

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Hilary Village Hall on Thursday, 1st October 2015 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman : Councillor Mary Llewellyn
Councillors : Malcolm Francis, David Hawkins, David Ilsley,
Heather Shaw, Ray Simkiss, Geoff Simpson and Jim Teague.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.

Vale of Glamorgan Councillor G A Cox
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor H Jarvie.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor A Parker.
PCSO H O'Callaghan.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.

None.

Item 3: Community Police Matters.

PCSO O'Callaghan had given apologies for not being able to attend the meeting but had advised the Clerk that there is no reported crime since the last meeting.

PCSO O'Callaghan asked the Clerk to remind Members of the 'Speedwatch' initiative.

Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 3rd September 2015.

Proposed by Councillor Simpson and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held 3rd September 2015 was a correct record of the meeting and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

**Item 5: Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting held 3rd September 2015
(Not included on this agenda).**

5.1 Councillor Hawkins advised Members that he attended Cowbridge Town Council's Civic Sunday Parade and Service, deputising for the Chairman.

5.2 Item 9 - The Clerk confirmed that the website course is running and has, in fact, started.

5.3 Item 12.2 – It was reported that the light at Woodlands Cottage, Llandough has still not been replaced. The Clerk will follow this up.

5.4 Members discussed the problems currently being experienced on the A48 at the turn off to St Hilary Village. Due to work being carried out, bollards have blocked off part of the road, resulting in traffic attempting to enter the village from the direction of Cowbridge are unable to do so. Furthermore the bus stop is not operational. The Clerk will report the problems to the Highways Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council as soon as possible.

Item 6: Chairman's Report

No items.

Item 7: Clerk's Report.

Finances

Bank balance was noted at **£5,328.82** (Current Account £4,244.09 and Savings £891.90).

Payments made since last meeting are:

Clerk's Salary (September) - £192.83.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (October) - £192.83.

J Griffin (Reimbursement of fee for website course) - £85.00.

Item 8: Planning.

8.1 Planning Application No. 2015/00649/FUL

Applicant: Solar Century

Agent: CDN Planning

Location: The Farm, Lane South East from St Hilary to Llancarfan boundary, St Hilary.

Proposal: Installation of a 5mw solar farm and associated infrastructure.

It was agreed to adjourn this item, once again, as Councillors Llewellyn and Shaw are still waiting to hear if they have obtained dispensation to speak and vote on this planning application. The Clerk will contact the Officer dealing with the application to check the latest date that the Community Council is required to get its observations to the Planning Department.

8.2 Planning Application No. 2015/00941/FUL

Applicant: Mr D Brown

Agent: N/A

Location: New Beaupre Farm, St Athan Road, Cowbridge

Proposal: Construction of new steel framed agricultural cattle shed.

No objection.

8.3 Decisions on Planning Applications received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

- (i) **Planning Application No. 2015/00784/FUL – Rear extension for swimming pool (private only) at Church House, St Mary Church – Grants permission with 3 conditions.**

Item 9: Broadband in the Villages.

Councillor Teague raised his concerns at the inadequate internet connection and would like the Community Council to investigate any options to improving the service. It was suggested that Alun Cairns MP is contacted to ask if he can take any action on the Community's behalf. The Clerk will make enquiries.

Item 10: Audit Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2015.

The Clerk reported that the report has been received from Mazars, the External Auditor, and that there were no issues reported.

Item 11: Reports of Representatives.

No reports.

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Item 12: Correspondence and Publications.

12.1 Valeways Autumn Walks – Poster were circulated for the Villages notice boards.

12.2 Letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council promoting their legal services which are available for use by Town and Community Councils and which include the following services:

- Local Government/Administrative Law.
- Litigation.
- Employment Law.
- Property and Contract.

Noted.

12.3 Letter from Wales Audit Office advising that the External Audit Arrangements: Annual Returns for 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 will be Grant Thornton on behalf of the Auditor General.

Noted.

12.4 Application from Shelter Cymru for financial assistance.

Noted.

Item 13: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.

13.1 Members expressed concern with regard to a wedding which recently occurred at Coed Hills and at which there was a very loud firework display. Some residents and their pets were very distressed at the noise. Members asked if prior notice should be given for such displays. The Clerk advised that she would make enquiries with the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Item 14: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 5th November 2015 at 7.00pm in St Hilary Village Hall.

..... **Chairman**

Date : 5th November 2015.