

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Council Meeting held at
Virtually over 'Zoom',
On Thursday, 6th May 2021 at 7.15pm.

Present: Chairman : Councillor Steph Bonnar
Councillors : David Hawkins, Julian Hitchcock, Mary Llewellyn,
Heather Shaw, Ray Simkiss, Geoff Simpson and Jim Teague.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
All Members present.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
Councillor Llewellyn – declared an interest in item 14.3 – Planning application No. 2021/00495/RG3 – Llanfair Primary School.
Councillor Simkiss – declared an interest in item 14.3 – Planning application No. 2021/00495/RG3 – Llanfair Primary School.

Item 3: Community Police Matters.
A crime report had been forwarded by PCSO Reynolds:
St Mary Church – 19.04.2021 – following reports from residents of vehicles parking regularly nearby Gigmans Bridge and the vehicles smelling strongly of cannabis, police units had controlled the area and stop checked 2 males found to be in possession of cannabis. Street warnings were issued and suitable advice given.
Llandough – 03.05.2021 – 4 shed burglaries when bikes and power tools were taken.
Councillor Simkiss advised that there had been one further shed burglary in the village.
Councillor Bonnar advised that at the Community Liaison Meeting, the area's Chief Inspector had reported that she is checking availability of Officers to attend town and community council meetings regularly.

Item 4: To consider the Minutes of the Meeting held 1st April 2021.
Proposed by Councillor Bonnar and **resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of 1st April 2021 were a correct record of the meeting and the minutes will be signed by the Chairman in due course.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Minutes, which are not included in this Agenda.
5.1 Councillor Llewellyn reported that Mrs Loch had now met with Officers from the Housing Department and the Parks Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council and was waiting to meet with Highways to discuss the proposal to find a suitable site for a play area in St Hilary. It was reported that a refurbishment of a play area in Treoes had recently been carried out apparently thanks to a grant of £86,000 from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Item 6: Chairman's Report.
No report.

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

Bank balance was noted at **£5,615.21** (Current Account £4,719.07 and Business Reserve Account £896.14).

Payments made since 1st April 2021 are:

Clerk's Salary (April) - £154.26;

HMRC Tax (April) - £38.57;

J Griffin (Reimbursement for 'Zoom' Meetings for January to March 2021) - £43.17;

One Voice Wales – Annual Membership - £87.00.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (May) - £154.26;

HMRC Tax (May) - £38.57;

J Griffin (Reimbursement to Clerk for 'Akismet' which secures the domain name) - £44.00.

Income received - £1,536.00 – first precept payment via Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Receipts and Payments and Bank Reconciliation for year ended 31st March 2021.

The Clerk had emailed the receipts and payments and bank reconciliation out to Members and reported that the Audit is near completion and ready to be examined by the Internal Auditor.

Visit by a Member of the Standards Committee.

Notification had been received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council to advise that a Member of the Standards Committee will be attending the Community Council meeting on 3rd June 2021, to observe proceedings.

Item 8: To Discuss Installation of a Defibrillator in Llandough.

It was reported that the Village fully supports the installation of a defibrillator and is preparing to fundraise for its purchase. Members agreed to support the village with the purchase by underwriting the cost of the equipment. It is expected that the defibrillator will be located in the church porch which will require Faculty approval and this could take between 3/5 months to achieve. Councillor Bonnar offered her assistance if required.

Item 9: To Consider Quotation for Community Council's Insurance Policy with Zurich Municipal.

A quotation for the renewal of the Community Council Insurance Policy at a cost of £304.34 (an increase of £1.32 on the previous year's premium) had been received. No changes or updates to the policy are required.

Resolved to renew the Community Council's insurance with Zurich Municipal for a further 12 months with effect from 1st June 2021.

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Item 10: To discuss the updated Councillor's Code of Conduct. Guidance from the Ombudsman.

The Clerk had e-mailed the document out to Members for their information prior to the meeting. It was observed that the Ombudsman had highlighted the issue of 'bullying' within the guidance.

Item 11: Reports of Representatives.

Councillor Simpson reported on the One Voice Wales Local Committee meeting of 19th April and highlighted the following items:

- A guest speaker from Planning Aid Wales had given a presentation on Place Plans. Place Plans can assist a community by gathering thoughts relating to planning prior to the Local Development Plan being drawn up. Cost of Place Plans is £11,000 minimum and therefore it could be most economical for 2/3 communities to join together to draw up one plan.
- Information available at the link: www.placeplans.org.uk
- A discussion took place on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Council Sector.

Councillor Bonnar reported on the Community Liaison Committee meeting which took place on 27th April:

- Police Matters

New Chief Inspector Arabella Rees introduced herself. She took over from Tony Williams in early April. She joined South Wales Police 10 years ago as a PCSO and she became CI in 2019. She has 2 Regional Inspectors reporting to her and she is going to supply all 3 of their contact emails for us to escalate to them any significant issues we see in our wards.

Since Jan there have been just over 1700 crimes reported with the majority in the Barry area. This is a 4.5% reduction year on year. They've seen a reduction in both commercial & residential burglaries (expected across lockdown period with households working from home and travel restrictions in place). Also seen reduction in incidents of violence resulting in injury. Just over 900 of the incidents across the last 3 months were COVID breaches of civil restrictions with majority of these being in Barry and to a lesser extent Penarth. Police have adopted 4E's process which is Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforce. This meant several issues were resolved without need for enforcement, but over 270 fixed penalty notices were issued mostly related to indoor gatherings and again the bulk in Barry.

