

WELSH ST DONATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
7th February 2017

PRESENT: Councillors Nick Craddock (in the Chair), Emma Hall, Andrew Foyle, Peter Castle, Ann Thomas and Glyn Jenkins

1 (857) PUBLIC FORUM: None .

2 (858) RECEIVE APOLOGIES: Councillors Graham Duffield, Bill Fawcett, Rhodri Traherne and PC Mark Goulding.

3 (859) DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Nick Craddock declared an interest in Hendrewennol and was absent for any discussion.

4 (860) MINUTES AND AGENDA: The minutes of the meeting on 12th January 2017 and agenda for current meeting were approved and signed.

5 (861) POLICE REPORT:

A written report was provided by PC Mark Goulding. No crime was recorded regarding the Hunt and vehicle obstructions at Hensol Forest in December 2016. This has now been referred to National Resources Wales (NRW) for their attention and to establish if they had given Vale Hunt authority to operate in the Forest block.

An historical sexual assault in Hensol Forest block was reported in January 2017 . One person arrested and an investigation is ongoing. South Wales Police are not looking for anyone else. A Councillor reported further sightings of the Hunt in the Forest in mid January.

Action: Clerk to request NRW what the situation is regarding hunting in the Forest without a permit and report further sightings of the Hunt to Police.

6 (862) MATTERS ARISING:

Emma Hall told the meeting a Litter Pick was being arranged.

1. Hendrewennol: There was no discussion of this item. The following information was reported by Ann Thomas. The Appeal Inquiry is ongoing. Three Councillors attended two full days (January 10th and 11th) and the Inquiry is to continue on 28th March when the Community Council (represented by Ann Thomas) will give evidence.

2. Tair Onen: Peter Castle reported that two plots have now been sold. At a meeting of residents it was agreed to request that NRW add ten covenants which, it is hoped, will provide safeguards regarding the future use of the land. Jane Hutt AM is going to report back to the Minister at the Welsh Assembly that, in her view, the NRW disposal of land at Tair Onen had prioritised the interests of commercial concerns rather than those of the residents. It was noted that Jane Hutt AM commended the Community Council for their support during negotiations. It was agreed that the Community Council should write to Jane Hutt AM thanking her for her support.

It was also noted that verges would remain to allow two-way traffic to access the A48.

Action: Clerk to thank Jane Hutt AM

3. Castell Talyfan: Glyn Jenkins had drafted a letter for the Vale Council regarding application 16/00335/FUL. It was agreed that after recirculating the Clerk would send in to Vale Planning.

Action: Clerk to recirculate and send after two days. CC Nick Craddock and Rhodri Traherne

4. Overgrown Hedges and Potholes: it was agreed that a letter drafted by Glyn Jenkins could be sent through the Clerk regarding overgrown hedges and low branches.

Action: Clerk to send to Highways and Planning

5. Damaged notice board at Maendy and clouded window at Tair Onen: A cheque for £461.60 had been received from Zurich Insurance to cover the damaged notice board. It was agreed to order and install a new notice board.

Action: Clerk to order green notice board to be delivered to Greenventure who will install and dispose of the damaged board.

7. (863) REPORT FROM RHODRI TRAHERNE: None

8. (864) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS: A letter, drafted by Glyn Jenkins, listing those footpaths that need attention was discussed. It was agreed it should be sent from the Community Council to the Vale.

Potholes between Germonds Farm and Sunnyside on Watery Lane were noted.

Andrew Foyle reported large amounts of hedge trimmings left on the pavement between Aberthin and Maendy were causing problems to those using the walkway.

Action: Forward Andrew Foyle's letter to the Vale.

Clerk to send in draft letter regarding footpaths and report potholes

9. (865) REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

Andrew Foyle had attended a residents meeting at Ystradowen where funding local projects under the S106 agreement with Bellway Homes was discussed. It was agreed the Community Council should add pressure to the request for the walkway between Maendy and Aberthin to be completed.

Ann Thomas had attended a Governors meeting of Pendoylan School. It was noted Lyn Murray would be leaving and a new head teacher would be appointed. A copy report of the current situation would follow.

Graham Duffield had attended a CLC meeting, a report was circulated.

Action: Clerk to write to the Vale requesting S106 funding for the walkway

Ann Thomas to forward report when available.

10. (866) CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE: None

11. (867) CORRESPONDENCE TO CLERK:

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION (Circulation dates in brackets)

*received by mail

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

(Council Meeting and CLC meeting agenda and minutes are available on website)

Village Hall Signage – Community Council would have to fund this, initial charge

£250 for initial site investigation* - the Village Hall Committee had been approached to see if they would be interested in co-funding. Any decision as to how to proceed awaits its response.

Action: Add to agenda for discussion at next meeting.

CLC – details of presentations on 1.2.17, Well being, Elections and Reshaping Local Services - noted

Standards Committee – Guidance on Social Media and Code of Conduct (5.2.17) – it was agreed that Councillors should be consulted as to whether they use social media for Community Council business.

