

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE**  
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**March 2016**

A meeting in Ystradowen Village Hall, attended by Andrew Foyle, was held to discuss the progress of Superfast Broad in the area. Residents were encouraged to register on the SuperCymru website to hasten the installation process.

Ann Thomas attended meetings at Pendoylan School in her capacity as a School Governor, representing the Community Council.

PC Mark Goulding informed us that an agricultural vehicle had been stolen from a farm in Welsh St Donats and is currently under investigation. He also requested residents be made aware that a suspected fraudster was trading as JP Landscape Gardening in the area.

Councillors discussed the National Development Framework Draft Statement of Public Participation and reviewed the Community Council's Health and Safety Policy and Equality and Diversity Policy, both will appear shortly on the website.

Payments were made to the Clerk (salary and expenses), to Councillors (£30) towards incidental expenses, and to the Village Hall Committee for rental of the Hall for meetings. A letter of engagement was sent to AD Williams who was appointed as internal auditor for the accounts 15-16.

Vale Council Planning has approved previous applications from Maendy Ganol and Tynytwod Cottage, Sandy Lane and Community Councillors discussed a proposed application from Ffaldwen, Bonvilston.

Councillors received notification that the Ombudsman for Wales does not intend pursuing the complaint made against the Community Council any further.

Our ecologist, Stephen Lowe, will be applying to NRW for a licence to clear the pond behind the Church in Welsh St Donats in the summer months. The wet weather has meant that high water levels have prevented his team from working in the pond over the winter.

Our website gives more information about the Community Council, please be a frequent visitor. Should you wish to have anything raised at our next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April or AGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, please let me know at least seven days beforehand by dropping me a line or email. Members of the public are always welcome to attend our meetings and can speak to Community Council members during the Public Forum, first on the agenda.

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