

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Hilary Village Hall on Thursday, 12th May 2016 at 7.15pm.

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

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.

Councillor Hawkins thanked the Members for nominating him as
Chairman for the ensuing year.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.

Councillors M Francis & H Shaw.
PC Stuart Elson & PCSO Hilary O'Callaghan.
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.

Apologies had been received from the Police who were unable to
attend the meeting.
Councillor Llewellyn advised that there are three residents who are
interested in the 'Community Speedwatch' initiative. The Clerk will
advise the Police of this.

Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 7th April 2016.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 7th April 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 7th April 2016,
(not included in this agenda).**

5.1 Members were pleased to **note** that the tree work at The Spinney had
been completed.

5.2 The Clerk advised that following a request made for the road sweeper
to visit Llandough on a regular basis, a reply had been received from
the Vale of Glamorgan Council to advise that the village has been
placed on a two month timetable of visits.

Item 6: Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillors.

No Vale Councillors present.

Item 7: Chairman's Report.

7.1 Retiring Chairman, Councillor Llewellyn, advised that the deteriorating
condition of a very large beech tree in St Hilary has resulted in the
necessity to cut it down. Part of the road will have to be closed for a
number of days.

7.2 Councillor Llewellyn advised that she had attended the Queen's 90th
Birthday Celebrations in Cowbridge and was very pleased to report that
the Choir from Llanfair Primary School had put on an excellent
performance.

Item 7: Chairman's Report (Continued)

7.3 Councillor Llewellyn referred to the telephone kiosk in St Hilary and advised that the village would like to adopt it and make it into a book exchange library. It may be 'listed' and BT may not be prepared to offer it for adoption. The Clerk will make enquiries.

7.4 The 'fingers' on the finger post have fallen from the post in the centre of St Hilary and needs to be reported to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Item 8: Clerk's Report.

Finances

Bank balance was noted at **£5,596.21** (Current Account £4,703.96 and Savings £892.25).

Payments made since last meeting are:

Clerk's Salary (April) - £192.83.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (May) - £192.83.

Monies received into the Bank Account are First Precept payment from the Vale of Glamorgan Council - £1,294.00.

Annual Accounts.

The Clerk advised that the Accounts are completed and will be presented to Council at the next meeting in June.

External Audit.

The Clerk expressed concern at the extra work required to complete the external audit, as are many other Clerks. Councillor Simpson advised that One Voice Wales had mentioned this at a recent meeting and furthermore had discussed with councillors the requirement of councillors undertaking training.

Item 9: Planning.

9.1 Planning Application No. **2016/00371/FUL**

Applicant: Mr D Oakley

Agent: Vale Planning

Location: New House, The Herberts, St Athan Road,
St Mary Church.

Proposal: First floor side extension.

No objection.

Item 10: Reports of Representatives.

Councillor Simpson reported on the meeting held on 25th April, at which there was a presentation on Superfast Broadband. Much of the information had already been given and some of it conflicted with previous information. It is hoped that this area will have Superfast Broadband by November 2016.

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

Members discussed the lack of signage particularly of streets in the villages. Councillor Simpson advised that he has drawn up some suggestions and will bring them along to the next meeting. It was decided that an enquiry will be made with Highways at the Vale of Glamorgan Council to ask if an Officer would be prepared to attend the Community Council's meeting in July to discuss the issue.

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Item 11: Road Signage at St Mary Church and the Herberts (Continued)
Resolved that if the Vale Council will not purchase the 'school' sign requested by the Head teacher of Llanfair Primary School, then Llanfair Community Council would fund it.

Item 12: CASH Grants 2016/2017.

12.1 The Clerk had received a completed application from the Church who want this Community Council to apply for a CASH Grant for a project to repair and restore the graveyard boundary walls, make safe and preserve monuments of important historical interest in the graveyard and repairs to listed church walls in Llandough. The cost of the project in total is £23,800 with a contingency of 15% (some £3,600). The application is seeking £13,700 from the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Members debated the application at some length and had many concerns about the proposal. Furthermore the Community Council is unable to comply with some of the conditions and criteria set down by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and in particular, condition 13 which stated *'It is the responsibility of the Town and Community Councils to ensure that all works are undertaken in accordance with current health and safety legislation and sufficient insurance cover is obtained prior to the commencement of works'*. Also the Council cannot meet condition 17 which states that *'Grant awards should not be more than 30% of the Town/Community Council's precept to ensure the schemes progressed are proportionate to the size of the Town/Community Council'*. It was **resolved** that the application should be submitted with the above conditions highlighted.

12.2 The Clerk had obtained quotations for a Projector and it was **resolved** that the application for that should also be submitted.

Item 13: To appoint an Auditor for the Internal Audit 2015/2016.

Members agreed that Mr Mees should be requested to carry out the Internal Audit for the Community Council for 2015/2016, as in previous years.

Item 14: Correspondence and Publications.

14.1 Valeways – 'The Seventh Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival 2016'. Notices were provided for the notice boards.

14.2 Papers from VGC including the agenda for 27th April 2016 and Minutes of meeting held 2nd March 2016. Vale of Glamorgan Council's improvement plan included.

14.3 Clerks and Councils Direct – May 2016

14.4 The Clerk – May 2016.

All items of correspondence noted.

Item 15: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.

15.1 Councillor Simkiss advised that he had received a note from British Telecom stating that the road between Abernant and Little Brook would be closed on 16th May for essential work. Members were dismayed that so few in the community were aware of the fact.

Item 16: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 2nd June 2016 at St Hilary Village Hall

..... Chairman
Date : 2nd June 2016.