

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Hilary Village Hall on Thursday, 11th December 2014 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor G A Cox.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor A Parker.
PC Stuart Elson.
PCSO H O'Callaghan.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillors Malcolm Francis, David Hawkins and David Ilsley.
Vale Councillor H Jarvie.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
Councillor A Parker – Items 8.1 and 8.2 (Planning Applications).

Item 3: Community Police Matters.
PCSO O'Callaghan introduced PC Stuart Elson to the Members.

Members raised their concerns with regard to speeding traffic from the A48 through St Hilary Village and from St Mary Church direction and also the speed of vehicles along the St Athan Road towards St Mary Church. The issue of the flashing warning sign still not working (November minutes – Item 17.1) on the St Athan Road despite already being reported, was mentioned.

Members then discussed their concerns with the Police at the dangers posed to users of the St Athan Road, from the point where it leaves Cowbridge to the turn off for Llandough. A resident of Llandough has written a letter to the Highways Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council and forwarded copies to some of the councillors. The road has numerous dangerous points and many of those raised in the letter have been reported to the Vale Council on a number of occasions through the years. It was suggested by PC Elson and **resolved** by the Members, that a letter is sent to Mr Alun Cairns MP for the Vale of Glamorgan, in the hope that this will encourage some action to improve the road safety.

Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 6th November 2014.
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 6th November 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 6th November 2014 (Not included on this agenda).
No matters arising.

Item 6: Chairman's Report
Councillor Shaw advised that a resident of St Hilary had taken it upon herself to walk from St Hilary to the A48 to pick up rubbish.

Item 7: Clerk's Report.

Finances

Bank balance was noted at **£3,750.48** (Current Account £2,858.74 and Savings £891.74).

Payments made since last meeting are:

Clerk's Salary (November) - £192.83;
St Hilary Village Hall (for use of hall for meetings) - £300.

Monies received since last meeting are Nil.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (December) - £192.83;
The Poppy Appeal (Wreath) - £20.00.

Councillor Parker left the meeting for the duration of Item 8.

Item 8: Planning.

8.1 Planning Application No. **2014/01362/FUL**

Applicant: Mr A Oakley
Agent: DWE Architecture
Location: Glade View, St Mary Church
Proposal: Rear two storey and single storey extension.

No objection.

8.2 Planning Application No. **2014/00744/FUL**

Applicant: Mr J Hitchcock
Agent: Andrew Parker Associates
Location: The Rectory, Llandough
Proposal: Amended plan.

No objection.

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

None.

Item 9: Planning Bill Wales.

This item was brought forward from last month's agenda to give Members time to read the information forwarded by the Welsh Government. Councillor Francis has read the documentation and advised Members by e-mails that the response formulated earlier in 2014 gave the Community Council's view on the proposed changes to the Planning System in Wales and Members agreed that nothing further needed to be added.

Item 10: Reports of Representatives.

10.1 Councillor Simpson gave a report on the Vale of Glamorgan Local Services Board forum which he attended on behalf of the Community Council on 9th December 2014. Councillor Simpson had prepared a detailed report which will be attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.

10.2 Councillor Teague reported on the Extraordinary Community Liaison meeting which he had attended on 19th November. The meeting again covered the topic of 'Reshaping Services' and it became clear that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have an 'expectation' that the Town and Community Councils in the Vale will take on the extra responsibilities as previously indicated.

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Item 10: Reports of Representatives (Continued)

A presentation was also given on 'S106' monies resulting from large planning developments (it was **resolved** that enquiries should be made to ascertain if any monies remain outstanding from the 'Thaw Close' development at The Herberts).

Item 11: Christmas Celebrations.

The Clerk advised that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have approved the application made for the Christmas CASH Grant of £475 and payment into the Community Council's bank account will be made within the next few days.

Item 12: Dates of Meetings in 2015.

The Clerk advised that the Hall has been booked for meetings in 2015 and Members were circulated with a list of the dates as below:

<i>January 8th</i>	<i>July 2nd</i>
<i>February 5th</i>	<i>No meeting in August</i>
<i>March 5th</i>	<i>September 3rd</i>
<i>April 2nd</i>	<i>October 1st</i>
<i>May 14th (Plus AGM)</i>	<i>November 5th</i>
<i>June 4th</i>	<i>December 10th</i>

Item 13: Correspondence and Publications.

13.1 Request for financial assistance received from Urdd Nationa Eisteddfod and the St David's Children's Society.

13.2 Letter received by e-mail (previously circulated to Members) from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding the 'Vale of Glamorgan Destination Action Plan'. The letter advises that in June 2014 the Council's Cabinet approved a Draft Destination Action Plan for the Vale of Glamorgan and the Plan should be subject to consultation. Various links were given to a copy of the plan and also to the report given to Cabinet. The plan was also discussed by delegates at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show in August. The Vale of Glamorgan Council is seeking comments on the five priorities as listed by the Council plus any additional comments on any aspect of the plan. Any feedback is required by Friday 23rd January 2015.

13.3 Information on the Plunkett Foundation with regard to creating co-operatives.

All items noted.

Item 14: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.

14.1 Councillor Teague advised that a stile in St Mary Church has been named the 'Alan Wilson Stile' in recognition of Alan's immense contribution to the work of 'Valeways'. Members agreed that this is a very fitting tribute to Mr Wilson.

14.2 Councillor Simkiss asked if a report could be submitted to the Vale of Glamorgan Council to request that the road through Llandough is cleaned as this has not been carried for some time and that shrubs and vegetation along the verges are cut back to avoid damage to cars travelling through the lane from Llandough.

Item 14: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman (Continued).

14.3 Concern at the volume of large vehicles, transporting construction items to the 'windfarm' development in Llantrithyd, getting 'stuck' in St Mary Church village as they are being guided there by their 'sat navs'.

It was agreed that the planning application conditions should be checked for details of how the large volume of traffic should be handled and the Planning Officer should be contacted to advise of the problems being experienced.

**Item 15: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 8th January 2015 at 7.00pm in St Hilary Village Hall.**

..... Chairman
Date : 8th January 2015.