

## WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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In the Public Forum of our meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January members of the public expressed their concerns over the disposal of land in Tair Onen by Natural Resources Wales and requested these concerns should be raised with NRW by the Community Council.

Councillors discussed the Vale Council's Draft Corporate Plan for 2016-20 and set the Community Council precept for 2016-17 at £5,000.00. This is the fourth year without any increase.

Flooding has been causing problems and the Community Council has reported the specific areas to Vale Highways as well as requesting the clearing of culverts in an effort to limit the flooding. Potholes, overgrown hedges and damage to stiles on footpaths have also been reported. The volume of traffic through Welsh St Donats Village and Sandy Lane continues to cause concern. If you would like to report problems to Vale Highways direct, visit the Vale of Glamorgan Council website for the link, otherwise please contact the Clerk.

The Council has been informed that steps have been taken by Bellway Homes to avoid Sandy Lane being used by heavy vehicles going into the Edenbrook development in Ystradowen. As part of the development agreement, Bellway Homes will be providing funding to improve the footway between Ystradowen and Cowbridge and make improvements to Ystradowen Village Hall.

Planning applications were received from the Vale Council and discussed for Owl's Lodge, Bonvilston and Tynytwod Cottage, Ystradowen. An application for Maendy Ganol, Maendy has been approved by the Vale Council.

In December two Councillors were invited to attend a meeting at Bonvilston Reading Room between Vale Council Officers and residents of Heol y March. Peter Castle represented the Community Council at a site meeting with Jane Hutt AM and residents of Tair Onen.

There were no recorded crimes in the area during December.

The Community Council has been asked to take part in the Welsh Government's Play Sufficiency Assessment through the Vale Council. As I am sure you are aware the only area of play in Welsh St Donats is the playing field around the Village Hall (owned and maintained by the Vale Council). In an effort to address the lack of facilities, on two occasions in the past the Community Council has considered supporting, in the form of seeking funding and liaising with the Vale Council, tennis courts in the land around the Village Hall but proposals have come to nothing as there were not enough volunteers willing to form a committee to run the courts. So we are asking you for your views about the provision of play facilities for children in the Parish, and what you would like to see in place and use.

Our website gives more information about the Community Council, please be a frequent visitor. Should you wish to have anything raised at our next meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March, please let me know at least seven days beforehand by dropping me a line or email. Members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings and can speak to the Community Council members during the Public Forum item first on the agenda.

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