WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS: polling day is May 4th 2017. Anyone interested in becoming a Community Council should submit nomination papers before April 4th. If you are interested please contact me or look for information on our website.

HENDREWENNOL: A further session of the appeal Public Inquiry will take place on 28th March.

POLICE: A member of South Wales Police was not available to attend our meeting but a report informed Council members that there had been one recorded crime since our last meeting. On 5th February, a theft from a motorvehicle in Hensol (Psygodlin Mawr), fishing equipment was stolen from car. As yet no lines of enquiry and forensics negative.

A number of sheep have been killed in separate incidents between Aberthin and Ystradowen over the last few months, a member of the public was reported to the SW Police regarding a sheep worrying offence, and a loose dog has been seen around Watery Lane. Local communities were urged to keep their dogs on leads when around domestic stock especially during the lambing season.

REPRESENTATIVES: Ann Thomas attended a Governor meetings at Pendoylan School in her role as Additional Governor, the School is currently seeking a new head teacher and addressing budget concerns.

SOCIAL MEDIA: At present no Councillors in Welsh St Donats use social media in their capacity as Councillors., however this will be monitored and a policy adopted should the need arise.

DOCUMENTS: Consultations from the Welsh Government on the Gypsy, traveller and showpeople sites and from the Boundaries Commission (on changes to the initial consultation) were discussed and comments submitted. The Independent Remuneration Panel Report for 17-18 was considered and the relevant determinations were adopted.

FINANCE: Payments were made to Councillors for annual incidental expenses over the year (£30 to each Councillor wishing to claim) and expenses incurred when travelling to the Inquiry into Hendrewennol in Barry. Also payments were made for a new notice board at Maendy to replace a damaged one (this was covered by our insurance, installation and disposal £150), and the Clerk's annual salary (£1896.96) and expenses (£317.11) for 16-17.

PLANNING: A planning application for Ty Isha, Heol y March (17/00056/FUL)was considered and comments were submitted.

Our next meetings are on 4^{th} April and 9^{th} May (AGM), 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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