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Outdoor hospitality has now opened and no issues seen over initial 24hrs (meeting held 1 day into restriction lifting).

Summer plan for Policing across Vale of Glamorgan will focus on 8 locations which attract high volumes of visitors. This will obviously include Cardiff Bay (whilst not V of G the Chief Inspector is responsible for this area), Barry waterfront and Island, Ogmore on Sea and other coastal locations. The Police are working closely with all other blue light services in a co-ordinated effort.

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Item 11: Reports of Representatives (Continued)

Section 35 powers were used this week in Ogmore with 4 young men who had travelled from Pontypool and were drunk and refused to stop drinking. They got into trouble in the water and the Coastguard was called out, so their alcohol was confiscated and they were returned to Pontypool and banned from the Ogmore area.

OpSeptre week has focused on tackling knife crime. Weapon amnesty boxes have been placed outside all police stations and a Cardiff man was arrested in Penarth this week in possession of a blade.

In addition, the CI advised there is a big focus on tackling rogue traders in the V of G. Penarth – the councillor raised concern over repeated graffiti in the area which despite cleaning has quickly re-appeared. The CI confirmed the use of CCTV to identify the culprits is being investigated. In addition, as the night time economy opens back up the police are reminding licensed premises owners of their responsibilities. Dinas Powis – resident has bravely reported number of bad & criminal behaviour incidents and has now become an offender target. The CI agreed to look into this.

Welsh St Donats (& supported by multiple councils) – can we reinstate the local police officer attending community council meetings instead of just issuing a report? The CI is looking into this.

- Fire & Rescue

No representative attended the meeting so no update this quarter.

- St Athan – Future Capacity of Community Services

Councillors from St Athan Ward raised concerns regarding future capacity for schooling and health support based on the volume of housing going into the area.

Charlotte Raine from the Planning department along with a colleague from Education and a representative from Cardiff & Vale Health Board presented for 25mins on how volume planning apps work and gave figures for house numbers in plan and financial investment in schooling over recent years. The Health representative detailed that the area consists of 3 Health practices (Western, Cowbridge & Coastal) using 7 sites.

The figures quoted by the Vale planning detailed 1906 houses being built which is forecast to be 4384 population headcount. The St Athan councillor highlighted that 1250 houses in plan between St Athan and Boverton were not in the figures so this will add a potential additional 2000 or more head of population.

The Vale Planning officer gave a breakdown of the Section 106 money allocation as £500k to St Athan Primary, just under £700k to Llancarfan primary and £1.4m to Llantwit Comprehensive.

The Health representative advised that the GP practices had confirmed capacity to absorb the additional patient numbers. Councillor Gwyn John raised concern regarding this claim and evidenced significant problems currently experienced by elderly residents of Llantwit Major specifically with the Coastal practise. He advised anyone requiring a blood test had to travel to St Athan at a taxi cost of £12 per round trip.

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Item 11: Reports of Representatives (Continued)

In addition, residents were waiting weeks to secure appointments and when they had them they had to stand outdoors in all weathers waiting to be seen. He also advised that people with COVID vaccination appointments had visited the surgery this week for jabs only to find it closed and no notification forthcoming. He is currently campaigning for a new Health Centre to be built on the old Eagleswell Road School site and he has met with Jane Hutt to discuss support for the project.

A link to the meeting is available on the Vale of Glamorgan Council website.

Item 12: Correspondence and Publications.

- 12.1 E-mail from Dyfed Powys Police Via One Voice Wales giving a warning on the use of passwords.
- 12.2 Electoral Reform Newsletter from the Welsh Government.
- 12.3 Information leaflet for Older People experiencing abuse provided by the Older People's Commissioner for Wales.
- 12.4 E-mail from Dyfed Powis Police via One Voice Wales enclosing a poster regarding telephone scams.
- 12.5 E-mail from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding their 'Project Zero' Consultation on tackling climate change. Focus group sessions are being held via zoom which Members can register to attend.
- 12.6 Financial assistance appeal from Macmillan Cymru.
- 12.7 Clerks and Councils Direct publication – May 2021.
- 12.8 The Clerk publication – May 2021.

All Items noted by Members.

Item 13: Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman.

- 13.1 Members discussed their concerns at the 'swimming pool and decking' installed at a property in St Mary Church. The Community Council had drawn the matter to the attention of the Planning Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council and it is understood that a retrospective Planning Application has been submitted to the Vale Council. It was decided that a report should be made to the Housing Manager as the occupiers are tenants of the Vale Council.

Item 14: Planning Applications.

- 14.1 Planning Application No. **2021/00412/FUL**
Location: Eastdown Farm Cottage, St Hilary
Proposal: 2 Storey extension with link block to create additional living accommodation.

No objection.

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Item 14: Planning Applications (Continued)

14.2 Planning Application No. **2021/00488/FUL**

Location: Saers Court, St Mary Church

Proposal: Demolition of existing modern extension and replacement with new extension. New extension to northern annex to create extra bedroom, gym and living area. Three new dormer windows to southern two storey wing.

No objection.

14.3 Planning Application No. **2021/00495/RG3**

Location: Llanfair Primary School, St Mary Church

Proposal: Installation of demountable unit to accommodate a childcare provision. Work to include erection of a canopy shelter, ramped access and all associated site preparation and external works.

No objection.

14.4 **Result of recent Planning Applications:**

No results to report.

Item 15: Place, Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 3rd June 2021 at 7pm, virtually over 'Zoom'.

..... **Chairman**

Date : 3rd June 2021.