

## LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Hilary Village Hall on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 at 7.10pm.

**Present:** Chairman : Councillor Heather Shaw.  
Councillors : Malcolm Francis, David Hawkins, David Ilsey,  
Mary Llewellyn, Ray Simkiss, Geoff Simpson and Jim Teague.

**In Attendance:** Jackie Griffin, Clerk.  
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor Hunter Jarvie.  
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor Andrew Parker.  
PCSO H. O'Callaghan.

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence.**  
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor G A Cox.

**Item 2: Declarations of Interest.**  
None.

**Item 3: Community Police Matters.**  
PCSO O'Callaghan advised that there are no reported incidents for the last month in the Llanfair area.  
Speed checks will continue to be carried out in the area, specifically around the hours of 8am and 5pm.

**Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014.**  
**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 was 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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 (Not included on this agenda).**

5.1 Item 5.3 (Footpath from St Mary Church to the Herberts) – Councillor Teague advised that he has been informed by Creative Rural Communities that it is intended to have an Official Opening Ceremony on 23<sup>rd</sup> May with guests from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Creative Rural Communities, The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales and St Mary Church Residents Association.  
Disappointment was expressed by the Community Council that a more 'Community based' event has not been planned and that Newydd has not been included in the list of guests.  
It was **resolved** that the concerns of the Community Council should be raised with the organiser as the Members were very keen to involve the Llanfair Primary School children in the opening ceremony.

Councillor Jarvie has made enquiries with the Legal Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council with regard to the concern raised that horses have been seen riding on the footpath. The e-mail advises of the following:

*On the Definitive Map, Public Rights of Way are recorded and are divided into several categories. This particular path is recorded as a 'Footpath' i.e. for use on foot.*

*The status of the path indicated the rights that do exist, but do not restrict the rights that do not. A horse rider using a footpath does not commit a criminal offence unless horse riding is prohibited by a traffic regulation order or a byelaw but they may expose themselves to an action in trespass by the landowner if they do not have the landowner's permission.*

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- 5.1 *There would be significant costs associated with the making of a byelaw or Traffic Regulation Order and hence there would need to be a clear significant issue over and above that associated with any footpath before this route is explored. If a horse rider caused significant damage to the path they may have committed an offence of criminal damage and a tort against the highway authority. If the horse riding affected the rights of legitimate users of the footpath this may also amount to an actionable 'nuisance', however this would require clear evidence and is likely to be difficult to prosecute'.*

Members discussed the possible damage and mess to the footpath along with the danger to pedestrians. Signs will be fixed to both ends of the footpath indicating that it should not be used by horse riders and enquiries will be made about reducing the gap in the entrances to make it difficult for horses to access the path.

If necessary, a Road Traffic Order can be made to forbid horse riding along the path.

- 5.2 Item 5.2 (Street Lighting in St Hilary) – The Clerk advised that the Vale of Glamorgan Council can adjust the lights for brightness. Arrangements have been made for this adjustment to be made. The Vale Council is actively reducing their energy consumption by installing LED lighting units and the lights are set up to use the least amount of energy whilst providing sufficient light to the highway. Requests are occasionally received to increase lighting levels and the Council is happy to do that providing that the action does not detrimentally affect their overall energy saving plan.
- 5.3 Item 5.1 (Large waste bin at entrance of St Hilary) – It was reported that the bin is still in situ although it is the intention of the Vale Council to remove it. The Clerk will make enquiries with Waste Management on when the bin will be removed.

**Item 6: Clerk's Report.  
Finances**

Bank balance was noted at **£4,383.11** (Current Account £3,491.55 and Savings £891.56).

**Payments made since last meeting are:**

Clerk's Salary (April) - £161.08;  
Petty Cash - £67.20.

**Monies received since last meeting are:**

Vale of Glamorgan Council – First precept payment - £1,294.00.

**Payments due to be made are:**

Clerk's Salary (May) - £161.08;  
Zurich Municipal – Annual Insurance - £271.37.

*Clerk's salary to be an item on the next agenda.*

- Item 7: Planning.**  
No planning items.

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**Item 8: Reports of Representatives.**

Councillor Francis reported on the latest meeting of One Voice Wales held on 28<sup>th</sup> April. The main item of the evening was a presentation by Alun Michael, South Wales Police Commissioner.

Councillor Francis had prepared a written statement on the presentation which will be circulated to Members by e-mail and placed on file with the minutes as a record.

Councillor Teague advised that the Police give a report at the quarterly Community Liaison meetings and statistics indicated that levels of reported crime are reducing.

**Item 9: Correspondence and Publications.**

9.1 Letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council enclosing a copy of the Completion Certificate for the Public Footpath Diversion Order for Public Footpath No. 2 St Hilary located at The Covert, St Hilary.  
**Noted.**

9.2 Clerks and Councils Direct – May 2014.

9.3 Notice of Valeways Walking Festival – 29<sup>th</sup> May/1<sup>st</sup> June.

**Item 10: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.**

10.1 Wall adjacent to the Village Green in St Hilary, where vegetation was removed by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The wall is yet to be repaired and is in danger of falling down.

10.2 Request to be made to the Vale of Glamorgan Council that the grass verges from Llandough to The Herberts (a safe route in the community), for the safety of walkers.

10.3 It was reported that the work at Coed Hills with regard to paths etc has not yet been carried out.

10.4 Concern that a property on the outskirts of St Hilary is releasing grey water onto the Highway.

10.5 Thanks were expressed to Councillor Llewellyn for organising and catering the St Hilary Community Event held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

**Item 11: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.**

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014, at 7.00pm in St Hilary Village Hall.**

..... Chairman

**Date : 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014.**