

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Council Meeting held at
the Village Hall, St Hilary,
On Thursday, 7th September 2017 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
PC Elson.
Three members of the public.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.

Councillors David Hawkins, Rhian Rees and Geoff Simpson.
Vale Councillors G A Cox, H Jarvie and A Parker.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.

None.

Item 3: Community Police Matters.

PC Elson explained that crime figures now have to be presented in a 'Corporate format' as they are on-line. Some details of occurrences were given for 'The Farm plus some other crimes figures for July and August.

In July there were two reported occurrences: the theft of a purse at Coed Hills (which was reported at the July meeting) and a vehicle speeding at Thaw Close.

In August there was a refuse fire at Fishweir Farm and a number of grass fires at the Downs.

PC Elson is still trying to arrange a visit by the Manager to a meeting of the Community Council.

Item 4: To consider the Adoption of the BT Telephone Box in St Hilary.

Proposed by Councillor Llewellyn, seconded by Councillor Teague that the Community Council adopts the BT Telephone Kiosk on the proviso that there is a named liaison contact to represent the Community with regard to its maintenance and any other details.

Resolved as proposed.

The Clerk and Councillors expressed their disappointment at the hostility experienced by them, at both this meeting and particularly at the informal open discussion in August held with the St Hilary Community, at the hand of a small number of the residents.

Item 5: Acceptance of Minutes of the Meeting held 13th July 2017.

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held 13th July 2017 were a correct record of the meetings and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

Item 6: Matters arising from the Minutes of Meetings held 13th July 2017, (not included in this agenda).

6.1 The Clerk will check the situation with the 'overgrown foliage' at the Thaw Close end of the footpath at the Herberts.

6.2 The Clerk will chase the company requested to provide a quotation for a new notice board for St Hilary.

6.3 Councillors discussed the Councillor Induction course which a number of Members attended in July and which they had found 'very useful'.

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- Item 7: Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillors.**
No Vale Councillors present.
Members expressed disappointment at this and requested that the Clerk asks for this item to be placed on the next agenda for the Community Liaison Committee.
- Item 8: Chairman's Report.**
No items.
- Item 9: Clerk's Report.**
9.1 **Finances**
Bank balance was noted at **£5,784.51** (Current Account £4,891.90 and Savings £892.61).
- Payments made since last meeting are:**
Clerk's Salary (July and August) - £308.52;
HMRC Tax (July and August) - £77.14;
One Voice Wales (Councillor Training) - £190.00.
- Payments due to be made are:**
Clerk's Salary (September) - £154.26;
HMRC Tax (September) - £38.57.
- Monies received into the Bank Account – Second Precept Payment - £1294.00.**
- Item 10: Planning.**
No planning items.
- Item 11: Reports of Representatives.**
No reports.
- Item 12: To consider the applications received for Co-Option onto the Community Council (Llanfair Ward).**
The Clerk advised that two applications have been received for co-option onto the Council:
- Mr Julian Hitchcock who resides in Llandough;
 - Mrs Liz Loch who resides in St Hilary.
- Both applicants are eminently qualified to be Community Councillors.
- Proposed** by Councillor Llewellyn, seconded by Councillor Simkiss and **resolved** that as the vacancy is in the Llanfair Ward (as opposed to the St Hilary ward) Mr Hitchcock should be co-opted onto the Community Council.
- Item 13: To Conclude the Audit for year ended 31st March 2017.**
The Clerk was delighted to advise members that the Council had achieved a satisfactory audit result with no comments made.
- Item 14: To Consider a request from Llandough Village (via Councillor Rees) for a donation to purchase flower bulbs for planting in the Village.**
Councillor Simkiss gave background to the request and explained that some of the residents would like to plant flower bulbs in some verges and by the church and in some boxes.
Proposed by Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Simkiss, that the Council support the request and gives a grant of £100.

- Item 14: To Consider a request from Llandough Village (via Councillor Rees) for a donation to purchase flower bulbs for planting in the Village (Continued).**
Resolved that in pursuance of the power conferred by section 126, the Power of Well-being, through the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Council approves the payment of the sum of £100.00 to 'Llandough Village' for the purchase of flower bulbs.
- Item 15: Correspondence and Publications.**
- 15.1 One Voice Wales News Bulletin August 2017 – *circulated by e-mail.*
Noted.
- 15.2 “Good Practice” information received from Audit Wales via One Voice Wales – *circulated by e-mail.*
Noted.
- 15.3 E-mail received from the Welsh Government detailing ‘Clustering: Funding to support the initial setting up of joint arrangements’. The Welsh Government has a budget of £20K available for 2017-18 only to provide an opportunity for a small number of Community and Town Council to apply for a one-off grant of up to £5K to support a small number of clustering projects – *circulated by e-mail.*
Noted.
- 15.4 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding ‘Training for Members on the Code of Conduct – for Clerks and Members of Town and Community Councils.
The dates on offer are:
- Tuesday 17th October – 2.00pm to 4.30pm;
 - Thursday 19th October – 2.00pm to 4.30pm;
 - Tuesday 24th October – 6.30pm to 9.00pm;
 - Tuesday 7th November – 6.30pm to 9.00pm;
 - Tuesday 14th November – 6.30pm to 9.00pm.
- Members were requested to advise the Clerk if they wish to attend and give their preferences of dates in order of preference.**
- 15.5 Details of Training Courses provided by One Voice Wales from September to December 2017.
Noted.
- 15.6 E-mail from One Voice Wales giving links for the latest edition of the ‘Ombudsman’s Casebook – Issue 29 giving summaries of reports issued by the Ombudsman between April 2017 and June 2017.
http://www.ombudsman-wales.org.uk/~media/Files/OmbudsmanCasebook_en/The%20Ombudsmans%20Casebook%20%2029%20July%202017%20English.ashx
Noted.
- 15.7 Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2017.
Noted.

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- Item 15:** **Correspondence and Publications (Continued).**
15.8 Letter from Mrs J Davies, resident of St Hilary, expressing concern at the large vehicles negotiating the narrow roads through the village. Mrs Davies is suggesting a 'Through Traffic' sign on the 'triangle' entering the village from the A48 with a left facing arrow and a similar sign on the entry to the village from the St Athan Road direction. Members discussed the letter and agreed that it should be forwarded to the Highways Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Vale Councillors for their consideration.
- Item 16:** **Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.**
16.1 Concern was expressed at the road signs especially on the A48, obscured by overgrown foliage.
- Item 17:** **Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.**
 The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 5th October 2017 at St Hilary Village Hall at 7.00pm.

..... Chairman
Date : 5th October 2017.