

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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HIGHWAYS: The Vale Council have been notified of areas of Japanese Knotweed in verges and hedgerows around the Parish and these will be treated shortly. If have know of any areas not currently being treated please let me know or contact the Vale direct through their website. For general information and treating Japanese Knotweed go to http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/highways_and_engineering/japanese_knotweed.aspx.

FINANCE: Payment was made to Greenventure Lawn and Weed for grass cutting and Mazars, the external auditors, following final approval of the accounts. The Annual Return is now available for inspection, just contact me to arrange time.

DOCUMENTS: Welsh Government documents on the Independent Remuneration Panel, the Expert Group on Local Government Diversity (Call for Evidence), Changes to Householder Permitted Development Rights in Wales and consultations on Designated Persons from Local Government Measure 2011 and Public Service Workforce (draft guidance and directions to include code of practice) were discussed at our last meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: An application to demolish Church Farm, Welsh St Donats and construct a five bedroom house on site was considered and planning consent to extend 2 Heol Mynydd was noted. Please note that all planning applications are available for viewing on the Vale Council's website.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Hall Association: Bill Fawcett confirmed that the Association all positions on the Committee were filled and events were being planned.

Tair Onen: Peter Castle awaits further developments from NRW

POLICE: Matt Smith has been promoted and is to be replaced by Stephen Thomas, who reported a theft, currently under investigation, of machinery in the area. He also reiterated that 101 is the best number to call the police on non-urgent matters. For those that require urgent and immediate attention, call 999.

LDP: Rhodri Traherne reported on the replacement draft and Louise O'Shea is to attend a drop-in session in Cowbridge to view and discuss a proposed area for development in Ystradowen. There are no further proposed areas for development in the Parish.

BUS SERVICES: If you have been inconvenienced in any way by the recent extensive cuts to bus services in the area, we would like to hear from you so we can pass them on the Vale and put pressure on the Council to reinstate some services.

We have been asked to encourage residents in the Parish to complete and return their annual canvass forms so there is an accurate Register of Electors and to ensure that they are eligible to vote in the European Parliamentary elections next summer. Electronic registration is to be introduced shortly.

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 5th November and 3rd December 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.

