

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Council Meeting held at
the Village Hall, St Hilary,
On Thursday, 2nd November 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman : Councillor Ray Simkiss
Councillors : David Hawkins, Julian Hitchcock, Mary Llewellyn,
Heather Shaw, Geoff Simpson and Jim Teague.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
PC Elson.
Vale Councillors G A Cox, H Jarvie and A Parker.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor Rhian Rees.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
Councillor Hawkins – Item 5.3 – New Notice Board for the Community Council to be erected onto the Village Hall wall. (Councillor Hawkins is a Trustee of St Hilary Village Hall).

Item 3: Community Police Matters.
PC Elson gave a report on ‘The Farm’ where one resident was missing for a short space of time during October.
The staff are working hard to engage and involve the residents in the local community.

There have been three incidents of ‘anti-social behaviour’ in the Llanfair area. All incidents show a pattern of behaviour which can be attributed to one person and enquiries are ongoing.

Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of the Meeting held 5th October 2017.
Proposed by Councillor Teague, seconded by Councillor Simpson and **resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held 5th October 2017 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 5th October 2017, (not included in this agenda).

5.1 (Item 5.2 – Road at The Herberts). Councillor Simpson advised that he had received a copy of a plan of proposed improvements to the road at The Herberts. The use of ‘chicanes’ has been abandoned. The pathway will be extended and warning signs will be installed. Councillor Simpson had drafted and circulated a proposed letter for Highways which was approved by the Members. Councillor Cox did stress that all work has to be prioritised across the Vale of Glamorgan due to budget limitations.

5.2 (Item 13.3 – installation of superfast Broadband). Councillor Teague advised that Llandough and The Herberts will be connected shortly but there is a problem with the electricity supply for St Mary Church.

5.3 It was reported that the St Hilary Village Hall Trustees have indicated that they will approve the Community Council’s request for the proposed new notice board and a letter of formal agreement will follow in due course.

Item 6: Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillors.

The Councillors reported the following items:

- The Council is working hard on improved access from Sycamore Cross to Junction 34 of the M4 in conjunction with financial assistance through the second stage of the 'City Deal'. The road from Sycamore Cross to Weycock Cross is to be vastly improved with work commencing January 2018.
- Progress is being made on the development of the Cowbridge Market site.
- 'Darren Farm' development – meeting has been held with the developer to discuss keeping disruption to a minimum whilst the construction is taking place. There are planning conditions yet to be discharged. These include the proposed discharge of sewerage and surface water, details of which have yet to be satisfied. Phase 1 of the development consists of 175 houses. It was confirmed that the proposed new school requires funding in place.

Councillor Llewellyn reported residents' concerns at the practice of race horses being exercised on the St Hilary Downs. As well as being dangerous to walkers and dog owners, the ground is being 'churned' up and damaged.

The Community Council confirmed that a letter will be forwarded shortly in response to one sent to the Community Council by the Vale Councillors.

Item 7: Chairman's Report.

Councillor Simkiss advised that he will be attending the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service in Cowbridge on 12th November.

Item 8: Clerk's Report.

8.1 Finances

Bank balance was noted at **£5,398.85** (Current Account £4,506.24 and Savings £892.61).

Payments made since last meeting are:

Clerk's Salary (October) - £154.26;
HMRC Tax (October) - £38.57.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (November) - £154.26;
HMRC Tax (November) - £38.57.
£100 to Llandough for daffodil bulbs.
St Hilary Village Hall (Rent for use of Hall for meetings) - £300.
Wales Audit Office (Annual Audit of Accounts 2016/17) - £141.75.

Item 9: Planning.

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Planning Application No. **2017/00230/FUL** – New drive access to Gigman Mill House at Gigman Mill, St Mary Church – **Approved with 4 conditions.**
Noted.

Item 10: Reports of Representatives.

Councillor Teague reported on the recent meeting of the Community Liaison Committee at which a representative for the Public Service Board was chosen.

Under Police Matters, Councillors were advised that 'Cuckooing' has recently started happening in Barry. This is a crime where a drug dealer befriends a weak, old or otherwise vulnerable person, then takes over their home and uses it as a 'crack house'.

