

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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HIGHWAYS: Concerns about heavy vehicles travelling from the M4 to the A48, branches overhanging the road at Penyfford-fawr and Japanese Knotweed growing near property were all raised with the Vale of Glamorgan.

FINANCE: Payment was made to Greenventure Lawn and Weed for grass cutting and the Annual Return for the accounts of 2012/13 was submitted to Mazars following a preliminary inspection for final approval.

DOCUMENTS: Welsh Government Documents on Public Service and Delivery, and TAN 23 Economic Development, the Vale Council's Charter with Town and Community Councils were all discussed. Councillor Training Sessions provided by One Voice Wales were considered and Councillors will be attending relevant courses over the year. The Council has done all necessary to comply with regulations on the use of pesticides under the Welsh Government's Plant Protection Guidelines.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: A planning appeal was supported by the Community Council for retention of the Ark at the Church and approval of changes at the entrance of a pony paddock in Heol y March was noted. 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. Andrew Foyle will be checking a review of maps showing open country and registered common land to make sure all references to the Welsh St Donats area are correct.

A revised timetable for delivery of the Local Development Plan 2011-26 is available on the Vale of Glamorgan's website or at your local library.

Age Cymru, Wales's largest older people's charity, have recently launched a national campaign to protect older people from scams and swindles. They would like as many organisations as possible to know about (and support) this campaign - including town and community councils across Wales. If you would further information, please let me know or visit their website.

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 meeting on 1st October (our meeting on 3rd September has been postponed) 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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