

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Council Meeting held at
St Hilary Village Hall,
On Thursday, 7th June 2018 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
PC Elson.
Vale Councillor G A Cox.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillors: David Hawkins, Julian Hitchcock, Mary Llewellyn and Rhian Rees.

Vale Councillors H Jarvie and A Parker.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
None.

Item 3: Community Police Matters.
PC Elson advised that there has been two incidents: a shed burglary at Thaw Close and there has been a 'suspicious' white, Citroen van in the area marked 'Gloucester Home Improvements' and registration no. 'BK08RXZ'. Members were asked to warn their communities.

Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting held on 10th May 2018
Resolved that the minutes of the Meetings held 10th May 2018 were a correct record of the meetings and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting held 10th May 2018, (not included in this agenda).

5.1 Item 5.1 - The Empty Property in St Mary Church.
The Clerk advised Members of an e-mail received from Vale Councillor Parker that reported the following:

"SRS (Enforcement)

An Environmental Health Officer visited the property on the 9th of May and has provided the following

"The property seems in reasonable repair, does not appear to be causing a statutory nuisance, is secure and is free from accumulations of putrescible waste with no indication of any rodent activity. As such SRS are unable to take any action in relation to the matter".

Empty Homes

The property was already known to the team and recognised as a long -term empty property. Letters with information on assistance available and surveys to encourage engagement have been sent to the responsible person for that property on the following dates: 26th October 2017, 2nd February 2017 and 4th May 2018.

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5.1 *Continued...*

We make empty property owners aware of assistance available and encourage them to take action i.e. interest free housing loans and ways in which they can bring their properties into use. However, no response has been received to the earlier letters in relation to 8 Church Terrace and they advise that they are limited in terms of the amount of further proactive work that they can do without the owners engagement.

Given no statutory nuisance exists and no evidence of blight, I think it would be impossible to demonstrate that taking the land is necessary and that there is a 'compelling case in the public interest' to compulsory purchase".

Members discussed the response and reported that the property is being decorated at the moment with a view to either letting or selling it. It was agreed to monitor and report back to Council if no progress is made.

5.2 Item 5.3 – ‘Collapsed’ section of road between Llandough and Llanblethian. Councillor Simkiss believes that the road has been repaired but agreed to advise Vale Councillor Cox if this is not the case.

Item 6: Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillors.

Councillor Cox reported the following:

- Waste and Recycling – with effect from September, the collection of ‘black bags’ will be limited to two per household per fortnight. There will be allowances made for certain circumstances.
Recycling arrangements will change during 2019.
- The Consultation period on the proposal for Junction 34 of the M4 has been extended until 17th July 2018.
- The Darren Farm development – construction of properties to start soon, the planning conditions imposed have been resolved. A new primary school is to be constructed on the site, the cost being met by the Welsh Government. A decision is yet to be made on whether it will be English or Welsh language school.
- Officers are currently investigating the proposed sites for resurfacing.

Item 7: Chairman’s Report.

No report.

Item 8: Clerk’s Report.

8.1 **Finances**

Bank balance was noted at **£4,831.13** (Current Account £3,938.30 and Savings £892.83).

Payments made since last meeting are:

Clerk’s Salary (May) - £154.26;

HMRC Tax (May) - £38.57;

One Voice Wales (Code of Conduct Training for Cllr Rees) - £26.60.

£100 to Llandough for daffodil bulbs (not yet presented at Bank);

St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council (Code of Conduct

Training for Councillors Hawkins, Shaw and Simkiss) - £61.41 (not yet presented at Bank);

Item 8: **Clerk's Report.**
8.1 **Finances (Continued)**
Payments due to be made are:
Clerk's Salary (June) - £154.26;
HMRC Tax (June) - £38.57;
Zurich Municipal (Annual Insurance Premium) - £286.84.

Monies received:
None.

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report February 2018.

The Clerk advised that she has received some written confirmations that from Members stating that they do not wish to receive the mandatory payment of £150 for expenses incurred in their services as councillors. The time to advise the Clerk if Members do not wish to claim the payment will be extended as a number of Members were not present at the meeting.

Item 9: Approval of Annual Accounts and Governance Statement for year ended 31st March 2018.

The Clerk circulated copies of the Annual Accounts and the Audit Form and Governance Statement to Members and confirmed that the Internal Auditor had completed the audit and the documents were satisfactory. **Resolved** that the Annual Accounts and Governance Statement for the year ended 31st March 2018 be approved. The Chairman signed the audit form in readiness for it being forwarded to the External Auditor.

Item 10: Reports of Representatives.

Councillor Simpson advised that he has attended a recent meeting of the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board Stakeholder's Reference Group at which there was two presentations: one on 'Community Mental Health and the other entitled 'Healthy Travel for All'.

Item 11: Correspondence and Publications.

11.1 St Hilary News Publication – May 2018 (*e-mailed to Members*).

11.2 One Voice Wales Bulletin – May 2018 (*e-mailed to Members*).

11.3 E-mail from Vale of Glamorgan Council advising of the extension of the consultation period for M4 junction 34 to A48.
http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_publications/latest_news/2018/May-2018/Council-set-to-extend-M4-transport-consultation.aspx

11.4 Welsh Assembly Government – Sustainable drainage newsletter – April 2018 (*e-mailed to Members*).

11.5 E-mail from One Voice Wales advising of an event at the Senedd on 20 June from 12.00 to 14.00 regarding 'Children, Young People and Democracy in Wales'. The event will showcase the contributions being made by Swansea University to the promotion of the rights of children and young people and will be hosted by the Morgan Academy and the Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law. (*E-mailed to Members*).

- Item 11: Correspondence and Publications (Continued).**
11.6 E-mail from One Voice Wales regarding 'Consolidation and amendment of the Use Classes Order and the Permitted Development Order. A consultation has been released seeking views on proposed changes to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (UCO) and the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (GPDO). Closing date for responses is 24 August 2018. *(E-mailed to Members)*.
- 11.7 E-mail from One Voice Wales regarding parking arrangements at the Heath Hospital, Cardiff *(e-mailed to Members)*.
- Item 12: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.**
None.
- Item 13: Planning.**
13.1 Planning Application No. **2018/00653/FUL**
Applicant: Mr C Denman
Agent: Dean lock Design
Location: Bluebell Wood, St Hilary
Proposal: Alteration work including renewing and raising roof line to provide additional accommodation within roof space.
No objection.
- Item 14: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.**
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 5th July 2018 at Llanfair Primary School Hall at 7.00pm.

..... Chairman
Date : 5th July 2018.