

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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Sadly, Councillor Louise O'Shea from Highgrove has resigned. Thanks to her, from all Councillors, for her contribution over the last few years were recorded. The process to appoint a Councillor to replace her has begun. Notices were displayed on notice boards throughout the Parish asking for candidates. Louise continues as a Trustee for Pendoylan and Welsh St Donats Charity Trust.

In the Public Forum of our meeting on 2nd February a member of the public expressed their concern over the state of the footpaths in Heol y March. Two Councillors reported that they had responded to a code of conduct complaint made to the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman had found that there was no case to answer against either of them. Some elements of the complaint were, in effect, against the Community Council as a public body and the Ombudsman would be considering whether this merited any further investigation.

Councillors agreed to contact Head of Planning at the Vale Council requesting an update on the prospects of a new road access at Hendrewennol since this had been suggested as a compromise solution at the meeting in December between Officers of the Vale Council and residents of Heol y March (to which two Councillors were invited as observers only).

The Chair reported back on a One Voice Wales meeting and a Vale Council Community Liaison meeting he had attended in January.

In Tair Onen, concerns over the disposal of land were raised and as the Community Council had not been informed of any plans, it has requested details from Natural Resources Wales. The proposed disposal has been delayed for three months to allow further discussion between residents and National Resources Wales.

Payments were made to One Voice Wales for our annual subscription and training sessions.

Rhodri Traherne, our County Borough Councillor, brought Councillors up to date with matters at the Vale Council including Corporate Assessment, merging Councils, the Vale budget, reshaping local services, Cardiff's Local Development plan and proposed car parking charges in Cowbridge.

Councillors discussed the Welsh Government's Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill, the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Play Sufficiency Assessment. It was noted that a planning application for Owl's Lodge, Bonvilston had been approved by the Vale Council.

PC Mark Goulding has returned as our Community Officer and can be contacted on 07584 003790, however emergencies should be reported through 101 or 999. There were no recorded crimes in the area during January.

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 1st March and 12th April, 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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