

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Hilary Village Hall on Thursday, 6th March 2014 at 7.00pm.

Present: Vice Chairman : Councillor Heather Shaw.
Councillors : Malcolm Francis, David Ilsley, Mary Llewellyn,
Ray Simkiss and Geoff Simpson.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor G A Cox.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor Andrew Parker.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.

Councillors David Hawkins and Jim Teague.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor Hunter Jarvie.
PCSO H. O'Callaghan.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.

None.

**Item 3: Discussion with Mr Ander Lozano Pérez regarding use of road in
St Hilary by HGV vehicles.**

Mr Perez attended the meeting to apologise for the damage caused to grass verges by lorries travelling to 'The Garn' and being directed through the village by their 'sat navs', although there is a direct route to the site straight off the A48.

Mr Perez apologised for the damage and assured Members that all verges that have been 'churned up' will be reinstated.

All work at the site is scheduled to be finished by the end of March.

Members thanked Mr Perez for attending the meeting.

Item 4: Community Police Matters.

The Clerk had received an e-mail from PCSO O'Callaghan giving apologies for the meeting last month when she had to attend an incident and also giving apologies for this meeting.

PCSO O'Callaghan advises that there was one reported crime for January which was a burglary of tools and machinery from outbuildings from a property in St Mary Church. The crime has not been detected. There have been no reported crimes for February.

PCSO O'Callaghan gave her and her colleagues thanks to Councillor Francis for praising their quick response to an incident of 'cold callers' in Llandough .

Item 5: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 6th February 2014.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 6th February 2014 was a correct record of the meeting and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

Item 6: Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting held 6th February 2014 (Not included on this agenda).

6.1 Item 5.1 – Councillor Simpson reported that the long awaited footpath from St Mary Church to The Herberts is near completion. Members were concerned that there should be barrier or gate at the bottom of the hill for safety purposes and apparently it had been agreed that one would be sited there. Councillor Simpson will contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council to the authority to remind them that this has been discussed and to request that this is considered as a priority.

Item 7: Clerk's Report.

Finances

Bank balance was noted at **£3,704.29** (Current Account £2,812.91 and Savings £891.38).

Payments made since last meeting are:

Clerk's Salary (February) - £161.08;
St Mary Church Residents Association (Portion of Christmas CASH Grant) - £160.00 (not yet debited from bank account);
St Hilary (Portion of Christmas CASH Grant) - £160.00;
HCI Data Ltd (Fee for registering the Community Council's Domain name) £130.80.

Monies received since last meeting are Nil.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (March) - £161.08;
One Voice Wales – Annual Subscription - £66.00 (last year's fee was £62.00). Members **resolved** that the membership should be renewed for another year.

Venue for Meetings.

Due to the closure of Llandough Church Hall for the foreseeable future, it was agreed that meetings should be held in St Hilary Village Hall and the Clerk confirmed that the hall has been booked for the remainder of 2014 and circulated a list of the meeting dates to Members: April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, Sep 4th, Oct 2nd, Nov 6th, Dec 11th.

Cash Grants.

The Clerk that the scheme will continue during the next financial year and the application forms have been received. Any applications should be submitted by 31st March 2014.

Website.

The Clerk confirmed that some help had been received to get the website up and running and it is progressing well. It was suggested that Councillor Francis should be a register user on the website to be able to access it and update information if the Clerk is unavailable.

Item 8: To consider letter from Mr W P Thomas.

Letter received from Mr Thomas expressing concerns at the 'growing trend of an unregistered rubbish dump at the entrance of St Hilary'. A number of years ago a large 'skip type' bin was placed at the junction of a lane to a few properties. The bin was put there for the residents of those properties to place their rubbish there for collection. However the site has now become an unhygienic and unsightly 'eyesore' as it is used by others to dump rubbish there. The lid of the bin is usually left open and the rubbish accumulates quickly and with bags placed by the side of the bin, these are torn open and rubbish gets blown around the small site.

A letter of a similar nature has also been received from another resident of the village.

Councillor Hawkins had taken photographs displaying the bin and the bags of rubbish around it and had sent them to the Clerk.

Members agreed that the situation had become intolerable and Councillor Cox agreed to discuss the matter with the Operational Manager of Cleansing at the Vale of Glamorgan Council to remedy the problem.

Item 9: Planning.

9.1 Planning Application No. **2014/00191/FUL**

Applicant: Greenfinch Investments Ltd

Agent: Renewables First

Location: Garn Farm, St Hilary

Proposal: The erection and operation of a single wind turbine (maximum height 99.5m to blade-tip), with associated infrastructure including turbine hardstanding, construction compound (temporary), new site access track, cabling and control building. Areas for potential micro-siting have been included as follows: 50m for the turbine and control building; and 5m either side of the access track.

Although this planning application is for land within the jurisdiction of Llancafarn Community Council, it is very close to the border of Llanfair Community Council and will be visible within its community. The Members are concerned at the noise pollution and effect that this proposal will have on the landscape of the rural Vale.

Item 10: Reports of Representatives.

No reports.

Item 11: Correspondence and Publications.

11.1 Letters requesting financial assistance received from Maesteg Animal Welfare Society and NSPCC.

Noted.

11.2 Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2014.

Item 12: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.

12.1 It was reported that some residents are unhappy with the light provided by the street lamps which are now fitted with low energy bulbs. It was **resolved** that an enquiry should be made to ask if lights could have stronger bulbs fitted.

Item 13: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 3rd April 2014, at 7.00pm in St Hilary Village Hall.

..... Chairman
Date : 3rd April 2014.