

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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Colin Evans was co-opted on to the Community Council at our last meeting on November 6th and was welcomed by the Chairman and Councillors.

HIGHWAYS: Various areas of Japanese Knotweed growing in the verges were reported to the Vale Council and thanks to those who notified me.

Do you know somewhere that would benefit from a grit bin in icy conditions in the Parish? Please let me know, we are doing an audit of existing ones and have the opportunity to ask for more if needed.

Cleaning the culvert near the A48 by the Christmas Tree site, grass in the centre of the lanes and run off on the A48 have all been reported to the Vale. If you spot anything please let me know or report it directly to the Vale Council contactonevale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk, or for potholes, try the Big Fill.

DOCUMENTS DISCUSSED: Councillors discussed publicity issues for the Community Council and it was agreed that the Community Council part of the village website would be kept fully up to date and the details reviewed regularly at Council meetings. Also reviewed and discussed were the Boundary Commission Revised Proposals for Changes (none in our area) and an NHS Wales consultation on service delivery, to which Councillors are responding individually. If you would like to know more about this consultation or wish to comment go to www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk/swp. The NHS is keen to consult widely.

TRAINING COURSES: Some Councillors and the Clerk attended training sessions on Understand Law, the Code of Conduct and Finance.

Ann Thomas, as a Trustee, attended a Charity Trust meeting and Andrew Foyle, as Chairman, went to One Voice Wales AGM and represented the Community Council at the Remembrance Service in Cowbridge.

GRANTS: an application has been made from the Vale's Christmas Cash Grant Scheme to help fund refreshments at the Tree Lighting and cover the cost of illuminating the tree.

FINANCE: Payment for final cut to the grass areas in the Parish was approved and the contract will be reviewed before January. A grant of £1000 was given to the PCC to help cover the costs of maintaining the Churchyard. It was agreed in the future that Councillors should claim travel expenses for representing the Community Council on committees and attending training courses outside the Parish.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Applications were considered for Penffordd Court, Welsh St Donats and Welsh St Donats Church.

Please note that all planning applications are available for viewing on the Vale Council's website and a copy of the electoral register can be viewed by arrangement with the Clerk. Should you wish to have anything raised at our next meetings on December 4th and January 8th (at which we shall be discussing the budget for the following financial year), 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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