

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Council Meeting held at
Virtually over 'Zoom',
On Thursday, 2nd December 2021 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.

- Item 1: Apologies for Absence.**
Councillors David Hawkins and Mary Llewellyn.
- Item 2: Declarations of Interest.**
None.
- Item 3: Community Police Matters.**
No report.
- Item 4: To consider and approve the minutes of the Meeting held 11th November 2021.**
Proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor Hitchcock and **resolved** that the Minutes of meeting be approved as a true record. The Minutes to be signed by the Chairman in due course.
- Item 5: Matters arising from the Minutes, which are not included in this Agenda.**
No matters arising.
- Item 6: Chairman's Report.**
Councillor Bonnar advised that the visit by the Member of the Standards Committee reported back that no issues were identified.
- Item 7: Clerk's Report**
Finances.
Bank balance was noted at **£4,601.17** (Current Account £3,704.97 and Business Reserve Account £896.20).
- Payments made since 7th October 2021 are:**
Clerk's Salary (November) - £154.26;
HMRC Tax (November) - £38.57;
HDCS (Purchase of Laptop) - £550.00 (Net of VAT of £110.00).
J Griffin (Reimbursement for renewal of Society of Local Council Clerk's Annual Membership) - £56.00.
J Griffin (Reimbursement of fee for attendance at the SLCC Virtual Regional Training Seminar - £27.
- Payments due to be made are:**
Clerk's Salary (December) - £154.26;
HMRC Tax (December) - £38.57.

- Item 7: Clerk's Report
Finances (Continued)
Monies received: None.**

Precept and Budget.

The Clerk reported that the precept for the financial year 2022/2023 has to be set by the end of the January 2022. The Clerk will prepare the budget for discussion at the January meeting of the Council.

- Item 8: To discuss Declarations of Interest.**

The Clerk had circulated an updated version of the Public Services Ombudsman's publication, 'The Code of Conduct for Members of Local Authorities in Wales'. The publication has a lot of information regarding declarations of interest and a very helpful flowchart to assist with deciding if a Member should declare an interest.

- Item 9: To approve dates of Meetings in 2022.**

Due to the Local Election taking place in May 2022, the Clerk circulated meeting dates to May only:

January 6 th	April 7 th
February 3 rd	May 12 th (to be confirmed)
March 3 rd	

- Item 10: To consider the issue of 'empty properties'.**

Members discussed the property, '8 Church Terrace' in St Mary Church which has been empty for many years. The property is an ex-council house now privately owned and is falling into disrepair and having a detrimental effect on neighbouring No. 7. The Council does not understand why the Vale of Glamorgan Council has not attempted to act to contact the owner requesting that the property is maintained and made available for someone to live in it, especially given the housing crisis being reported.

Resolved that a letter is sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Council the three Vale Councillors, the Senedd Members and the local MP.

- Item 11: Reports of Representatives.**

Councillor Simpson advised Members that he has already forwarded his report on a recent meeting of the Cardiff and Vale Stakeholders Reference Group.

The next local committee meetings of One Voice Wales and the Community Liaison Committee meetings are scheduled for January 2022.

- Item 12: Correspondence and Publications which do not require discussion. i.e for noting only – *previously sent out by e-mail.***

- 12.1 OVW (One Voice Wales) – Bulletin November 2021.
12.2 Via OVW – Catalyst Cymru – Broadening Horizons Project.
12.3 Via OVW – Social Farms and Gardens – Autumn Newsletter.

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Item 12: Correspondence and Publications

- 12.4 TFW (Transport for Wales) – Community Woodlands Fund.
Councillor Bonnar advised that she will make enquiries for St Mary Church.
- 12.5 Via OVW – Lottery Jubilee Funding.
<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/news/press-releases/2021-11-17/over-22million-the-queens-platinum-jubilee>
Councillor Bonnar will make enquiries for funding for work to verges.
- 12.6 Via OVW – Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 and the Local Elections (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021.
- 12.7 Vale of Glamorgan Council (VGC) – ‘Our Police, Our Community’ Consultation – Take part at:
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OPOC22/> closes 15 December 2021.
- 12.8 Via OVW – Consultation on local taxes for second homes and self-catering accommodation – Response by One Voice Wales.
- 12.9 VGC – Business Support Newsletter – 12 November 2021.
- 12.10 VGC – Comments of the Cabinet in response to the referral received from Community Liaison – Comments regarding Rural Roads Policy re Ewenny Community Council.
- 12.11 Welsh Government – Consultation on inquiry into second homes to run until 14th January 2022.
- 12.12 VGC – Draft Review Report and Draft Replacement LDP (Local Development Plan) Delivery Agreement Consultation. Comments invited (subject to 6-week consultation) between 5 November 2021 to 17 December 2021 available at:
https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/planning_and_building_control/Planning/planning_policy/Replacement-Local-Development-Plan.aspx
- 12.13 Via OVW – Eco Green Communities – ‘Green’ Street Furniture Promotion.
- 12.14 Zurich Municipal – Insurance Cover for events over the weekend of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Weekend, June 2022.
Noted.

- Item 13:** **Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman.**
13.1 Councillor Shaw reported on an e-mail received from a resident in St Hilary commenting on the amount of 'dog mess' around the village. It was suggested that notices are put up to encourage dog walkers to clean up after their pets. Councillors for St Mary Church advised this is also an issue in their village. The Clerk had just received posters to raise public awareness and the Clerk had stated that she would contact the dog warden to raise the issue.
Also it was reported that a sign had been knocked down on the Common. Again the Clerk will report the item to the Vale Council.
- Item 14:** **Planning Applications.**
14.1 Planning Application No. **2021/01128/FUL** – Eastdown Farm Cottage – Extension and link block to create additional living accommodation – **Grants permission with 3 conditions.**
- Item 15:** **Place, Date and Time of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 6th January 2022** at **7pm, virtually over 'Zoom'.**

..... Chairman
Date : 6th January 2022.