

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**July 2016**

**HENDREWENNOL:** It was noted at the Community Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July that a month had passed since the Planning Committee had instructed Vale Officers to take enforcement action because no planning application had been submitted by the deadline set in the enforcement warning notice (6.5.16). A letter to the Vale urging action on this would be drafted and sent.

**HIGHWAYS:** Overgrown verges were a concern, however it has been noted a program for verge trimming would be underway shortly.

**FINANCE:** Payment was approved for grass cutting in June.

**DOCUMENTS:** Councillors discussed the Vale of Glamorgan School Transport Policy (clarification of specific age of those children eligible for school transport was requested), the Licensing Policy (no comments) and proposals to increase the Welsh Medium Secondary school places in Barry (no comments)

**PLANNING:** Applications were received and discussed for Selwyn House, Welsh St Donats 16/00687/FUL (no objections) and the Old Hilary Filling Station 16/00746/FUL, currently used for selling Christmas Trees under the 28 day trading rule. Concerns were raised that formal permission for selling for 28 days would open up the possibility for change and extension in the future. This was considered to be inappropriate.

**RHODRI TRAHERNE'S REPORT:** Rhodri Traherne noted that there not been much of direct interest to us in recent Vale Council business. He reported on a spate of burglaries in the Peterston area: the advice from the police was, in essence, to report all incidents, to improve security where possible and to support neighbourhood watch.

Creative Rural Communities would launch a new round of grant funding in September.

There was now a different Minister leading on local government reorganisation and the proposed merger of Vale and Cardiff councils was no longer being pushed as actively as before. Similarly proposals for making community councils a great deal larger no longer seem to be on the agenda.

Our next meetings is on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, the Agenda will be displayed on notice boards and the website at least 3 clear days before the meetings. Residents are welcome and have the opportunity to speak to Councillors regarding any items on the Agenda at the start of the meeting. If you have something you would like to raise with the Council, please email or write to the Clerk at least seven days before the meeting. The website has further information about the Community Council, please be a frequent visitor.

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