

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Council Meeting held at
the Village Hall, St Hilary,
On Thursday, 5th October 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman : Councillor Ray Simkiss
Councillors : David Hawkins, Rhian Rees, Heather Shaw,
Geoff Simpson and Jim Teague.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
PC Elson.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor Mary Llewellyn.

Vale Councillors G A Cox, H Jarvie and A Parker.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
Councillor Hawkins – Item 8 – Clerk’s Report (Item 8.3 – Notice Board).

Item 3: Community Police Matters.
PC Elson advised Members that there were no reported crimes since the previous meeting, although there had been a number of incidents at ‘The Farm’ and PC Elson is actively seeking a member of the management at ‘The Farm’ to meet with the Community Council.

The item in the September minutes of ‘*a vehicle speeding at Thaw Close*’ was actually a report from a resident.

Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of the Meeting held 7th September 2017.
Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held 7th September 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 7th September 2017, (not included in this agenda).

5.1 Councillor Hawkins requested that he is booked onto the ‘Code of Conduct’ training course for 14th November.

5.2 Members requested that both Councillor G A Cox and Mr M Clogg are contacted to advise them that the Council is looking forward to them attending a meeting to report back on their site visit to The Herberts.

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

Item 7: Chairman’s Report.
No items.

Item 8: Clerk's Report.

8.1 Finances

Bank balance was noted at **£5,591.68** (Current Account £4,699.07 and Savings £892.61).

Payments made since last meeting are:

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

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (October) - £154.26;
HMRC Tax (October) - £38.57.
£100 to Llandough for daffodil bulbs.

8.2 Tax Issues.

The Clerk explained that she has spent a considerable number of hours (approximately 3/4 hours) at the telephone, setting up a programme to report tax paid each month to Inland Revenue.

8.3 New Notice Board at St Hilary.

The Clerk had obtained a quotation from Greenbarnes Ltd to purchase a new notice board to replace the one attached to the outside wall of St Hilary Village Hall and to match the one recently purchased by St Hilary Village Forum. The cost of the notice board would be £1,136.27 (net figure of £946.89 plus VAT of £189.38 which can be reclaimed by the Community Council).

It was **resolved** that the board should be headed up in both English and Welsh and read as '*CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL*'. Prior to the order being placed, permission should be obtained for a new notice board to be erected on the outside wall of the Village Hall from the Trustees who are responsible for the building.

Proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor Shaw and **Resolved** that a new notice board should be purchased from Greenbarnes Ltd at a gross price of £1,136.27, once permission for the erection of the new notice board is obtained from the Trustees of the St Hilary Village Hall.

8.4 St Hilary Village Forum.

The Clerk circulated a copy of an e-mail which she had received from a member of the St Hilary Village Forum which explained the workings and set-up of the Forum.

Members agreed that clearly there is a Village Forum in existence (despite the denial by a member of the public at September's meeting), but it does not appear to be a properly constituted body.

Item 9: Planning.

No planning items.

Item 10: Reports of Representatives.

10.1

Councillor Teague reported that the next meeting of the Community Liaison Committee will be held on 18th October and a request will be made for the attendance of Vale of Glamorgan Councillors at town and community council meetings to be included on the agenda of the meeting.

- Item 10: Reports of Representatives (Continued).**
10.2 Councillor Simpson reported that the next meeting of the local committee of One Voice Wales is scheduled for 23rd October. Councillor Simpson has recently been appointed as One Voice Wales' Representative on the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and gave a report on his first meeting which consisted of three issues being discussed. The Board is moving toward a greater integration between both primary and secondary care and between hospital and community based treatment. A major project is underway to reduce waste medicine both within the health service itself and by better education of the public. The final topic related to a greater understanding of patient experience in relation to their hospital treatment. One of the strongest findings to emerge thus far is that patients often have unrealistic expectations of the outcome of treatment.
- Item 11: The Adoption of the BT Telephone Kiosk in St Hilary.**
The Clerk advised that the form to start the adoption process whilst not lengthy to complete, had given problems as it needed the address of the kiosk exactly as it is stated inside the kiosk. Despite many attempts to fill that section in, eventually the Clerk drove to the kiosk to copy down the exact wording and noted that St Hilary was spelt incorrectly with two 'l's.
The adoption is now subject to a 90 day consultation period as the kiosk is a 'listed' building.
- Item 12: Correspondence and Publications.**
12.1 Notice from Valeways giving details of the walks from October to December.
Printed and to be posted onto notice boards.
- 12.2. Papers from the Vale of Glamorgan Council giving the Agenda for the meeting of 27th September and the minutes of the meeting held on 28th June plus the audited statement of accounts for year ended 31st March 2017.
Noted.
- 12.3 The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Financial Year 2018/2019 – Draft Annual Report. Section 13 related to Town and Community Councils so this section was circulated to members.
Noted.
In the draft report, Determination 44 states: 'Community and town councils must make a payment to each of their members of £150 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc.' Yet in Determination 46 it is stated that: 'Community and town councils in Groups B, C or D are authorised to make an annual payment of £500 each to up to 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses if that is made'.
Councillor Hawkins pointed out that these statements contradict each other. The Clerk will point this out to the Panel.

- Item 13: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.**
- 13.1 It was reported that 'rats' have been seen in the area. The Clerk will enquire with the Vale Council if they do provide a service to catch them and is there a financial cost.
- 13.2 Members discussed their concerns at vegetation in verges not being cut back around the posts of signs on highways with the result that road signs cannot be seen .
- 13.3 Members discussed the implementation of 'Broadband' in Llandough and St Mary Church and particularly the 'mess' left on roads and verges by the implementation workmen. It was agreed that a complaint should be made once the 'super-fast broadband' implementation programme has been completed.
- 13.4 Members discussed the ongoing item of hiring out the projector for community use. Members agreed that the item should be placed on the agenda of the next meeting to conclude the matter and if the decision is made to hire out the equipment, then to decide on the fee, the insurance implications and the responsibility of collection and return of the projector in relation to its storage.
- Item 14: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.**
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 2nd November 2017 at St Hilary Village Hall at 7.00pm.

..... Chairman
Date : 2nd November 2017.