

**WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**March 2022**

**MEETINGS:** Please note that members of the public are now welcome to attend our meetings which are usually held remotely, however our next meeting will be held at the Village Hall on March 8<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to raise any issues you may do so in the Public Forum at the start of the meeting or contact the Clerk at least seven days before the meeting to have it added to the agenda. The agenda for March 8<sup>th</sup> will be posted at least three days before the meeting on the website and notice board in the bus shelter at Welsh St Donats.

**TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** Local elections take place in May and all residents in Welsh St Donats are eligible and welcome to stand for election. To see what being a Councillor is all about we have uploaded on the website a summary '**About the Community Council**'. If you want to chat about this further, please ring or email me, details below, or contact a current Councillor. New faces, new ideas and varied viewpoints are essential for a thriving Community Council and community. The Vale Council will start advertising the election in the next few weeks.

**'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. Future policies are based on consultation responses so please visit the website regularly for updates. Currently there is a consultation on how to measure the inclusion of migrants in Wales to 25.3.22 for your comments.

**POLICE REPORT:** There were no reported crimes in January in our area. Please report any email scams to [report@phishinng.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishinng.gov.uk).

**HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:** Three Councillors met on site Vale Council Public Rights of Way (PROW) Officers in February. Footpath 21 is now clear and Officers will consider the options for footpath 18 which is blocked and flooded, therefore impassable. We will be pressing for more action to clear footpaths over the next months but understand that funding and staff shortages are affecting progress. Please keep reporting to me or PROW through [contactonevale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:contactonevale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) problems with footpaths. Please note bridleway 27 is closed from 8.4.-14.10.22.

In Hensol Forest, we are yet to meet representatives from Natural Resources Wales to discuss issues including fire risks at the barbecue site, disposal of litter and dog waste, bridleways and footpaths, and overhanging hedges and trees on the highway boundaries. **20mph speed limit:** safety for all road users is a concern for us all. If you would like to see the speed limit in Welsh St Donats village reduced to 20mph and limits imposed in other rural areas, please write in to your County Councillor Michael Morgan or the Vale Council at [contactonevale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:contactonevale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk). Following the trial 20mph speed limit in various parts of the rural Vale, the Community Council is also taking road safety options up once again with the Vale Council.

**THE POND IN WELSH ST DONATS:** Work has been done in the last weeks to clear bulrushes from one third of the pond. On the advice of the NRW Biodiversity Team, we are permitted to do this during the dormant period each year to encourage more diversity of

plant and wildlife. The hedges and shrubs will be cut back shortly and a new bench installed.

**PLANNING:** Applications were considered for 21/01632/FUL 11, Tair Onen, St Hilary and 21/01738/FUL 14, Tair Onen, St. Hilary. The Community Council was notified of an appeal concerning 20/01504/FUL Hensol Cottage, Welsh St Donats.

**REPRESENTATIVES** from the Community Council attending meetings with One Voice Wales and the Vale Community Liaison Committee. Further details are in the minutes on the website.

**TRAINING:** Three Councillors will attend sessions on Community Engagement training provided by One Voice Wales over the next few weeks.

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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