

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MEETINGS: Please note that members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings which will be held at the Community and District Hall in Welsh St Donats. However, we are now required to provide multi-location meetings so, as there is no wi-fi at the Hall at present, we ask those requiring electronic attendance to let the Clerk know seven days before the meeting and arrangements will be made to hold the meeting entirely remotely. Our next meetings are on 5th April and 10th May (AGM). Agendas are posted on the website and on the notice board in the bus shelter at Welsh St Donats at least three days before the meeting.

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.

REPORT FROM MICHAEL MORGAN:

Rural Roads Policy: following a Cabinet meeting which took into account comments from the Scrutiny Committee and Michael Morgan, the Cabinet decided this would be "considered further by the next Administration as part of an authority-wide traffic management and road safety policy that linked with both the 20mph default speed limit and plans for greater active travel opportunities." Michael emphasised the community must ensure this is kept high on the agenda of the next administration.

Council Tax: the Vale Council has approved a rise of 2.9% in Council Tax

Elections: Michael Morgan repeated his request that the Community Council should promote forthcoming elections and encourage local people to stand. "The Community Councils are essential to look after the best interests of local residents and to give a voice to their communities".

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/Elections/Local-Government-Election.aspx

DRAFT STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS/WELSH

GOVERNMENT: A large part of our meeting in March was devoted to discussion of this and the implications for the Community Council. A summary of discussions and actions is in the draft minutes on the website. The document is available for viewing on the Welsh Government website under consultations.

FINANCE: payments were made for membership fees (2022) for One Voice Wales (£73), Councillor Training (£90), Hall rental (£25), the Clerk's salary and expenses (£2,564.61) for 21-22 and Councillors' allowances (£900) for 21-22. The grass cutting contract was approved and signed for 2022. Further details are in the draft minutes.

POLICE REPORT: There were no reported crimes in February in our area. Please report any email scams to report@phishing.gov.uk.

PLANNING:

Planning application 22/00151/FUL Pwll y Darren Farm, Whitefields Farm Lane, Welsh St Donats and comments submitted.

Applications were approved for 21/01632/FUL 11, Tair Onen, St Hilary and 21/01738/FUL 14, Tair Onen, St. Hilary.

'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.

The Community Council continues to press for repairs to our footpaths, road safety, overhanging trees, potholes, planning issues, road surfaces and many other matters on your behalf. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your concerns or queries. We will do our very best to help you. Contact details are on the website.

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