Phillips sign both copies and retain one.

14. (366) WEBSITE: no discussion.

15. (367) PROJECTS

The Pond Book was completed for December.

It was agreed the rosa rugosa hedge should be cut in January and the shrubs cut back.

The bulrushes could not be pulled from the pond, but a sapling will should be

ACTION: inform Nic Phillips

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

17. (369) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION:

Vale of Glamorgan Council: Replacement Local Development Plan (2021 – 2036) - Pre-Deposit Public Consultation - Preferred Strategy to 14.2.24 – it was agreed that this should be recirculated and discussed further at the next meeting. Natalie Bosworth will be attending a session on the consultation at Cowbridge Town Hall on 12th January and would report back with further details.

ACTION: keep on agenda

Welsh Government: Future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales – consultation to 28.2.24 - it was agreed that this should be recirculated for further discussion at the next meeting.

ACTION: keep on agenda

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

2022/00151/FUL Pwll Y Darren Farm, Whitefields Farm Lane, Welsh St. Donats – approved.

The Chair thanked those present and closed the meeting at 20.37

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BETWEEN 5.12.23 and 9.1.24

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

PROW (ST) – not aware of agreement on permissive path– await response

Rapid rehousing transition plan – offer of presentation. – it was agreed that WSD was not a suitable candidate

ACTION: respond and decline

Learn Welsh the Vale – free classes – no candidates

Electoral Register 2024 - noted

Request for Precept by 31.1.24

ACTION: submit

Ombudsman's Code of Conduct guidance - noted

One Voice Wales:

Buglife Online Event 31.1.24 – self-register – NB and PP to attend

Area meeting 29.1.24 – NB to attend

Free Training sessions: Digital Health - noted

Awareness of cost of living crisis – noted

General:

Resident of WSD – reporting house flood following repeated requests for Vale

Council to clear culverts
Energy Service Wales: response confirming limited resources to request for further assistance and suggesting Cwmpas might help – PP to follow up with JC

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

One Voice Wales:

Llais Newsletter
Examples of Biodiversity Action requested
Older Commissioner for Wales Newsletter
Blog – Working together for an age-friendly Wales
Countryside Code update
Heritage Trails

Welsh Government:

Michael Morgan:

General:

SW Police – link to website details of Neighbourhood Watch scheme
Planning Aid Wales
Receipt from PCC for churchyard maintenance grant

Seasons Greetings: Vale Council, Penarth Mayor, One Voice Wales, SW Listens

Advertising: Elevate Play (unsubscribe)

Vacancies: Welsh Government Government Lawyer – Public Law, Litigation assistant x 2,
Renewable Energy Director, Cowbridge Town Council, Community Engagement Officer
One Voice Wales:- Senioer Interaction Designer

Donation Requests: Fund for All Appeal