

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Hilary Village Hall on Thursday, 3rd March 2016 at 7.00pm.

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

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

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillors H Jarvie & A Parker.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
None.

Item 3: Community Police Matters.
Councillor Hawkins expressed annoyance at the fact that someone has written their name in the wet cement used to repair a wall in St Hilary. This has spoilt an excellent repair. The Clerk will report this to PCSO O'Callaghan.

Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 4th February 2016.
Proposed by Councillor Teague and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held 4th February 2016 were 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 4th February 2016, (not included in this agenda).

5.1 Item 5.2 – it was reported that the 'Road Sweeper' has still not paid a visit to Llandough.

5.2 Members again discussed the issue of horses on St Hilary Common. The Clerk had contacted the Vale of Glamorgan Council for their advice and was advised that "*As far as we are concerned at Parks, the riding of a horse is allowed. Care must be taken to take into account other users of the land*".

Members agreed this was not satisfactory as the riders are galloping their horses, churning up the land and it is a 'health and safety' risk to residents and dog walkers. The 'Protection of Open Space Order' will be investigated to ascertain if it applies in this case.

5.3 Item 6.2 – Councillor Cox reported that Mr Colin Smith has been appointed as Operational Manager of Waste and Cleansing at the Vale of Glamorgan Council taking over from Mr Clifford Parish who has recently retired.

Item 6: Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillors.

6.1 Councillor G A Cox advised that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have agreed their budget for the next financial year. Community charge will increase by 3.9%. The Vale of Glamorgan Council must make savings of £9.289 million, with £2 million being found from the 'Reshaping Services' Programme.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has 'dropped' the introduction of car parking charges in Barry and Cowbridge at the present time.

Item 6: Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillors (Continued)

6.2 The current state of the access road to the Llandow Civic Amenity site was discussed. All agreed that the road is in a serious condition with extremely large potholes in its entirety. The site is in private ownership and the owner is not prepared to carry out the necessary work. The Vale of Glamorgan Council has offered to do the work in lieu of rent payments but the offer has not been accepted.

Item 7: Chairman's Report

Councillor Llewellyn advised that she had attended a meeting on 2nd March, at the Council Chamber in Cowbridge Town Hall and at the invitation of the Mayor. Other interested groups and stakeholders were also in attendance. The meeting was to discuss the proposed 'Beacon Lighting Ceremony' in celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday on 21st April. The initial plan was to have the Beacon on St Hilary Down but it had been decided that the site was too dangerous for spectators and therefore it is intended to hold the event at Cowbridge Rugby Club instead although there was to be a further meeting with the Rugby Club to finalise that the ground would be available. Insurance for the event will be provided under the Town Council's own insurance policy and the Town Council has allocated £500 towards the event. A gas fired beacon has been ordered and Mr Alun John has kindly donated the gas cylinder for the beacon. Sponsorship is being sought for the provision of a firework display. There will be a feature in the Gem Newspaper to advertise the event. It is intended to invite local dignitaries with the Deputy Lord Lieutenant lighting the beacon.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has been notified about the planned event. There is to be a health and safety risk assessment carried out and the ATC will provide stewarding. There will be entertainment and refreshments and any further suggestions for the event are welcomed. Councillor Llewellyn will contact the RAF Voluntary Band to invite them to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for 23rd March. Councillor Llewellyn is unable to attend but will liaise with Councillor Hawkins to enquire on his availability.

Item 8: Clerk's Report.

Finances

Bank balance was noted at **£4,950.16** (Current Account £4,057.94 and Savings £892.22).

Payments made since last meeting are:

Clerk's Salary (February) - £192.83;
Councillor R Simkiss – (purchase of Christmas tree) - £105.00;
One Voice Wales (Annual Subscription) £70.00;
Councillor Shaw (to purchase festive lights) £105.00 (not yet presented at the bank).

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (March) - £192.83;
J Griffin (Renewal of Domain Name) - £83.70;
Petty Cash for year 2015/2016 - £73.62.

Monies received into the Bank Account:

Society of Local Council Clerks – Tuition Refund £125.00.

Item 9: Planning.

9.1 Planning Application No. **2016/00163/FUL**
Applicant: Mr D Wood
Agent: DLP Architecture Ltd
Location: Forge Cottage, St Athan Road, St Mary Church.
Proposal: Two storey and single storey extension.
Other than the fact that this application is a retrospective one, the Community Council had no comment to make.

9.2 Results from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

(i) Planning Application No. **2015/01073/FUL** – Refurbishment and extension of barn, including new roof with increased ridge, plus solar panels to rear field, for mixed small-scale horticultural activities at Glebe Farm, St Hilary – **Grants permission with 6 conditions.**

(ii) Planning Application No. **2015/01486/FUL** – 2-storey side extension to provide new double garage, cloak room and gym on ground floor and new play room, home office and bathroom on first floor at Tumblers Chase, St Hilary – **Grants permission with 2 conditions.**
Noted.

Item 10: Reports of Representatives.

No reports.

Item 11: Correspondence and Publications.

11.1 Letter from One Voice Wales confirming that they have received the Community Council's subscription for 2016-17.
Noted.

11.2 Letter requesting financial assistance from the Teenage Cancer Trust.
Noted.

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

12.1 Members discussed the problem of lack of street signage at St Mary Church and the Herberts and that there is no sign for the Primary School. Furthermore that the post code for the village causes confusion as it covers a vast area.
Signage at St Mary Church and the Herberts to be an agenda item at April's meeting.

Item 13: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 7th April 2016 at 7.00pm in St Hilary Village Hall.

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Date : 7th April 2016.