

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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December 2019 and January 2020

FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN: Michael Morgan acknowledged that there had been problems with the new recycling regime. He had received many complaints and understood residents' frustration. However he urged everyone to be patient and give the new arrangements time to bed in and suggested residents look on the Vale website to see in more detail what was now recyclable. Michael accepted that incidences of fly tipping could increase due to the new arrangements and he would be raising this with Miles Punter, Director of Environment and Housing. Michael expressed his concerns that future planning for housing in the Vale should include provision for retirement as well as affordable housing. It has been estimated that 70% of the population of the Vale will be over 75 in 2035. He will be raising this with Development Management and will pass on their comments.

Regarding the National Development Framework to 2040, Michael felt this could have grave implications for the rural Vale by permitting development of Cardiff City to sprawl into the Vale.

FROM SW POLICE: we welcomed our new PCSO, Sion Summers at our meeting in November. He reported that no crimes had been committed in the area since our last meeting. However there had been an accident at the crossroads by the Community Hall involving two vehicles, there were no casualties.

The Clerk reported a forceful attempt had been made to persuade an elderly gentleman in Maendy to allow horses to graze in his field, PCSO Summers noted this.

Peter Castle asked the Police to look into speeding motorbikes on the A48, especially around Tair Onen. He felt it was only a matter of time before there was an accident.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS: You will have noticed that in many places the edges of our lanes are breaking up and yet are not being repaired. It was decided the Community Council should request a meeting with the Vale Operational Manager, Mike Clogg, to try and clarify the width of lanes to establish which parts of the edge of the tarmac should be repaired.

NOTICE BOARDS: It was agreed to reduce the number of notice boards used by the Community Council as they are expensive to maintain and with the advent of the internet most people are online and could visit the website. No residents had responded to our request for comments, so we are going digital and in future the Council will rely on the website and one notice board (in the bus shelter in Welsh St Donats) to disseminate information. The website address is above and we hope you will be a frequent visitor.

FINANCE: Payment was approved to Allan Williams for grass cutting in September (£318.00) and a maintenance grant for the Churchyard (£1300) was paid to the Parish Council. The six month review of the budget was approved and signed.

DOCUMENTS DISCUSSED: Councillors discussed the Independent Remuneration Panel draft report for 2020, Welsh Government Proposed Changes to Planning Policies and the Vale of Glamorgan Council Draft Corporate Plan 2020-25.

Our next meetings are on December 3rd and January 14th. Agenda will be displayed on the notice board and website at least three clear days before the meeting. Members of the public 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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