

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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Members of the Community Council would like express their deep appreciation and thanks to local farmers for their great efforts to clear the snow from lanes blocked by drifts and towing those who needed assistance. As we go to press there is still snow along verges and it will be some time before the Vale Council manages to repair the damage to roads and lanes. However please report to me or direct to the Vale Council on 700111 or [contactone@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:contactone@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) if you know of any road surfaces in our area that are particularly hazardous.

At the start of our March meeting we welcomed Mark Hastings on to the Community Council. He fills a vacancy on the Community Council following the election last May. Mark is from the Prisk area and can be contacted, as can all Councillors, using the details on our website.

**POLICE:** PCSO Dan Rees reported two crimes in the area, a theft from a motor vehicle and the theft of an Angling Club dumper truck, inquiries are ongoing.

PC Goulding informed the meeting that a burned out vehicle at the Heol y March entrance to Psygodlyn Mawr had no id, investigations are ongoing. He also requested residents report all suspicious activities to the police and particularly if associated with a silver transit with a registration starting with Y.

**RURAL TRAFFIC:** Regarding proposals for the M4/A48 Link, County Councillor Michael Morgan stated that he was seeking assurances from the Vale Council that residents' concerns, about the effects of increased traffic and the implications for those living in the area, would be considered in any decision making. He has requested that the Vale Council include a representative of Welsh St Donats Community Council at any related meetings.

**FINANCE:** One Voice Wales membership fees for 2018 (£61.00), Village Hall rental for the last year, Councillors incidental expenses (£30 per Councillor) and the Clerk's salary (£1934.19) and expenses (£288.05) were approved for payment and the Clerk confirmed that two savings accounts had been opened at Lloyds. We await confirmation that all Barclays accounts are closed. The move to Lloyds was to enable the Community Council to have a simple and robust method of making online payments. This had been on the recommendation of our Internal Auditor.

**THE POND BEHIND WELSH ST DONATS CHURCH:** You may have seen that pond has been partially cleared by the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust. To protect the wild life in the pond the rest will be cleared next year. A donation was made to the Trust as a gesture of appreciation for the work done (£100). A working party of Councillors (volunteers welcome) will be clearing the bank at the rear of the pond and pruning the hedges in the spring.

**CONSULTATIONS:** The Council discussed consultations from the Welsh Government on the Autism (Wales) Bill and Welsh Language Strategy, the Code of Audit Practice from the Auditor General for Wales and the Vale Council Outline Regional Transport Strategy. Guidance for Principal Councils on the Review of Communities from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales was noted.

Currently an important issue for us are the General Data Protection Regulations coming into force at the end of May. Both the Clerk and Chair have attended training sessions and a strategy will be discussed at the next meeting.

Our next meetings are 10<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May (AGM). Agenda will be displayed on the notice boards and 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 in the agenda. The website has further information about the Community Council. Please be a frequent visitor.

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