

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**February 2022**

**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 February 8<sup>th</sup>, will be posted on the website and notice board in the bus shelter at Welsh St Donats three days before meeting.

**'HAVE YOUR SAY':** The Community Council is consulted and responds to many policy documents from various bodies and sometimes these are aimed at a wider audience. Currently you will find the Vale Public Services Board Consultation listed under this section on the website. This consultation and survey run to February 13<sup>th</sup> and your views will form future policy decisions. Click on the links on the website to take part.

**CASUAL VACANCIES:** At our meeting in January the Chair welcomed a new member, Cheryl McNamee-Brittain, to the Community Council, she will represent Tair Onen. There is one further vacancy to fill, so if you think you might like to join us, please see the website or get in touch with the Clerk for more information.

**POLICE REPORT:** There were no reported crimes in December in our area.

**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:** Councillors have requested a site meeting with Natural Resources Wales to discuss the risk of fire, disposal of litter and dog waste bags in the picnic area.

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Ann Thomas, as a trustee of the Welsh St Donats Charity Trust, has confirmed that the Trust has finally been wound up and any remaining funds donated to Age Connect.

**FINANCES:** The precept for 2022-23 has been set at £7,000.00.

**DEFIBRILLATOR FOR WELSH ST DONATS VILLAGE:** an application for funding is pending.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

21/01379/FUL The Quarries, Bonvilston – this application has been referred to the Vale Planning Committee for determination.

The Community Council continues to put pressure on the Vale Council to resolve issues concerning activities at Pwll y Darren Farm (ENF21/0084/PRO). We are assured by County Councillor Morgan that discussions are ongoing.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN:** Michael Morgan reported that the proposed Rural Roads Policy had been referred to the Scrutiny Committee. In view of the upcoming Council Elections he wished to make it clear to residents in his ward

that standing for election is for all. Community Councillors echoed his words and would urge anyone thinking of joining the Community Council to see what it entails by looking at 'About the Council' on the website or getting in touch with the Clerk.

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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