A presentation was given by an Officer of the Vale of Glamorgan Council on a new scheme entitled 'Care First' which is a counselling service available to staff and councillors, 24 hours a day at a cost of £1.54 per annum.

Item 11: The Adoption of the BT Telephone Kiosk in St Hilary.

The Clerk advised that the 90 day consultation is ongoing and will close during December.

It was reported that the Trustees of the Village Hall had received a request for a defibrillator to be installed on the wall of the Village Hall. It will be housed inside a box to match the new notice board. The Trustees have given their permission for this proposal.

Item 12: To consider hiring out the Projector.

The Council debated the implications of hiring out the projector for community use. The projector would not be covered by the Council's insurance whilst out on loan and it was agreed that the 'housing' of the projector and the delivery and pick up of it after a hire could prove problematic. Furthermore the machine would have to be checked for any issues or damage. Enquiries made with outlets in Cardiff and Bridgend had ascertained that projector equipment is available for hire at a reasonable cost.

Proposed by Councillor Teague and **resolved** that the projector is not hired or let out for use as it was purchased for the purpose of the Community Council viewing planning applications.

Item 13: To review Standing Orders and the Council's Grant Awarding Policy.

Members were circulated with copies of the above mentioned policies. A few very minor alterations were made to the Council's Grant Awarding Policy.

Members will review the Standing Orders at the next Council Meeting. Letters to be sent to the residents who had commented on the two policies.

Item 14: To consider the use of Llanfair Primary School Hall for alternative monthly meetings from 2018.

The Clerk circulated suggested dates for meetings in 2018 with the alternative venue of either St Hilary Village Hall or Llanfair Primary School.

January 11th – LPS*

February 1st – St H**

March 1st - LPS

April 5th St H

May 10th (Plus AGM) – LPS

June 7th – St H

July 5th - LPS

No meeting in August

September 7th – St H

October 4th - LPS

November 1st – St H

December 6th – LPS

*Llanfair Primary School

**St Hilary Village Hall

Noted.

Item 15: Correspondence and Publications.

15.1 E-mail from the Welsh Government regarding a review of Community and Town Councils to be carried out by an Independent Review Panel. The review will:

- Explore the potential role of local government below Local Authority councils, drawing on best practice.
- Define the most appropriate model(s)/structure(s) to deliver this role
- Consider how these models and structures should be applied across Wales. This will include consideration of any situations in which they would not be necessary or appropriate.

The review is expected to take approximately one year.

The questions the Panel poses are:

- What should Community and Town Councils be responsible for?
- How should they operate?
- What's standing in their way to deliver for the local community?
- How do councils ensure they best represent their local community?

Views can be e-mailed to

Adolygiad.CTC.Review@gov.wales

or via Twitter @WG_localgov

15.2 Letter from the Boundary Commission for Wales regarding the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Revised Proposals. It states that the Commission has published its Revised Proposals for changes to Parliamentary constituencies in Wales and it can be viewed on the Commissions' website : www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk or at public locations across Wales. Representations about the Revised Proposals are invited and should make it clear which area or areas they relate to. Representations must be received by 10th December 2017.

15.3 Clerks and Councils Direct – November 2017.

Item 16: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.

16.1 Councillor Shaw read out a statement:

"I for one agree with constructive criticism, but we as a Council have been pressurised by the Village Forum for our slow uptake on the village telephone box and our errors on our standing orders.

I am very happy to have a pressure group of village people to push us into action, however, I have lived in this village for 55 years and can only remember one occasion of any animosity.

It seems to me, sad that one member of the forum had to return to the community council meeting to apologise for the conduct of another member. Then, perhaps, things have gone a bit too far.

Now, I hope sincerely, that we all realise that our aims are all the same; to make the community a better place for us all to live in".

The Members supported Councillor Shaw's statement.

Item 17: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 7th December 2017 at St Hilary Village Hall at 7.00pm.

..... Chairman

Date : 7th December 2017.