

**LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Council Meeting held at**  
**St Hilary Village Hall,**  
**On Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairman : Councillor Ray Simkiss.  
Councillors : David Hawkins, Julian Hitchcock, Rhian Rees,  
Heather Shaw, Geoff Simpson and Jim Teague.

**In Attendance:** Jackie Griffin, Clerk.  
Vale Councillors G A Cox, H Jarvie and A Parker.  
PC Elson.  
One member of the public.

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence.**  
Councillor Mary Llewellyn.

**Item 2: Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Hitchcock	Planning Application No. <b>2018/00150/FUL</b> – Rectory Stables, Llandough.
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**Item 3: Community Police Matters.**  
PC Elson gave crime figures for the last month and some background information. A shed burglary had occurred at St Mary Church. There has been a theft of a 'sheep feeder from a farm, but that has been recovered. A daytime burglary has taken place in Llandough; enquiries to this are ongoing.  
It was suggested that the Manager of The Farm is invited to attend the next meeting in St Hilary taking place in June.

**Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of the Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**  
**Resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 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 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018, (not included in this agenda).**

5.1 Item 5.1 – the empty property at 8 Church Terrace, St Mary Church. Members and the community are most concerned at the worsening condition of the property which has not been lived in for 2/3 years. A request was made for the Vale of Glamorgan Council to exercise their powers to act in this instance. The Clerk will e-mail Councillor Parker seeking his assistance.

5.2 Members expressed their concern at the number of vehicles getting 'stuck' on the narrow road between the Village Hall and the churchyard in St Hilary, due to drivers following their 'sat-navs'. This was particularly prevalent recently when the 5 mile lane was closed for some time. A request was made for road signs indicated the through village route. Furthermore the white lines could be repainted. Councillor Cox agreed to follow up recently letters which have been sent to Highways highlighting the issue.

**Item 6: Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillors.**

Councillor Cox confirmed that the Vale of Glamorgan Council has now signed up for the Cardiff Capital City Deal. A new road to link up the 5 mile lane and junction 34 of the M4 is planned, subject to acquiring the relevant funding. Venues and dates for consultation events will be advertised in the Gem Newspaper.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has set aside £2.436m for highways resurfacing during the financial year, 2018/19 and Town and Community Councils have been invited to put forward 3 roads, which are in a poor condition and could be considered for resurfacing.

Councillor Simkiss mentioned the road from the Herberts to Llandough, which was recently repaired but requires attention again.

It was suggested that contractors carrying out road repairs are requested to be more considerate about where they place road signs. Councillor Hawkins thanked Councillor Cox for arranging for some long standing waste being picked up.

Councillor Cox advised that the current co-mingling recycling arrangements will cease shortly and recycling will have to be sorted at the kerb side. This is subject to a Welsh Government grant and the construction of a waste transfer station.

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

Councillor Simkiss advised that he had attended a 'Code of Conduct' training course with Councillors Hawkins and Shaw.

*The meeting was adjourned for five minutes to allow a member of the public to address the Community Council.*

**Item 8: Clerk's Report.**

**8.1 Finances**

Bank balance was noted at **£3,782.28** (Current Account £2,889.56 and Savings £892.72).

**Payments made since last meeting are:**

Clerk's Salary (March) - £154.26;

HMRC Tax (March) - £38.57;

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

Greenbarnes Ltd (New Notice board for St Hilary) £1,136.27;

Petty Cash for 1.4.17 to 1.3.18 - £70.85;

One Voice Wales (Annual Subscription) £75.00;

Peter Brown (Installation of Noticeboard) - £50.00.

**Payments due to be made are:**

Clerk's Salary (April) - £154.26;

HMRC Tax (April) - £38.57;

**Monies received Nil.**

**Item 9:**

9.1

**Planning.**

Planning Application No. **2018/00150/FUL**

Applicant: Mr Moorcroft

Agent: Mr D Rowlands, Creative Quarter, Cardiff

Location: Rectory Stables, Llandough

Proposal: Alterations and extension of existing stable block and retention of horse exercise area.

**Objection.**

- The access and egress to the site is 'blind' and is onto a very narrow road.
- The Community Council would refer to a statement on page 7 of the Planning Justification Statement which states:  
*"MG17 Special Landscape Areas  
The following areas are designated as special landscape areas:  
2. Upper & Lower Thaw Valley;  
Within the special landscape area identified above, development proposals will be permitted where it is demonstrated they would cause no unacceptable harm to the important landscape character of the area"*.  
The Members wish to report that an area of woodland in the Lower Thaw Valley has recently been very badly damaged due to the applicant riding horses over the area. There appears to be a contradiction in the applicant's claims and his actual behaviour.
- The Community Council advises that a paragraph on page 8 of the Planning Justification Statement is factually incorrect and this has been verified by an Officer of South Wales Police. The paragraph referred to states:  
*"Detailed crime statistics obtained from the Home Office under Open Government Licence indicate that during the period between February 2017 and January 2018, 20 crimes classified as Burglary or Other Theft were reported within a 1-mile radius of Llandough. This represents 27.78% of all crimes reported during this period. Moreover, 81% of all crimes reported within the search area resulted in the outcome of no further action, with either no suspect identified or unable to prosecute the suspect. The proposed changes have sought to improve the security of the stable building to reduce instances of theft in line with the advice of insurers and enforcement authorities"*.

9.2

Results of recent Planning Applications.

(i)

Planning Application No. **2017/01173/FUL** – 19 & 21 Church Terrace, St Mary Church – **Approved with 3 conditions.**

(ii)

Planning Application No. **2018/00085/FUL** – 1 Church Terrace, St Mary Church – **Approved with 3 conditions.**

**Item 10:**

(i)

**Reports of Representatives.**

Councillor Teague reported on a recent meeting of the Community Liaison Committee which included the following:

- Presentation by the Police on County Lines.
- There was a 'Whole Vale Report'.
- A 'Memorandum of Understanding' which will ensure that burial costs for children under the age of 18 will be covered by the Welsh Government.

**Item 10: Reports of Representatives (Continued)**

(ii) Councillor Simpson advised that there had not been a recent meeting of One Voice Wales but there had been two meetings of the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board Stakeholder's Reference Group (on which he represents One Voice Wales). The first was a review of progress in the individual Clinical Health Boards covering both achievements over the last year and plans for the medium term future. Of particular interest was the presentation covering Community health provision where major changes are being implemented to take services outwith the hospital context and to deliver within the community (a particular example being the move of audiology from the Heath to the West Quay health centre in Barry).

**Item 11: Correspondence and Publications.**

11.1 Letter from the Operational Manager, Engineering, at the Vale of Glamorgan Council giving an update regarding the Driver Feedback Signs (DFS) at The Herberts. Following investigation, it was established that there was a software fault with the Signs. This has now been rectified and the signs should be functioning correctly on site.  
**Noted.**

11.2 Letter from Councillor Cox, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport. The letter is referred to in Item 6 and refers to highway resurfacing.

**Noted.**

It was reported that the road between Llandough and Llanblethian needs to be rebuilt as part of the road has sunk into a gully. The Clerk will send a letter to report to Highways.

11.3 Posters and leaflets from Valeways promoting the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival event from 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**Item 12: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.**  
No matters.

**Item 13: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.**  
**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Llanfair Primary School Hall at 7.00pm.**

..... **Chairman**

**Date : 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**