

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Hilary Village Hall on Thursday, 10th December 2015 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
PCSO H O'Callaghan.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.

Councillors David Ilsley and Ray Simkiss.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor G A Cox.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor H Jarvie.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor A Parker.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.

None.

Item 3: Community Police Matters.

PCSO O'Callaghan advised that there are had been three reported crimes since the last meeting. These included a burglary to a shed and violence against a person whilst having an 'anti social behaviour order'.

Councillor Simpson reported that some syringes had been found which had been left close to a lay-by. The resident contacted the Vale of Glamorgan Council and they had cleared the area very quickly.

Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 5th November 2015.

Proposed by Councillor Simpson and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held 5th November 2015 were 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 5th November 2015, (not included in this agenda).

5.1 (Item 10.2) – Councillor Teague advised that another item discussed at the Community Liaison meeting was CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) which replaces S106. CIL will be more bureaucratic and will be spent on infrastructure relating to the development and will therefore be less available for schemes in the community.

Item 6: Chairman's Report

Councillor Llewellyn advised that she had represented the Community Council at the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service in Cowbridge and had laid the poppy wreath purchased by the Council.

Item 7: Clerk's Report.

Finances

Bank balance was noted at **£3,969.50** (Current Account £3,077.43 and Savings £892.07).

Payments made since last meeting are:

Clerk's Salary (November) - £192.83:

Mazars LLP (External Audit fee for year ended 31st March 2015) - £96.00:

St Hilary Village Hall (Rent) - £300.00;

Society of Local Council Clerks (CiLCA course) - £300.00

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (December) - £192.83.

The Poppy Appeal (Remembrance Wreath) - £20.00.

The Clerk advised that she had contacted the Vale of Glamorgan Council to enquire if Christmas CASH Grants would be available to town and community councils this year. These grants are available but only on the basis that councils ask and would not be automatically told that they were on offer. The amount has been reduced to £315.

The Community Council **resolved** that a request should be made for the monies and each village would hold its own celebration as previously.

St Mary Church Residents Association has purchased a Community Christmas tree so a payment was made of £105 to the group.

Item 8: Planning.

8.1

Planning Application No. **2015/01244/FUL**

Applicant: Mr S Oakley

Agent: N/A

Location: Oakdale, The Herberts, St Mary Church.

Proposal: Two storey side extension and single storey front extension.

No objection.

8.2

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

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Planning Application No. **2015/00649/FUL** – Installation of a 3.75mw solar farm and associated infrastructure at The Farm, lane South East from St. Hilary to Llanccarfan boundary, St. Hilary – **Refuses to permit.**

Item 9: To approve dates of meetings in 2016.

The Community Council **approved** the dates of meetings for 2016 as follows:

January 7th

July 7th

February 4th

September 1st

March 3rd

October 6th

April 7th

November 3rd

May 12th (AGM)

December 15th

June 2nd

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- Item 10: Broadband in the Villages.**
Councillor Teague reported on a meeting held in Llanfair Primary School on 10th November regarding broadband and its lack of provision in St Mary Church and Llandough. Mr Martin Jones from Superfast Cymru attended and outlined the problems with broadband provision to the rural areas. The existing system cannot take fibre optic cables but Mr Jones assured residents that a much improved broadband provision will be up and running within a year.
- Item 11: To discuss Christmas Celebrations.**
Discussed under Item 7 – Clerk’s Report.
- Item 12: To consider a response to the Welsh Government’s Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill.**
Members discussed their responses to the document which will be forwarded to the Welsh Government.
(See appendix 1).
- Item 13: Reports of Representatives.**
No reports.
- Item 14: Correspondence and Publications.**
- 14.1 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding consultations with regard to planning applications. The letter refers to the statutory consultation process and the Welsh Government stated intention to improve upon the time taken for consultees to respond to requests from the Local Planning Authorities through the implementation of the Planning Act 2015. The Welsh Government wishes to see all statutory consultees, including Community and Town Councils, responding to consultation requests within 21 days of receipt. Given this it is important for the Vale of Glamorgan Council to ensure that the Clerk is getting such requests as quickly as possible in order to allow Councils the maximum time available to respond. Accordingly the Council intends to switch to an email only method of consultation for all Community Councils from 1st January 2016, thereby ensuring that when consultations are undertaken all Community and Town Councils will have the maximum 21 days available to consider and prepare responses if necessary. Paper copies of plans with regard to larger and more complicated proposals can be requested but this will have to be done on an ad hoc basis and all Councils should be able to make a decision in the majority of cases by using the Council’s on line register which will include all copies of the relevant plans and details of all applications.
The Community Council discussed the content of the letter and object strongly to the proposal on the grounds that some of the members have difficulty opening the links on their computers as their internet provision is inadequate. Furthermore it is difficult to view plans on computer screens. The Members are of the opinion that this is contrary to the democratic process as some people do not have a computer and the Council will not be able to view plans at meetings as there is no internet link in the Village Hall. The Clerk will forward the Community Council’s response.
- 14.2 Christmas Card and dates of surgeries in 2016 from Jane Hutt AM.
The list of dates will be photocopied and posted on the notice boards.
- 14.3 Electoral Registration List for 2015/2016.

Item 15: **Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.**
15.1 Councillor Teague mentioned concerns with regard to the recently constructed footpath between St Mary Church and the Herberts. A resident is riding her horse on the footpath which is dangerous for pedestrians and users with pushchairs. The Community Council is fairly certain that horse riders are not permitted to use the footpath and the Clerk will contact the Footpath Officer and ask for advice on this matter.

Item 16: **Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.**
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 7th January 2016 at 7.00pm in St Hilary Village Hall.

..... **Chairman**
Date : 7th January 2016.