

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Hilary Village Hall on Thursday, 2nd October 2014 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor G A Cox.
Ms Jenny Lewington, Strategic Housing Officer at the Vale of
Glamorgan Council.

Councillor Shaw advised Members that she had attended two events, both in Cowbridge, recently, as Chairman. The first was Cowbridge Town Council's Civic Sunday Parade and Service and the second was the Royal British Legion's Commemoration Service to mark the Outbreak of World War 1. Both services were at Holy Cross Church. Councillor Shaw expressed congratulations to both the Town Council and the British Legion on the planning of the events which ran very smoothly.

Resolved that an item entitled 'Chairman's Report' should be placed on the agenda in future.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillors David Ilsley and Mary Llewellyn.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor Hunter Jarvie.
PCSO H O'Callaghan.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
None.

Item 3: Discussion with Jenny Lewington – Strategic Housing Officer with regard to the 'Local Housing Market Assessment (LHMA) initiative.
Ms Lewington explained that the 'Local Housing Market Assessment (LHMA) which was drawn up in 2010 has to be updated by April 2015. The purpose of the document is to calculate how many rent or low cost homes, together with the type of housing (i.e. number of bedrooms), are required to be provided to meet housing needs in the Vale of Glamorgan. There are three registers which are used to match homes to individuals or families and they are Homes 4U, Aspire 2Own and the Assessable Homes Register.
Local Lettings Policies have recently been used to assist with matching homes in the Rural Vale with local people, as far as possible and this initiative has proved very successful.
Ms Lewington was seeking help in making people aware of affordable housing schemes through advertising in any local literature such as newsletters and making people aware that they need to register on Homes 4U. An advertisement is to be printed in the Gem to highlight this. Members discussed the recent development at Thaw Close with Ms Lewington and highlighted both the positive and negative points about the development which could prove useful for future similar developments.

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- Item 4: Community Police Matters.**
PCSO O'Callaghan had given apologies to the Clerk, but wish Members to be reminded about 'Community Speed Watch' scheme, which can be most useful if residents are concerned about speeding in their locality. Volunteers are being sought to be trained for monitoring speeding vehicles. It was suggested that an article is placed on the Village website.
- Item 5: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 4th September 2014.**
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 4th September 2014 was a correct record of the meeting and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.
- Item 6: Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting held 4th September 2014 (Not included on this agenda).**
- 6.1 (Item 5.2) – Large 'wheelie' bin at entrance to St Hilary Village. It has been noticed that although the bin has been removed from the site, a number of black refuse bags have been 'dumped' there at least 5 days before the collection day. The situation will be monitored and reported to Visible Services if this reoccurs.
- Item 7: Clerk's Report.**
- 7.1 **Finances**
Bank balance was noted at **£4,502.05** (Current Account £3,610.40 and Savings £891.65).
- Payments made since last meeting are:**
Clerk's Salary (September) - £161.08.
Mr D R Powell (Oiling of notice boards) - £80.00.
- Monies received since last meeting are**
Second Precept Payment via the Vale of Glamorgan Council - £1,294.00.
- Payments due to be made are:**
Clerk's Salary (October) - £192.83;
Mazars (External Audit for year ending 31st March 2014) - £96.00.
- 7.2 The Clerk advised that she has a duty to remind Councillors that it is important that they attend training sessions in matters concerning the members 'Code of Conduct'.
- Item 8: Planning.**
- 8.1 Decisions on Planning Applications received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council:
- (i) Planning Application No. **2014/00810/FUL** – Retention of new boundary wall at Former Vale Garage, The Herberts, St Mary Church – **Grants permission with 1 condition.**
- (ii) Planning Application No. **2014/00829/RG3** – Extension and refurbishment of Llanfair Primary School – **Grants deemed planning consent with 1 condition.**
Noted.

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Item 9: Reports of Representatives.

9.1 Councillor Teague reported on the meeting held 17th September 2014 at which the Vale of Glamorgan Council advised that severe budget cuts will have to be made over the course of the next three years. A report of the meeting which should have been forwarded to the Clerk had not been received so enquiries are to be made.

9.2 Councillor Francis highlighted a number of items from a Consultation Response Form which had been drawn up by One Voice Wales and forwarded to the Welsh Government on the 'Future of Local Government' and were a summary of comments made by town and community councils on the recent 'White Paper' which mainly related to Unitary Authorities. All Members of the Council had been circulated with the document by e-mail.

Item 10: Correspondence and Publications.

10.1 Valeways Led Walking Programme Autumn 2014.

10.2 Papers from the Vale of Glamorgan Council including a Scrutiny Report and the latest Accounts of the Council.

Noted.

Item 11: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.

11.1 Councillor Francis thanked Councillor Simkiss for organising a recent Village BBQ for the residents of Llandough and had been a great success.

11.2 Members discussed information which had been received by Councillor Shaw from a representative of the recently formed group entitled 'What Future for Housing in the Vale of Glamorgan'. The Members discussed the information and wanted to ask a number of questions about facts stated in the document, including where is the proposal to demolish settlement boundaries mentioned; where are the figures given in the document are stated and who attended their meeting on 21st September. The Clerk will contact the group's spokesperson.

11.3 A number of potholes requiring attention was submitted to the Vale of Glamorgan Council on 14th July but the potholes have still not be filled.

11.4 Concern expressed that the grass verges had not been cut this year and speed restriction signs are obscured.

Items 11.3 and 11.4 to be reported to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Item 12: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 6th November 2014 at 7.00pm in St Hilary Village Hall.

..... **Chairman**
Date : 6th November 2014.