

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Hilary Village Hall on Thursday, 7th April 2016 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
PC Stuart Elson
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor G A Cox.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor H Jarvie.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor A Parker.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillors D Ilsley and J Teague.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
None.

Item 3: Community Police Matters.
PC Elson advised that there were no reported crimes for the Llanfair area since the last meeting.
Councillor Hawkins mentioned the item raised at the last meeting with regard to the wall which was recently repaired in St Hilary village.
Enquiries will be made.
Speed of vehicles through St Hilary was mentioned. PC Elson advised that speed monitoring exercises are carried out whenever possible.

Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 3rd March 2016.
Proposed by Councillor Simpson and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held 3rd March 2016 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 3rd March 2016, (not included in this agenda).

5.1 Item 5.1 – Councillor Simkiss advised that the ‘Road Sweeper’ had visited Llandough as requested. Councillor Simkiss requested that the village is included in a ‘timetable’ of work to ensure that the road is swept on a regular basis.

5.2 Item 7 – The Clerk confirmed that a further meeting had taken place with regard to the planned event to celebrate the Queen’s 90th Birthday on Thursday 21st April. Arrangements are progressing well. Local school groups and choirs are providing entertainment. There will be a barbecue and coffee stall. The Beacon will be lit at 7.30pm by the Vice Lord Lieutenant, Sir Brooke Boothby, and there will be fireworks shortly afterwards. All are invited.

5.3 Item 5.2 – Horses galloping on St Hilary Down. The Clerk had found an e-mail from a Vale of Glamorgan Council Officer advising that *‘they do not have jurisdiction of the area as it is not regulated by the Vale of Glamorgan Council’*. However, the Community Council advised that part of St Hilary Down does come under the jurisdiction of the Vale of Glamorgan Council. It was requested that the Clerk contact the Officer to clarify matters.

Item 6: Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillors.

Councillor Hawkins asked if road sweeping and gully cleaning by the Vale of Glamorgan Council are built into a timetable programme and why is the material cleared from gullies left 'piled up' on the side of the gully as once it rains, the material is simply washed back into the gully. The Clerk will write to Mr Colin Smith to ask these questions.

Item 7: Chairman's Report

No report.

Item 8: Clerk's Report.

Finances

Bank balance was noted at **£4,495.04** (Current Account £3,602.79 and Savings £892.25).

Payments made since last meeting are:

Clerk's Salary (March) - £192.83;
Councillor Shaw (to purchase festive lights) £105.00;
J Griffin (Renewal of Domain Name) - £83.70;
Petty Cash for year 2015/2016 - £73.62.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (April) - £192.83;

Monies received into the Bank Account: Nil.

Website Photo.

The Clerk suggested that a photograph is taken of the Community Council all together to put on the website. The Clerk will arrange for a photographer to attend a meeting when all councillors will be present.

'Purdah'.

During this period of 'purdah', prior to the Welsh Assembly Election, the Clerk requested that all notices regarding current Assembly Members are removed from all the Council's notice boards.

Item 9: Planning.

9.1 Planning Application No. **2016/00283/FUL**

Applicant: J Davies
Agent: Cardiff Orangeries
Location: Gigman Barn, Jct St Athan Road to Jct Tre Aubrey,
St Mary Church
Proposal: Construct a single storey glazed orangery.

No objection.

9.2 Results from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

(i) Planning Application No. **2016/00163/FUL** – Two storey and single storey extensions at Forge Cottage, St Athan Road, St Mary Church - **Grants permission with 3 conditions.**

Item 10: Reports of Representatives.

No reports.

Item 11: Road Signage at St Mary Church and the Herberts.

Councillor Simpson advised that a resident of St Mary Church has been corresponding with the Vale of Glamorgan Council with regard to Highway issues at St Mary Church and in particular around Thaw Close and Llanfair Primary School. Councillor Simpson will forward a copy of a letter sent to the resident by the Vale of Glamorgan Council with regard to their plans for the highway in that area.

Item 12: CASH Grants 2016/2017

The Clerk suggested that an application is submitted for the purchase of a projector to enable plans to be downloaded and projected onto the wall at St Hilary Village Hall to make viewing the plans easier.

Furthermore, the grant could include the purchase of a laptop to connect to the projector and to store all documents relating to the Community Council. Three quotations will be obtained to be included with the application which has to be submitted by 31st May 2016.

Members **resolved** that an application should be forwarded.

Item 13: Correspondence and Publications.

13.1 Letter from 'Y Bont' seeking further support with fundraising for the charity over the next year.

13.2 Letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Best Kept Village Competition advising that at the AGM on 3rd February, the future of the competition was discussed. Over the last few years there has been a distinct lack of interest in taking part in the competition, with 4 villages entering in 2013 and 3 villages entering in 2014. Sponsorship has proved difficult and the three year funding with the Vale of Glamorgan Council ended in 2015. A public meeting in 2016 to attract new members to the committee did not achieve the desired result. The Committee has sadly resolved that the competition, in its entirety, should end. An extraordinary meeting was called on 16th February 2016 to agree the disposal of assets. The DC Jones Challenge Cup, photograph albums and papers documenting the history of the competition would be offered to the Glamorgan Archives. Ownership of the three prize cups would pass to each 2015 winning village. Ownership of the school cups would pass to each 2015 winning school. It was agreed that the National Trust is approached to use the remaining funds to set up an area or structure in Dyffryn Gardens to commemorate the 62 years of the competition.

13.3 Valeways – Notices giving details of Valeways Led Waling Programme for Spring 2016.

13.4 Letter and enclosures from Kidney Wales giving details of their 'Walk for Life 2016' fundraising event taking place on Sunday 24th April with various walks taking place throughout Wales.

13.5 Clerks & Councils Direct and 'The Clerk' publications – March 2016.

13.6 Definitive books of maps of footpaths for the Vale of Glamorgan produced by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.
The books will be circulated around the Councillors and be available to all Councillors when required.

All items of correspondence noted.

- Item 14: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.**
- 14.1 Councillor Hawkins advised that a 'St Hilary Village Forum' is being set up with its first meeting scheduled for 25th April. It is intended to hold twice yearly meetings.
- 14.2 Councillor Simpson advised that a number of trees at the Spinney require work. The Clerk advised that an application for tree work has been submitted to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.
- 14.3 It was suggested that a link to the St Hilary Village website is put on the Community Council's website.

Item 15: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th May 2016 at 7.10pm in St Hilary Village Hall. To be preceded by the Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm.

..... Chairman
Date : 12th May 2016.