

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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HIGHWAYS: Yet more flooding and snow have caused some serious problems in the Welsh St Donats area. The Vale Council have been quick to clear fallen trees and snow from some of our roads, moving at one point staff from refuse collection to join the workforce out snow ploughing and gritting. However some lanes were not cleared so quickly causing problems. The aftermath leaves us with a mass of potholes which cannot be filled until they are dry. Those that are deep and potentially hazardous are reported as soon as I am notified. A site meeting was held in early February to discuss the problems between Maendy and Prisk, and near the A48 with flood water that would not drain away. These are to be addressed. The flooding near the Manse House on the A4222 and in Watery Lane have been resolved (a retaining wall has still to be built for the latter). As always, if you wish to report problems on the highways, report directly to the Vale Council contactonevale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk, or for potholes, try the Big Fill on the Vale Council website.

DOCUMENTS DISCUSSED: Vale of Glamorgan Play Sufficiency Assessment, for which no response was felt necessary and Local Air Quality Management in Penarth were discussed, the latter is being circulated for comments.

REPRESENTATIVES: The Chairman updated Councillors after attending a Community Liaison Committee meeting and a One Voice Wales Area committee meeting.

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.

FINANCE: Travelling expenses were paid to three Councillors to attend training sessions and a payment to the Village Hall Committee for the rental of the Hall for the Countryside Council Wales to hold their AGM as guests of Welsh St Donats. This was in recognition of the spectacular work the team did on a very wet Sunday in early February. Supporters from the community were thin on the ground but several Councillors gave a hand.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Approval was given by the Vale Council for the retention of 'The Ark' to the rear of the Church for another five years.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE: As you may remember the mobile library service was recently cut, however we have now been given the option to buy in mobile library services ourselves. A fortnightly visit for half a day would be £3,525 per year which is more than half our annual precept of £5,000. Councillors did not consider the library a viable option at the present time, although if there was sufficient demand they could be prepared to reconsider.

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 March 5th and April 9th, 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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