

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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HIGHWAYS: The overgrown hedges at Penfordd Fawr have been cut back from the highway as requested, but the Council will press for the hedges to be laid to improve conditions still further. The bridleway by Duffryn House, now almost completely blocked, was reported along with further overgrown hedges and clearing of the culvert at Loos House in Watery Lane was requested.

POLICE: We met our new Community Officer, Stephen Thomas, for the first time at our meeting in January who mentioned a car in a house in Heol Mynydd had been scratched and is going to look into two accidents at the junction at Parc Newydd near the A48 in mid December.

FINANCE: Payment was made to the PCC for the new Christmas Tree in the Churchyard and a contribution to the refreshments at Christmas Services from the Vale Christmas CASH Grant applied for in November, I & I for the website domain name and a training session Graham Duffield attended. The precept for 2014/15 was set, as last year, at £5,000.

DOCUMENTS: the Vale of Glamorgan Council Budgetary Plans, a delivery plan for joint working for the Cardiff and Vale Local Services Board and a Welsh Assembly Government Council Tax Reduction Scheme were discussed at our last meeting. Revised Standing Orders will be discussed at the next meeting following further discussion.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: an application for extending Coetref in Welsh St Donats was discussed and proposals for Cherry Orchard Farm will be discussed at the next meeting on 4th February. Consent was given to applications from Warren Mill, Church Farm and Welsh St Donats Ark on appeal. Please note that all planning applications are available for viewing on the Vale Council's website.

REPRESENTATIVES: Through the Parish Magazine, the Hall Association Committee are to publish a survey for residents' to suggest ideas for community events at the Village Hall

WEBSITE: It was agreed to keep to a minimum notices on the boards which are frequently cluttered and do not make for easy reading. Remaining notices and general information will be put on the website. A note to this effect is on the notice boards. The website is full of information about the Community Council, the Parish and items of general local interest, together with minutes of previous meetings and notices so please be a frequent visitor.

CASH GRANT: Each year we have the opportunity to apply for funding for a project that will benefit residents in the Parish, in the past this has included renovating the pond, purchasing benches and notice boards and building a stone flowerbed. If you have any suggestions, please let me or any of your Councillors know. We have until 31st March to prepare an application.

Should you wish to have anything raised at our next meetings on 4th February and 4th March, 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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