

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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December 2021

MEETINGS: 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 December 7th, will be posted on the website and notice board in the bus shelter at Welsh St Donats three days before meeting.

CASUAL VACANCIES: At our meeting in November the Chair welcomed a new member, Natalie Bosworth, to the Community Council. We have two further vacancies to fill, so if you think you might like to join us, please see the website or get in touch with the Clerk for information.

POLICE REPORT: The following were reported to the police in October:

- anti-social behaviour – a covid breach at the Maendy boundary of the Maendy to Trerhyngyll lane, enquiries are ongoing
- a theft of machinery on Whitefields Farm Lane, Welsh St Donats, no suspects identified
- in Sandy Lane, Ystradowen, a suspicious person reported in a garden, the person made off prior police attendance

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS: We continue to press for the removal of dead and dying overhanging branches, clearing blocked footpaths and repairs to stiles in the area. Please let me know of any of particular concern.

HENSOL FOREST: You may have noticed the picnic area is currently being upgraded and an area further into the Forest is being cleared for further recreation purposes. Councillors raised concerns over the risk of fire from barbecues in the picnic area and the need to provide litter bins so it was agreed to review this when work is complete.

REPRESENTATIVES: Mark Hastings attended a One Voice Wales area meeting in October at which smaller rural councils, such as Welsh St Donats, highlighted their problems in providing the required multi-location meetings. Wi-fi is often not available and most do not have the funds to meet installation costs. A digital officer is to be appointed to investigate this.

FINANCES: The half-year budget monitoring sheet for 1.4.-31.10.21 was discussed and approved.

DEFIBRILLATOR FOR WELSH ST DONATS VILLAGE: we understand a meeting is to be set up to establish a committee of residents to manage the purchase, installation and maintenance of a defibrillator probably in the Church porch.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

An application for Mawingo, Church Lane, Welsh St Donats was discussed and comments submitted to Vale Planning. A planning application for 21/01379/FUL - The Quarries,

Bonvilston is currently in consultation. The Community Council responds to every planning application we are notified of, so it is always helpful to have your views. You can also comment directly by going Vale Planning register on their website

We have no further information regarding the enforcement notice at Pwll y Darren Farm, in spite of repeated requests for updates, so will remain on the agenda.

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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