

## WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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The Chairman welcomed Louise O'Shea from Highgrove, Ystradowen on to the Council at our last meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**BROADBAND:** A short presentation was given to the Council before the meeting by Richard Lamb of Konek-T Broadband briefly outlining their service to speed up broadband connections through the mast at St Hilary. Contact him direct for further details on **0845 259 1018** or [richard.lamb@konektbroadband.com](mailto:richard.lamb@konektbroadband.com). As the Council received only one response following its request for speed tests, it concluded the Parish is largely satisfied with current speeds.

**HIGHWAYS:** Road surfaces and potholes around the Parish are reported on a monthly basis, but please add your voice by contacting the Vale Council direct on 700111 or email [contactonevale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:contactonevale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) and leave a message for Highways. A map showing potholes was sent in to the Vale.

**CRIME FIGURES:** Padlocks on gates in Hensol Forest were removed (these have now been replaced). No further crimes were recorded in the area.

**DOCUMENTS DISCUSSED:** Councillors reviewed and discussed Community and Town Council Payments – a consultation – and concluded it was not relevant for such a small Council. The Council also review Wales Community Resilience and the Impact of Scouting, and noted the results of the consultation to make changes to Traffic Regulation Orders (WAG).

**FINANCE:** Payments for grass cutting and for Ann Thomas to attend two training sessions held by One Voice Wales were approved.

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Both Ann Thomas and Graham Duffield attended Induction Training Courses and Ann Thomas attended a Code of Conduct session and represented the Council at the Civic Service in Cowbridge.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** Applications were considered for Ty Isha Farm (amendments) and Duffryn House, both in Welsh St Donats. Plans for 6 Heol Mynydd, WSD and Prisk Farm, Prisk were approved by the Vale.

Please note that all planning applications are available for viewing on the Vale Council's website.

**POND IN WELSH ST DONATS:** A licence to continue remove bulrushes from the pond has been granted for another year by the Countryside Council for Wales. This is essential to keep the pond attractive to wildlife, which has been unusually active due to the unusually high level of water for this time of year.

**GRANTS:** an application is to be made to replace noticeboards in Maendy and the second in Tair Onen, this will mean that all noticeboards in the Parish are now made of a composite far more weather resistant than the original wood.

It was agreed that due to the availability of Councillors to attend a meeting at the beginning of September it should be cancelled. The next meeting will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any urgent Council business in the interim would be dealt with through electronic consultation. Should you wish to have anything raised at our next meeting, please let me know beforehand by dropping me a line or email. Members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings and can speak to the Council during the Public Forum item first on the agenda.

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