

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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April 2013

At our last meeting in early March the Chairman welcomed Glyn Jenkins, a former Councillor, back on to the Community Council to fill the last remaining vacancy. The Council now has a full quota of eight Councillors.

HIGHWAYS: Work has already started in the Parish to repair pot holes, many others are circled in yellow indicating imminent action. We have requested a pick up of litter on the A4222 and await completion of the culvert wall on Watery Lane opposite Loos House. As always, if you wish to report problems on the highways, report directly to the Vale Council contactonevale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk, or for pot holes, try the Big Fill on the Vale Council website.

REPRESENTATIVES: Bill Fawcett and the Chairman will be attending a Neighbourhood Watch meeting in early April.

GRANTS APPLICATIONS: We are currently applying for a grant to replace three wooden notice boards with composite boards through the Vale Council CASH Grant Scheme and have the opportunity to apply for more grants. The criteria, in brief, is that any application should be for the benefit for the community as a whole. The money is there, please let us know if you have any ideas and we will see if they match the criteria. The closing date for applications is April 30th 2013.

FINANCE: Rental of the Hall for meetings over the last financial year, the Clerk's salary and expenses, two Councillor training sessions and the donation, as a thank you to the CCW team of volunteers for clearing the pond, of a hi-tech torch for use at nighttime pond watches, were all expenses approved at our March meeting. The Clerk continues to get to grips with PAYE and Real Time Information tax payments in line with government requirements.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: The Council noted a PNA (Prior Notification Application) for an American timber barn at Hendrewennol, Heol y March.

POLICE MATTERS: PC Matt Smith reported no crimes during February in the Welsh St Donats area, but suggested everyone at this time of year should be on the watch for thefts from sheds and garages, and also to watch out for any fly tipping, which can be reported to me or direct to the Vale Contact One site, as above.

DOCUMENTS: Councillors reviewed a consultation document on Young Persons substance misuse. The Ombudsman for Wales has produced two booklets giving information about how to complain about a public body or members of the local authority. Copies of these are available from me or will be in the porch of the Church on Sunday mornings or online on the Ombudsman's website.

BROADBAND: Alun Cairns MP forwarded information to the Community Council about the superfast broadband roll-out in rural areas in Wales. BT Openreach aims to have 90% of homes with speeds of 30MB by the end of 2015. The Vale is included in the first round of development beginning 2013/14.

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.

Our website is full of information about the Community Council and the Parish, together with minutes of previous meetings and notices. Please be a frequent visitor.

Should you wish to have anything raised at our next meetings on April 9th or the AGM on May 7th, 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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