

## WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**PHONE BOX IN WELSH ST DONATS:** The Vale Council have identified phone boxes in the Vale that are seldom used and plan to remove them. Welsh St Donats is one of those identified. If you feel strongly that it should remain, please get in touch with the Clerk stating your case. We will be discussing this at our next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**ACCIDENT AT HEOL Y MARCH:** The Community Council awaits a response from Vale Highways with their comments and has requested the SW Police provide information about any previous accidents so the Council could better understand the risks of this junction.

**HENDREWENNOL:** Following an Enforcement Notice in August, the owners of Hendrewennol have lodged an Appeal with the Planning Inspectorate 16/3157600. The Community Council is preparing documents and letters to be included in the appeal process and a member of the Community Council will attend and make a representation at the Appeal hearing in January. Residents speaking at the Public Forum at the start of our October meeting felt there were many inaccuracies in the appellants' statement and would refute these by letter and by representation at the Appeal.

**POLICE:** Happily no crimes have been committed in the area since our last meeting in September.

**LDP:** We were informed by Rhodri Traherne that the current LDP is required by the Welsh Government to address sites for renewable energy, particularly solar, and officers of the Vale Council have located six sites for solar farms in the Vale, including one in Welsh St Donats. Rhodri stressed that these are only possible sites and the Vale Council has no plans to develop them at present, but residents should be aware that it is a possibility in the future. A map is available on the Vale Council website.

**BROADBAND:** Rhodri Traherne and Andrew Foyle were present at a meeting between Alun Cairns MP and a spokesperson for BT Broadband. The location of gaps in broadband coverage were as yet unknown, but the Welsh Government would shortly commission a survey to inform the public..

**DOCUMENTS:** Consultations regarding changes to the LDP, Land Transaction Tax and the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies (initial proposals) were discussed. The consultation concerning Parliamentary Constituencies is open to all on [www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk](http://www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk). If you have views about the Land Transaction Tax and Anti-Avoidance of Devolved Tax (Wales) Bill and would like to convey them to the Welsh Government, go to their website or get in touch with the Clerk for a link.

**FINANCE:** Payment was approved for grass cutting in August and a mid year budget monitoring summary (as requested by the external auditors) was approved and signed.

**PLANNING:** Planning application 16/01063 Pant Wilkin Stables, Aberthin was discussed.

Our next meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> December, the Agenda will be displayed on the notice boards and the website at least three clear days before the meeting. 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 so it can be included on the agenda. The website has further information about the Community Council. Please be a frequent visitor.

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