

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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The AGM was held on May 6th and Ann Thomas was elected to the Chair for the year. A Vice Chair would be elected at the next meeting.

As required, risk assessments, financial regulations, standing orders and accounts were reviewed and approved. Representatives were appointed to One Voice Wales, the Community Liaison Committee and the Hall Committee. The Register for Members' Interests was reviewed by Councillors and changes made where necessary. Payments were approved for grass cutting in the area, insurance for 14/15 (policy reviewed by Bill Fawcett) and the Clerk's expenses for the previous year.

A summary of accounts and annual return for the last financial year was prepared by the Clerk, approved and now await inspection by internal and external auditors. The accounts will be available for viewing from June 23rd to 18th July by prior arrangement with the Clerk.

In April, Andrew Foyle represented the Community Council at a One Voice Wales area meeting. Ann Thomas reported back from the Welsh St Donats and Pendoylan Charity Trust as one of the trustees. A detailed report will appear with the minutes of the AGM on the website.

The Clerk raised patches of Japanese knotweed and potholes with Vale Highways. Speeding cyclists down Watery Lane has become an increasing concern and the organization using the Lane as a circuit is to be contacted, suggesting this is not a suitable or safe route, by both the Community Council and the Police.

PC Stephen Thomas reported no crimes in our area, but recommended those with new Ford Fiestas should park in well lit car parks after the repeated thefts of bumpers in the Vale.

County Councillor Rhodri Traherne gave an update on the progress of the LDP, adoption is planned for autumn 2016.

The Council reviewed and discussed documents from the Welsh Assembly Government, Ethics and Regulations (Governance in Small Public Bodies), Local Government (Wales) Measures 2001 part 7 (Communities and Community Councils) guidance, and a consultation on an inquiry into making laws in the Fourth Assembly (Legislative Affairs Committee).

It was noted the application for an equine rehabilitation centre at Cherry Orchard Farm was approved and Councillors reviewed and discussed an application at Ty Cerrig, Bonvilston. Details of planning applications are available for viewing on the Vale of Glamorgan Council website.

Should you wish to have anything raised at our next meetings on 3rd June and 8th July, 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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