

## LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Hilary Village Hall on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.00pm.

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

**In Attendance:** Jackie Griffin, Clerk.  
PC Stuart Elson.

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence.**

Councillor Ray Simkiss  
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor G A Cox  
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor H Jarvie.  
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor A Parker.

**Item 2: Declarations of Interest.**

None.

**Item 3: Community Police Matters.**

PC Elson advised that there have been no reported crimes, in the Llanfair area, since the last meeting.  
Following the recent fires on the Downs, an information leaflet drop has been carried out in the area.  
PC Elson reported that farm plant and machinery is being stolen and recommended that Members advise residents to be vigilant.  
Members discussed their concerns over speeding vehicles with PC Elson. The police will carry out speed surveys whenever possible.

**Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015.**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 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 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
(Not included on this agenda).**

5.1 It was reported that the speed warning signs that were sited at Thaw Close have now been removed. It was understood that the signs were to be permanent for the safety of residents following the Thaw Close development.  
The Clerk will write to Highways to ask if this is permanent or will the signs be returned and, if not, why were the signs removed.

**Item 6: Chairman's Report**

No report.  
Councillor Llewellyn took the opportunity to thank last year's chairman, Councillor Shaw, for her year in office and representing the Community Council as Chairman.

**Item 7: Clerk's Report.**

**Finances**

Bank balance was noted at **£4,613.31** (Current Account £3,721.41 and Savings £891.90).

**Payments made since last meeting are:**

Clerk's Salary (May) - £192.83;  
Zurich Municipal (Annual Renewal) - £271.37.

**Monies received since last meeting are Nil.**

**Payments due to be made are:**

Clerk's Salary (June) - £192.83.

**Item 8: Planning.**

No planning items.

**Item 9: Approval of Annual Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.**

The Clerk circulated copies of the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and confirmed that the accounts have been internally audited and there were no issues to report.

**Proposed** by Councillor Simpson and **resolved** that the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 be accepted and approved by the Community Council.

The Chairman signed the audit form prior to a copy being sent to the External Auditors, Mazars.

**Item 10: Letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding 'Reshaping Services – Expressions of Interest'.**

The letter seeks assistance from Town and Community Councils with the Vale of Glamorgan Council's project 'Reshaping Services', which is a proactive response to the challenging financial climate. It is to investigate the way that the Vale Council can continue to deliver priority services for citizens by working differently. This includes thinking about how the Vale Council can work differently and furthermore, include how they work with their partners to co-deliver services.

Further information on the Programme can be found in the report to Cabinet on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at:

[http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our\\_council/council/minutes\\_agendas\\_and\\_reports/reports/cabinet/2015/15-01-26/Reshaping-Services-A-New-Change-Programme-for-the-Council.aspx](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/council/minutes_agendas_and_reports/reports/cabinet/2015/15-01-26/Reshaping-Services-A-New-Change-Programme-for-the-Council.aspx)

An 'expressions of interest' form is included to be completed and forwarded to the Vale of Glamorgan Council by 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015.

**Proposed** by Councillor Simpson and **resolved** that a nil return is submitted from the Community Council.

**Item 11: Reports of Representatives.**

Councillor Teague reported on the Community Liaison Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Items discussed included:

- 'Reshaping Services' programme.
- The Local Services Board required a representative from the Town Councils in the Vale and a representative from the Community Councils.  
Councillor Mike Cuddy from Penarth Town Council was selected as the representative from the Town Councils and Council Graeme Smith was selected as the Community Councils representative.

**Item 12: Correspondence and Publications.**

12.1 Letter from Enfys Griffiths, Community Transport Officer giving details of the revised 'Greenlinks' bus service, G1. From Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015 the revised G1 service will offer transport from St Athan to Cowbridge and Cowbridge to Bridgend Town Centre and will operate Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 5.15pm. Leaflets were included with the letter giving details of how a seat on the bus can be requested. Further information on the Greenlinks services are available on the website at [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Greenlinks](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Greenlinks)

**Noted.**

12.2 Letter from Mr Beaman, Operations Manager, Parks and Grounds Maintenance at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, regarding 'Flail Mowing Highway Verges 2015'. The letter advises that due to the reduction in local authority budgets and 'The Action Plan for Pollinators in Wales' published by the Welsh Government, the Parks and Grounds Maintenance Division has revised the Flail Mowing of Highways Verges for 2015. In order to support pollinators such as bees and butterflies with beneficial, flower rich habitat across the Vale, the non-strategic verges (rural lanes) will only be cut after the optimum time of mid-July. This will also allow sufficient time for the majority of flowering plants to set seed. Twenty nine identified vision splays on the non-strategic routes will be cut before mid-July. The strategic routes (main roads) will be cut three times per year. This cutting regime will achieve a financial saving although more importantly it will improve the verges as connected habitats for pollinators throughout the area.

**Noted.**

**Item 13: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.**

13.1 It was agreed that it could be beneficial for a wi-fi router to be installed in St Hilary Village Hall and this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**Item 14: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.**

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 at 7.00pm in St Hilary Village Hall.**

..... Chairman  
Date : 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015.