

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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In the last update, I omitted to mention that Don Mitchell also left the Council at the election. On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank him for his contribution to the community over many years and apologise for the omission. New members are in the process of being co-opted to fill the three vacancies remaining after the election. Graham Duffield was elected Vice Chairman.

BROADBAND: Councillors decided to explore the possibility of improving broadband connections in the Parish. In the first instance we would like to conduct a survey to give us some idea of current speeds. So your help is needed. Go to speedtest.net and check your speeds three times over a seven day period, one between 7am and midday, one between midday and 5pm and one between 5 and 10pm. Results should be emailed to wsdcommunity@talktalk.net together with house name/number and postcode. Thank you.

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 70001 or email contactonevale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk and leave a message for Highways. A map showing potholes was sent in to the Vale.

CRIME FIGURES: There were no recordable crimes in the Parish in May.

DOCUMENTS DISCUSSED: Councillors reviewed and discussed documents on Realising Potential of Pre-application Discussions, the Big Society Forum, Promoting Local Democracy and proposals for a Sustainable Development Bill, all from the Welsh Assembly Government. It was agreed to adopt the Model Concerns and Complaints Policy and Guidance. Your comments, either to the Community Council or direct if appropriate, on Promoting Local Democracy would be welcomed before the next meeting. The Community Council will make a response accordingly.

(<http://wales.gov.uk/consultation/ds/jlg/2012/promdemocracy/promlocdemocracy?lang=en>)

FINANCE: Payments for grass cutting, a notice board at Highgrove (covered by grant funding), Councillor training sessions and One Voice Wales AGM and Conference fees for the Chairman to attend were approved.

LITTER: We have not had any further response from residents about litter in the Parish. The Community Council requested volunteers to coordinate a scheme to pick up litter where it is a problem. So far we have only had one volunteer who is organising a group in Highgrove. The Vale Council will provide pickers, bags and gloves free. Is there anyone else willing to take this on for their area?

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Applications were considered for Ty Isha Farm and 6 Heol Mynydd, both in Welsh St Donats. Plans for Pwll Du, Maendy were approved by the Vale. Please note that all planning applications are available for viewing on the Vale Council's website.

Should you wish to have anything raised at our next meeting on July 24th, 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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