Action: Clerk to prepare document for signature by Councillors for next meeting

One Voice Wales:

Welsh Government, Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee – Consultation into Trade Union (Wales) Bill to 17.2.17 (18.1.17)

Welsh Government Reform of school governance: regulatory framework – consultation to 17.2.17 (26.1.17)

Welsh Government White Paper, Reforming Local Government consultation to 11.4.17 (2.2.17)

Action: Nick Craddock would draft a response for circulation prior to the next meeting

Advice on Councillor expenses outside approved incidental and travel expenses.

Confirmation that the AGM follows the election – record change of meeting to 9th May 2017

Membership fees for 2017 £59.00 – payment approved

Welsh Government:

MySenedd Survey: How can we improve your experience of the National Assembly business services to 10.2.17 (26.2.17) – several Councillors had responded individually

Town and Community Council Survey to 30.3.17

Action: Clerk to formulate response and circulate for approval

General:

Tony Williams, Clerk to Penllyn – concerning footway Maendy to Aberthin S106

Action: it was agreed to strongly support this proposal

Geoff Cox – contact details for Officer at the Vale - footway Maendy to Aberthin

Chris Samuel – Cherry Orchard Farm application – copy letter sent to the Vale Planning in 2014 circulated for information

Glyn Jenkins – comments (circulated) on footpaths, overgrown hedges, Cherry Orchard Farm application and Castell Talyfan enforcement.

NO ACTION NEEDED

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

Notice of Public Services Board Draft Assessment – consultation and workshop (11.1.17) – no action

Justina Moss – Public Enquiry/ Hendrewennol – appeal to continue 28.3.17

Local Elections – briefing sessions

Reshaping Services – updated information

CLC Agenda and minutes meeting 1.2.17

Clarification of AGM procedure – declaration of interests needed at both AGM and ordinary meeting - noted

Welsh Government:

Andrew RT Davies – contact information*

One Voice Wales:

OVW Innovative Practice National Awards 2017 – request for nominations

Welsh Government launch of Programme 2017 to commemorate WW1

Audit Wales News and information on third sector in Wales

Ombudsmans Casebook 27

Farm Garden events

Public Appointments: Independent members to UHN (A Bevan)

Pembrokeshire Coast and Snowdonian National Park Authorities

General:

Bill Fawcett – apologies and comments (as a resident) regarding

Cherry Orchard Farm

Graham Duffield – notes on CLC meeting

CHC Rural Housing Conference 26.1.17

Planning Aid Wales – effective planning response training

Energise Wales Bulletin

Ann Picton – M4 Black Route – request for objections before 7.2.17

Rhodri Traherne – notice of road works and contact for Edenbrook S106

Advertising:

BM James -Grave digging services – passed to PCC

Donation requests:

Tenovus*

Datacenta – secure hosting

12. (868) TRAINING: None

13. (869) FINANCES

1. to pay - Reimburse Graham Duffield for Domain Invoice (£16.78)

- On Voice Wales annual subscription (£59)

2. expenses for those representing the Community Council at the Appeal Inquiry: on the advice of OVW, it was agreed to adopt determinations 46, 49, 50, and 51 regarding expenses payable to Community Councillors as specified in the Independent Remuneration Panel Report February 2016. Those attending the Appeal Inquiry would be reimbursed for expenses incurred to date at the next meeting.

Action: Adoption of Determinations noted, the IRP Report to go on website. Clerk to request travel and other expenses for approval at the next meeting.

14 (870) WEBSITE: None

15 (871) PROJECTS: The Clerk had been unable to contact Stephen Lowe for advice on clearing the pond. Andrew Foyle would make inquiries through another pond specialist for suggestions as to how to proceed.

Log book for the pond signed for January.

Action: Andrew Foyle to contact pond specialist at Duffryn Gardens

16 (872) ITEMS FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: None.

17 (873) DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Welsh Government Trade Union Bill (Wales) – consultation – no comments
2. Welsh Government Reform of school governance: regulatory framework – consultation – Ann Thomas to draft response for circulation
3. Welsh Government My Sennedd Survey –improving experience with National Assembly business services – Councillors responded individually
4. Welsh Government Town and Community Council Survey – Clerk to complete for circulation and approval before submission

Action: Clerk to send in comments and circulate survey response

Ann Thomas to draft response for Reform of School Governance for circulation and submission by 17.2.17

18 (874) PLANNING

Application 16/01499/FUL (SZ) Cherry Orchard Farm, WSD retention of agricultural building. This was discussed and it was agreed that in the first instance clarification of procedure and conditions was needed and then comments would be submitted after online consultation between members.

It was agreed to request that this application should go to Planning Committee

Application approved: 16/01368/FUL April Rise, WSD

Action: Clerk to obtain clarification from the Planning Officer and ensure a response to the application was submitted before the close of consultation.

Clerk to request Rhodri Traherne requests this application should go to Planning Committee when response submitted.

1. **Laurel Hedge, Welsh St Donats** - for agenda of next meeting

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