

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present: Vice Chairman : Councillor Mary Llewellyn
Councillors : Malcolm Francis, David Hawkins, David Ilsley,
Ray Simkiss, Geoff Simpson and Jim Teague.

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

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Heather Shaw
Vale Councillors H Jarvie & A Parker.
PCSO H O'Callaghan.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Hawkins – Item 7.1 (Trustee of St Hilary Village Hall).

Item 3: Community Police Matters.

PCSO O'Callaghan had given apologies to the Clerk and advised that there were no reported crimes since the last meeting.
PCSO O'Callaghan advised that she is still actively seeking volunteers to train to monitor speeding vehicles.

Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 2nd October 2014.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 2nd October 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 2nd October 2014 (Not included on this agenda).

5.1 Further to Item 3 relating to Local Housing Assessment discussion, Councillor Teague advised that this item was discussed at the latest Community Liaison Committee meeting and pointed out that no further housing developments are planned for the Llanfair area at the present time and that the 'Lettings Policy' has been instrumental in assisting other communities to draw up very similar policies.

5.2 Item 6.1 – It was reported that the problem of black refuse bags being dumped at the entrance of St Hilary village had ceased.

5.3 Items 11.3 and 11.4 – Members were pleased to report that both the potholes have been filled and the verges have now been cut.

Item 6: Chairman's Report

No report.

Item 7: Clerk's Report.

7.1 Annual Payment due for use of St Hilary Village Hall for meetings. The Clerk advised Members that the payment for the use of the Hall is due in November. In past years, a payment of £150 was made to both St Hilary Village Hall and Llandough Church Hall. However this year, as Llandough Church Hall cannot currently be used, meetings have taken place in St Hilary.

Resolved that a payment of £300 should be made to St Hilary Village Hall.

Item 7: Clerk's Report (Continued).

Finances

Bank balance was noted at **£4,243.31** (Current Account £3,351.57 and Savings £891.74).

Payments made since last meeting are:

Clerk's Salary (October) - £192.83.

Mazars (External Audit for year ending 31st March 2014) - £96.00.

Monies received since last meeting are

Mazars (Refund of charges) - £30.00.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (November) - £192.83;

St Hilary Village Hall (for use of hall for meetings) - £300.

Item 8: 'Reshaping Services' consultation document from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an e-mail from the Vale of Glamorgan Council giving information on how the Council is having to consider how it delivers services with the reduction in its funding from the Welsh Government by £30 million over 3 years. Statutory services including Education provision and Social Services are ring-fenced but other non-statutory services may have to be reduced or withdrawn completely due to the budget reduction. The Vale of Glamorgan Council is consulting and seeking views and suggestions on how services could be delivered more effectively. Further meetings are to be held to discuss the matter further.

Item 9: Planning.

9.1

Planning Application No. **2014/01249/FUL**

Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Wood

Agent: MT Surveyors

Location: Forge Cottage, St Mary Church

Proposal: Two storey and single storey extensions at the rear.

No objection.

9.2

Decisions on Planning Applications received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council:

None.

Item 10: Planning Bill Wales.

The Clerk circulated a document obtained from the Vale of Glamorgan Council which summarises some of the detail in the proposed Planning Bill. The Clerk advised that parts of the proposed Bill will directly affect Town and Community Councils especially the proposed pre-application consultation for major developments which will place a duty on 'specified persons' (statutory consultees) to provide a 'substantive response' to the developer within a specified timescale which to be 21 days.

Other proposals include:

- That the current mandatory requirement for Design and Access statements will be removed and introduce a national development management policy on design.
- Welsh ministers being able to force and determine the size of joint planning board membership based around the size of the population of each council.

Item 10: Planning Bill Wales (Continued)

- Welsh Government determination of developments of National Significance including strategic scale energy projects.

The consultation period expires on 15th January and it was **resolved** that Members consider the Bill prior to the next meeting in order that a response can be drawn up.

Item 11: Reports of Representatives.

11.1

Councillor Francis reported on the meeting of the local committee of One Voice Wales held on 27th October at which the following items were discussed:

- The website is now fully functioning and gives full details of all training courses.
- The devolution of services that the Unitary Authorities do not have to provide.
- Precept increases.
- A judicial review concerning the provision of housing as detailed in the Local Development Plan.
- The requirement to obtain dispensation, if required, from the Standards Committee.

11.2

Councillor Teague reported on a recent meeting of the Community Liaison Committee at which the 'Reshaping Services' consultation was discussed. Further meetings on this item are to be held on 19th November.

Item 12: Christmas Celebrations.

The Clerk confirmed that the Vale of Glamorgan Council are once again making the Christmas CASH Grants available to Town and Community Councils in the sum of £475.

Members **resolved** that an application for the grant should be made and each of the communities will arrange similar celebrations to last year.

Item 13: Attendance at Vale of Glamorgan Local Service Board – Local Service Forum 2014 – Tuesday 9th December.

A meeting is to be held on how the changes under the 'Reshaping Services' consultation will affect voluntary services in the Vale of Glamorgan Council and it was recommended that a member of the Community Council or the Clerk attend the Forum. Councillor Simpson agreed to represent the Community Council at the Forum.

Item 14: Vale Villages Together Forum.

The Clerk had obtained and circulated information from the forum giving answers to questions that the Community Council had put to them. Members agreed that the forum was a worthwhile cause and discussed whether they should get involved with the group.

Councillor Francis agreed to attend the next meeting of the forum once the Clerk establishes the date, time and venue of it.

Item 15: Purchase of a Paper Shredder.

The Clerk asked the Community Council if they would consider the purchase of a shredder as the Clerk had purchased three in the last three years and each one had 'burnt out'. It was **resolved** that a shredder is purchased for use by the Clerk, up to the maximum cost of £100 and it would be the property of the Community Council.

Item 16: Correspondence and Publications.

16.1 Request for financial assistance received from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.
Noted.

16.2 Request for financial assistance received from Bobath Children's Therapy Centre, Wales.
Noted.

16.3 Clerks and Councils Direct – November 2014.

Item 17: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.

17.1 It was reported that the speed awareness sign on the St Athan Road at the approach to Thaw Close is not working.

Item 18: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 11th December 2014 at 7.00pm in St Hilary Village Hall.

..... Chairman
Date : 11th December 2014.