

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Hilary Village Hall on Thursday, 5th January 2017 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.

Councillors Heather Shaw and Geoff Simpson.
Vale Councillors G A Cox, H Jarvie and A Parker.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.

None declared.

Item 3: Community Police Matters.

No police presence.

Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 1st December 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Simkiss and **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held 1st December 2016 were a correct record of the meetings and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting held 1st December 2016, (not included in this agenda).

5.1 Councillor Teague referred to item 3, telephone scams and advised that he had received two calls on his mobile that day, which were obviously scams.

5.2 Members discussed item 14.1, the two benches on St Hilary Down. The wooden/resin bench (in memory of Mr Jack Solomon) is on the part of the Common under the responsibility of the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Clerk will take a look at both benches before the next meeting.

5.3 The adoption of the BT Telephone box in St Hilary (item 14.3). The Clerk advised that enquiries were made with Zurich Insurance and should anyone be injured through use of the box they would be fully covered under the public liability section of the insurance. The box itself would need to have a value placed on it for insurance purposes. It is probable that BT would be able to give the replacement cost of the telephone box.

5.4 Item 14.4 – the provision of Superfast broadband. Members discussed the location of the green boxes and it is probable that the green box for Llandough will be located in the ‘pull-in’ area opposite The Mill.

Item 6: Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillors.

No Vale Councillors present.

Item 7: Chairman's Report.

Councillor Hawkins thanked Councillor Simkiss for chairing December's meeting.

Councillor Hawkins advised that he had attended the Morning Act of Remembrance and Choral Evensong for Remembrance Sunday in St Hilary and thanked Councillor Simpson for representing Llanfair Community Council at the Remembrance Parade and Service in Cowbridge.

Members gave details of their Christmas Celebrations in their villages, which had all been very successful.

Item 8: Clerk's Report.

Finances

Bank balance was noted at **£5,986.35** (Current Account £5,093.98 and Savings £892.37).

Payments made since last meeting are:

Clerk's Salary (December) - £192.83;
St Hilary Village Hall (hire for meetings) - £300.00;
Poppy Appeal (For Poppy Wreath) - £20.00.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (January) - £192.83;
Wales Audit Office (Accounts Audit 2015/2016) - £141.75;
Barry Town Council (Code of Conduct Notice in Gem) - £48.22;
St Mary Church Residents Association (Christmas Tree) - £105.00;
Councillor R Simkiss (Christmas Tree for Llandough) - £105.00;
Councillor M Llewellyn (Christmas Event in St Hilary) - £105.00.

Monies received into the Bank Account:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Christmas CASH Grant) - £315.00;
Vale of Glamorgan Council (3rd Precept Payment) - £1,294.00.

Projector

Since purchasing the projector, no planning applications have been received so the Clerk advised that she would bring it along to the meeting in February in any event, for Members to see and will demonstrate its use for viewing planning applications.

Item 9: Planning.

No planning applications.

Item 10: Reports of Representatives.

No reports.

Item 11: To discuss and set the Precept for the next financial year 2017/2018.

Members discussed the precept for the next financial year. It was noted that an increase in the levy of £1 would produce an extra £376. The Clerk had produced a budget with estimated figures for the end of year. As can be seen from the finance report, the Council currently has a healthy bank balance.

Proposed by Councillor Teague and **resolved** that there should be no increase in the levy for the next financial year of 2017/2018.

Item 12: Correspondence and Publications.

- 12.1 E-mail communication from the Welsh Government giving the appropriate sum under Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.
The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under Section 137 for the financial year 2017/2018 will be £7.57 per elector.
Noted.
- 12.2 E-mail communication from M Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government detailing a leaflet to raise awareness and encourage participation in the local government elections in May 2017. The e-mail had previously been circulated to Members and will be placed on the Council's website.
Noted.
- 12.3 E-mail communication from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, which had been previously circulated, giving details of regional meetings to be held. The meetings will take the form of 'a round table discussion event' on its remuneration framework for community and town councils. The South Wales meeting will take place on 15th February in Abergavenny. Members should contact the Clerk to book a place if they wish to attend.
Noted.
- 12.4 E-mail communication from WEL Medical giving information with regard to an offer of 30% off an iPad Defibrillator Package and External Cabinet.
Members discussed the e-mail and how their villages are discussing obtaining defibrillators for their communities.
- 12.5 E-mail communication from One Voice Wales giving details of Training sessions taking place in this area between January and March 2017. Any councillors wishing to attend any of the courses should contact the Clerk who will book a place and obtain a bursary which is being provided to cover half the cost of the course.
Noted.
- 12.6 The Electoral Register for the Llanfair and St Hilary Wards for 2016/17 has been provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and will be held by the Clerk. Any resident can view the register by arrangement with the Clerk.
Noted.
- 12.7 Posters detailing Valeways Walking Programme for Winter 2017. These will be displayed on the village notice boards.
- 12.8 Jane Hutt AM's Surgery Calendar for 2017. These will be displayed on the village notice boards.

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

Members discussed their dissatisfaction at the state of the roads in the Llanfair area with regard to:

- Potholes between Llandough and The Herberts.
- No visits from the Road Sweeper to Llandough despite assurance that the village had been added to the rota.
- Hedges and verges encroaching onto the roads, narrowing the roadway.
- Gullies are blocked, thereby rainwater not being cleared from the roads.

The Clerk will report these issues to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 2nd February 2017 at St Hilary Village Hall at 7.00pm.

..... Chairman
Date : 2nd February 2017.