

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Hilary Village Hall on Thursday, 6th April 2017 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
P C Elson.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillors David Ilsley, Mary Llewellyn and Jim Teague.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
None.

Item 3: Community Police Matters.
PC Elson advised that there are no reported crimes for the past month, apart from some issues at 'The Farm' which have now been resolved. PC Elson reported that the Manager has agreed to meet with the Community Council to discuss 'The Farm'.

Councillor Hawkins expressed concerns following a recent traffic accident at the junction to St Hilary from the A48. The turning is on a bend and the traffic generally travels at some speed along the road. The problem, on this particular day, was further exacerbated with traffic being directed through St Hilary to Howe Mill and then back to Cowbridge and traffic from Cowbridge being directed along the same road but in the opposite direction.

PC Elson pointed out that whilst the traffic being directed in such a manner was by the Traffic Police, any highway issues such as road markings, are the responsibility of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 2nd March 2017.
Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held 2nd March 2017 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 2nd March 2017, (not included in this agenda).

5.1 (Item 5.2) – Councillor Simkiss passed on the thanks of Mr Guy, Head teacher at Llanfair Primary School, for the purchase of the new school sign at The Herberts.

5.2 (Item 5.3) – Members discussed the continuing issues of the clearance of the highways both with vegetation growing in the middle of the road and the verges growing into the highway. Also the storm water gulleys being blocked.

Item 6: Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillors.
No Vale Councillors present.

Item 7: Chairman's Report.

7.1 Councillor Hawkins advised that he had attended the Public Consultation and Exhibition held by Taylor Wimpey on the proposed housing development at Darren Farm. It is inevitable that the development of 450+ houses on this site will have a significant impact on the local area particularly with the extra vehicles travelling into Cowbridge. Members discussed the proposed new link road which will travel basically alongside Llanfrynach Lane and meet the Llantwit Major Road just before the Cross Inn. The impact on Llantwit Major Road could be fairly significant.

7.2 Councillor Hawkins gave information which he had been given via a number of telephone calls and involving initiatives from the 'Village Forum'.

- The installation of a defibrillator in St Hilary. Apparently it is the intention to ask the Community Council to donate funds towards the purchase. Members did point out that the other villages in Llanfair are also interesting in providing defibrillators so consideration must be given to each village.
- A Village Notice Board. The Village Forum had asked the residents of Church Crescent for their views on a freestanding notice board being sited on the Village Green; the residents were not in favour of this proposal. The Village Forum is now considering the notice boards on the Village Hall. Councillor Shaw advised that they are in the ownership of the Community Council. The Village Forum has not approached the Community Council to advise of their intentions or proposals.

7.3 As this meeting was the last one before the Election on 4th May, Councillor Hawkins expressed thanks and appreciation to Councillor Francis and Councillor Ilsley for their experience and wisdom so willingly given to the Community Council over many years. This was unanimously supported by all the Members.

Item 8: Clerk's Report.

Finances

Bank balance was noted at **£4,982.36** (Current Account £4,089.78 and Savings £892.58).

Payments made since last meeting are:

Clerk's Salary (March) - £192.83;

Petty Cash - £61.44.

One Voice Wales (Annual Subscription 2017/2018 – see item 12.7

Minutes of meeting 2.3.2017) - £72.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (April) - £154.26;

HMRC Tax (April) - £38.57;

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Llanfair School Sign) - £345.00.

Monies received into the Bank Account - Nil.

Appointment of Internal Auditor.

The Clerk advised that, for many years, Mr Mees has carried out the Internal Audit for the Community Council and asked the Members if they wish to engage Mr Mees once again for the year 2016/2017.

Resolved that Mr Mees should be approached and asked to carry out the internal audit on behalf of the Community Council.

Item 9: Planning.

9.1 Planning Application No. **2017/00230/FUL**

Applicant: Mr D Thomas

Agent: Nick Renwick Architect

Location: Gigman Mill, St Mary Church

Proposal: New drive access to Gigman Mill House

No objection.

9.2 Planning Application No. **2017/00289/FUL**

Applicant: Mr & Mrs K Kemp

Agent: N/A

Location: Rushmoor House, The Herberts, St Mary Church

Proposal: Erection of store for hay, straw and agricultural machinery.

No objection.

Item 10: Reports of Representatives.

Next meeting of One Voice Wales is scheduled for 24th April.

Item 11: To discuss the two benches on St Hilary Down.

Councillor Shaw advised that one of the benches has been repaired, although it is not known who has carried out the repair.

The other bench basically needs a coat of paint.

Item 12: Correspondence and Publications.

12.1 Letter from Boundary Commission for Wales advising that with regard to the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales, the Commission has published all of the responses received during its initial consultation on proposed changes. A second consultation period took place between 28 February and 27 March 2017. All responses are available to read on www.bcw2018.org.uk

12.2 Newsletter from One Voice Wales – *circulated by e-mail.*

Noted.

12.3 Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2017.

Noted.

Item 13: Broadband in the Villages.

It was reported that work is continuing on the installation of Broadband. There is a problem at the moment as one resident is not allowing the cabling to go through his property. This has resulted in a 4 metre gap which needs to be resolved.

Item 14: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.

14.1 Councillor Simkiss explained that a request was made to the Vale of Glamorgan Council, by the Clerk, for a salt bin to be placed at the bottom of the hill at the Herberts. This request had come from the Head teacher of Llanfair Primary School following the night of particularly bad freezing temperatures when black ice had resulted in numerous road traffic accidents the following morning. The contents of the school's own salt bin had been depleted as Mr Guy had used it to spread on the road at the junction in the Herberts for the safety of parents and children travelling to school.

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**Item 14: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman
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Councillor Simkiss advised Members that the request had been turned down with various reasons given but mainly cost implications as the Vale Council have received many requests for salt bins.

The Members were extremely disappointed at this and also the e-mail received from Mr Clogg in response to a request made by the Clerk for a follow-up visit to the Community Council to explain how the requested action made at last October's meeting is progressing.

Councillor Simpson offered to draft a letter for Council's approval to express the Community Council's dissatisfaction at the inadequate responses to requests made and how the Highways Department is failing in its duty of care to parents and children by not providing a salt bin to improve road safety on roads adjacent to the school.

**Item 15: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 11th May 2017 at
St Hilary Village Hall at 7.00pm.**

..... Chairman
Date : 11th May 2017.