

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 3rd December 2013

PRESENT: Councillors Graham Duffield (in the Chair), Bill Fawcett, Peter Castle, Glyn Jenkins, Ann Thomas, Louise O'Shea, and Andrew Foyle, County Borough Councillor Rhodri Traherne.

ITEM 1 (258) PUBLIC FORUM

ITEM 2 (259) RECEIVE APOLOGIES PC Steven Thomas

ITEM 3 (260) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS None

ITEM 4 (261) The minutes of the meeting on 5th November were approved and signed.

ITEM 5 (262) POLICE REPORT Steven Thomas emailed no crimes had taken place in the area over the last month

ITEM 6 (263) MATTERS ARISING

a) Allowances for Councillors. It was agreed in future an annual sum would be available to Councillors to cover incidental expenses to Councillors of a flat rate of £30 per year. Those not wishing to claim this allowance should write to the Clerk.

b) NRW- information requested before any meeting to be arranged.
Clerk to check on progress of OS free mapping

ITEM 7 (264) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Clerk to request progress reports on overgrown hedges at Penfordd Fawr and Maze signs at Hendrewennol.

A resident of Welsh St Donats was told the lane passing Cartreglas Farm was private and asked to leave. Rhodri Traherne confirmed this was not so.

Glyn Jenkins requested a site meeting with the Footpaths Officer to discuss the stile on Watery Lane. The Chairman confirmed he had mentioned this to landowner.

Glyn Jenkins asked for Highways and the Police to be informed of the speed of delivery vehicles who have to keep to a time schedule in the lanes

ITEM 8 (265) REPORT FROM RHODRI TRAHERNE Rhodri reported on the Vale's Budget Review and the implications for cutbacks in departments, personnel and possible Council Tax increases.

ITEM 9 (266) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Ann Thomas reported it had been agreed to increase the grants to students and circulate the availability of these grants to those in the Parish as widely as possible. The various options for the future of the Charity were discussed and a summary of the current financial status was circulated.

ITEM 10 (267) CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE None

ITEM 11 (268) CORRESPONDENCE

Vale of Glamorgan:

Information regarding SiteServ fire and poisonous fat on beaches
Response to request for Health and Safety issue contact – Andrew Foyle reported any queries should be directed to the Health and Safety Executive.
Town and Community Council Charter – notification of adoption
Vale Events
LDP Deposit Plan Consultation – representations by 20.12.13
Mayor’s Christmas raffle – tickets - sold

One Voice Wales:

Joint Local Service Board – report
New Development officer – Shannon Robinson
Advice for Councillor allowances - noted
Revised Standing Orders – for possible adoption
Historical Research Seminar for Great War – request for speakers
Proposed training session on illegal money lending
Guidance for those organising commemorative War related projects
Training Sessions: Local Government Finance, Health and Safety
Advertising Posts: Building Communities (Chair and Trustees), National Museum of Wales (3 Trustees), National Library of Wales (Vice President)

ROSPA – annual inspection reminder n/a

Stephen Lowe – Licence report and update

Glamorgan Records Office – summary and conditions for records recently deposited for store

Barry Town Council/Robyn Walsh – provision of Burial Land in the Vale meeting – Chris Samuel to attend

Penny Lloyd – planning proposals for Cherry Orchard Farm – to attend next meeting to present proposals

David Barnard – confirming changes are minimal and not significant to us for Accounts and Audit consolidation of previous amendments

Historic Counties Trusts – free Vale of Glamorgan flags – Chris Samuel notified

Natural Resources Wales – Stephen Wheeler confirmed a report was in preparation for Tair Onen and Gareth Roberts suggested he attend meeting on Hensol Forest issues raised by Glyn Jenkins. It was agreed that sight of the requested information should precede any meeting.

Cardiff University – Welsh Language Taster day – posters displayed

Chris Samuel – thanks for the maintenance grant and summary of progress of Ark appeal

Sian Evans – resident Highgrove – comments on LDP plans for development at Ystradowen –this was discussed and a representation submitted expressing concerns for increase in traffic.

SLCC – advertising material

ITEM 12 (269) FINANCES

The contract with Green Lawn Venture Ltd for was approved and signed by the Chairman, the PCC having given previous approval.

ITEM 13 (270) WEBSITE None

ITEM 14 (271) CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS

Logbook for the pond was signed for November.

Stephen Lowe will remove the remaining bull rushes and confirmed that a working party could remove the brambles from the bank at the back of the pond.

Bus Shelter WSD: This was extensively repaired and painted with wood preserver at the end

of November. A note from the Clerk thanking the Vale for renovations was considered premature and Bill Fawcett agreed to draft a suitable follow up.

ITEM 15 (272) ITEMS FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE None

ITEM 16 (273) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Charter for Town and Community Councils – adoption approved and Vale Council notified.

b) Proposed revocation and remaking of Accounts and Audit Regulations 2005 – Chairman to draft a response

Local Development Plan Deposit Plan – consultation - Clerk to draft response, Chairman to approve, include Sian Evans letter

ITEM 17 (274) PLANNING

Planning Application;

13/00087/FUL Church Farm, Welsh St Donats – amendments to application – no comments

13/01136/FUL Bonvilston House, Heol y March, Bonvilston – variation of condition 4 of 04/00465 for alteration and addition to roof space and garage – no comments

There being no other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.

