

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**May 2019**

**COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE:** Andrew Foyle represented the Community Council and a CLC meeting at the Vale Council. His report is attached.

**FINANCE:** Payment was made to Allan Williams (£320) for grass cutting in March. Allan will also cut back the brambles, hedges and bushes in the area about the pond in the following weeks.

At the request of a resident, the triangle at Prisk will not be cut until the wild flowers have finished flowering. Also in Prisk, a brand new bench funded by Welsh St Donats Charity Trust (the bench was originally funded by residents) has been installed.

**HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:** Potholes, previously reported to Highways, between Heol y March and the A48 will be reported again for urgent action.

It was noted at our April meeting that scalplings had been put down in an area near Psygodlyn Mawr on the road to Pendoylan. This area was created for the use of National Resources Wales while working in the Forest.

**CONSULTATIONS:** Proposals to withdraw discretionary funding for fare paying school transport in the Vale of Glamorgan were discussed and a considered response will be submitted before the consultation ends on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Proposed amendments to the Public Audit Wales Act 2013 and the proposed lifting of the requirement to install acoustic fish deterrent at Hinkley Point C (see Environment Agency website to comment) were discussed and comments submitted.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** Applications 2019/00323/FUL Morfa, Welsh St Donats and 2019/00725/FUL Coetref, Welsh St Donats were discussed.

Our next meeting and AGM is on May 7th. 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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## **Recycling in the Vale of Glamorgan**

Welsh St Donats Community Council has been seeking more information about the processing of household waste in the Vale of Glamorgan. A briefing at the Community Liaison Committee, attended by the Chairman, proved to be very helpful. Our household waste is processed as follows.

**Black Bag Waste** This is treated at an Energy Recovery Facility in Cardiff which generates enough electricity to power 50,000 homes. This includes waste from Cardiff, Caerphilly, Monmouth as well as the Vale.

**Organic Food Waste.** This is delivered to an Anaerobic Digestion Facility in Cardiff which produces digestate for agricultural use.

**Green Bag Waste.** This goes to an Open Windowed Compost Facility at Cardiff Council's Lamby Way Depot. The compost is available free to Cardiff residents!

**Dry Recycling Waste.** Paper, metal glass and plastics. This is currently transported to a Leicester company for processing before export to India and the Far East.

**Llandow Recycling Centre.** The Vale are fully aware that the facility there is not fit for purpose and are currently seeking a suitable replacement site. The recycling procedures are to be subject to major changes. The Vale Council have received £6 million from the Welsh Assembly to implement a new collection system to meet the designated recycling targets. Co-mingling is not sustainable due to cross contamination, and the intention is to have four recycling bags per household, orange, white, blue and brown – for glass, cardboard, paper/metal and film respectively. New vehicles will collect the refuse and maintain this separation.

In our part of the Vale these changes are currently programmed for the end of this summer.

As a matter of interest, a published table of international recycling rates lists Wales as third, after Germany and Singapore. England is 16<sup>th</sup>.