

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**November 2021**

Please note that members of the public are now welcome to attend our meetings which are currently held remotely. If you wish to do so, please let the Clerk know at least three days before the meeting for a zoom invitation. The agenda for the next meeting, on November 2nd, will be posted on the website and notice board in the bus shelter at Welsh St Donats three days before meeting.

**CASUAL VACANCIES:** We have three vacancies on the Community Council to fill. If you think you might like to join us, please see the website or get in touch with the Clerk for information.

**POLICE REPORT:** No reported crimes in the Welsh St Donats area in September..

**FINANCES:** Payment was approved for grass cutting in September and early October (£160.00) and website domain fees (£29.95).

**TREE FELLING OPERATIONS IN HENSOL FOREST:** At a site meeting in October, members of Natural Resources Wales informed Councillors there were no further plans to fell trees in Hensol Forest for the foreseeable future. Only thinning operations were planned for the forest at Tair Onen. Plans, some long term, for replanting in felled areas would be forwarded to the Community Council. Improvements to the picnic area are underway. Engagement with the community would be improved in the future.

**REPLACEMENT BENCH AT THE POND:** As you may have seen, the bench has collapsed. Plans to replace it are underway. The bench was dedicated to the former Clerk, Harold Maslin, and his daughter has very kindly offered to cover the costs of replacing it.

**COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE:** Graham Duffield represented the Community Council at the October meeting. Presentations were given by SW Police and Vale Highways. Michael Morgan raised concerns over road safety in the rural lanes and suggested lower the default 60mph speed limit.

Two possible locations are now under consideration for the new civic amenity site.

**DEFIBRILLATOR FOR WELSH ST DONATS VILLAGE:** discussions continue with the Church Committee to move this community led project forward.

**DOCUMENTS DISCUSSED:** Consultations from the Boundary Commission for Wales on initial proposals and the Ombudsman for Wales on draft guidance for records management and good administration in Town and Community Councils were discussed at our meeting and comments were submitted.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

An application for The Old St Hillary Filling Station was discussed and comments submitted to Vale Planning. Planning applications for 11 Tair Onen, 22 Tair Onen, Fairfield, Welsh St Donats and Hensol Cottage, Welsh St Donats were approved by the Vale Council.

If you have any concerns or queries you feel the Community Council may be able to assist you with, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Clerk or Community Councillors. We will do our very best to help you. Contact details are on the website.

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