

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Council Meeting held at
St Hilary Village Hall,
On Thursday, 6th April 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairperson: Councillor Julian Hitchcock (*arrived item 6*).
Councillors : Mary Llewellyn, Liz Loch, Heather Shaw, Geoff Simpson and Jim Teague.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.

Councillor Loch took the Chair until the start of item 6.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillors Steph Bonnar and Ray Simkiss.
Vale Councillor Robert Fisher.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
Councillor Loch – Item 9.3 - (Secretary of St Hilary Village Hall Committee).

Item 3: Community Police Matters.
PCSO Davies had e-mailed to advise that there were no reported incidents for Llanfair Community Council’s area.

Councillor Simpson advised that there had been one incident in St Mary Church on 2nd April 2023 although it was unclear what the incident was. An enquiry to be made with PCSO Davies.

Item 4: To consider and approve the minutes of the Meeting held 2nd March 2023.
Item 7.2 – it was **resolved** that the minute should be changed to reflect that as well as the usual fortnightly collection of green waste, residents can request a large collection once during the season.

Resolved that the amended Minutes of the Meeting be approved as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairperson.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Minutes, which are not included in this Agenda.
No matters arising.

Item 6: Chairperson’s Report.
6.1 Councillor Hitchcock reported that he had spoken to Vale Councillor Wood who advised that the three Cowbridge Vale Councillors were in support of maintaining the current town and community council boundaries without any changes being made.

6.2 Councillor Hitchcock advised that he had met with Officers from the Tourism Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council who had advised that there are grants available for community events to encourage visitors and tourists to the area.

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Item 7: Vale of Glamorgan Councillor's Report.
Councillor Fisher had given apologies, but had forwarded a report which is at the end of the minutes as **Appendix A** and contains information regarding Candidate Sites put forward for the next Local Development Plan 2021-2036 and the Cowbridge Vale Councillors opinion on the Town and Community Councils Boundary Review currently being undertaken.

Item 8: Clerk's Report
8.1 Finances.

Bank balance was noted at **£3,036.97** (Current Account £2,138.79 and Business Reserve Account £898.18).

Payments made since 2nd March 2023 are:

Clerk's Salary (February) £178.56;
Clerk's Salary (March) - £178.56;
HMRC Tax (March) - £44.64;
St Hilary Village Hall (Hire for meeting) - £30.00;
Petty Cash (01.04.22 to 31.03.23) - £41.44.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (April) - £178.56;
HMRC Tax (April) - £44.64;
J Griffin (Reimbursement of Zoom Fees for February and March 2023) £29.98;
Audit Wales (External Audit Fee for financial year 2020/2021) £200.00.

No receipts.

Item 9: Applications for Financial Assistance:

9.1 Application received from Macmillan Cancer Support seeking financial support for the charity.
Noted.

9.2 Application received from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod seeking financial support towards the costs of staging the Eisteddfod.
Noted.

9.3 Application received from St Hilary Village Hall to cover the cost of hall hire to hold defibrillator training for a number of residents in the Llanfair area. The cost of the hire is £96 for 6 x 2 hour sessions.
Proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor Teague, that a grant of £96 is awarded to St Hilary Village Hall.
Resolved that in pursuance of the power conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section approves the payment of £96 to St Hilary Village Hall.

Item 10: To update on incidents of HGV issues in St Hilary Village.

Councillor Loch reported that there had been two further incidents of HGVs getting stuck in St Hilary in the last couple of weeks. Some verge damage had occurred. A report with photographs to be forwarded to the Highways Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Item 11: **To consider the Independent Remuneration Panel’s Report 2023/2024.**
The Clerk explained that the Community Council is required to decide on whether the Members should receive a set amount of £52 per annum to cover printing costs or if Members should give their receipts to the Clerk for printing costs to be reimbursed.
Resolved that Members should present their receipts to the Clerk for expenditure to be reimbursed.

Item 12: **E-mail from a resident regarding St Athan Road from Lakehill Barns to Cowbridge.**
A resident had e-mailed Councillor Simkiss raising concerns at the dangers of walking along the St Athan Road from the turning into New Beaupre Farm to Cowbridge, due to increased road traffic and excessive speeding.
Members agreed that a pavement should be provided from S106 monies forthcoming from proposed housing development to be constructed on the site adjacent to ‘Beggars Bush’.

Item 13: **Reports of Representatives.**
13.1 Councillor Simpson reported the next Local Committee meeting of One Voice Wales is scheduled for 24th April.

13.2 Councillor Loch reported on a recent meeting of the Public Services Board Exchange who are focusing on ‘Age Friendly Vale’. They are currently doing pilot walking get togethers in Swansea with a few in the Vale.
A suggestion was that Planning applications should be considered whilst taking into account the objectives of the Well Being plan which includes the provision of public transport needs of the ageing population.
(The 3 objectives are:
• A more resilient and greener Vale;
• A more active and healthier Vale;
• A more equitable and connected Vale).

13.3 Councillor Bonnar had forwarded her report on the recent meeting of the Community Liaison Committee. The report is at the end of the minutes as **Appendix B.**

Item 14: **Correspondence and Publications which do not necessarily require discussion. i.e for noting only – previously sent out by e-mail.**

- 14.1 Vale of Glamorgan Council’s (VGC) Replacement LDP (Local Development Plan) Candidate Site Publication.
- 14.2 One Voice Wales (OVW) – Training Courses and Dates, March and April 2023.
- 14.3 VGC – Business Support Newsletter 3 March 2023.
- 14.4 OVW – Heritage 2033 – Strategy for the National Lottery’s Heritage Fund for the next 10 years – Newsletter.
- 14.5 OVW – Planning Policy Wales : Net benefit for biodiversity and ecosystems’ resilience.

- 14.6 OVW – Open Spaces and Parks : a new guide to protection.
- 14.7 VGC – Shared Prosperity Fund Applications invited.
- 14.8 OVW – Roy Castle Lung Cancer Support.
- 14.9 VGC – Strong Communities Grant Fund.
- 14.10 OVW – Written Statement : Digital Health of Community and Town Councils.
- 14.11 Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival – September 2023.

All items were forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting and were noted.

Item 15: Planning Applications.

15.1 Planning Application No. **2022/00649/FUL**
 Location: Coed Hills Rural Artspace, Llantrithyd Road, St Hilary
 Proposal: Two new polytunnels. Maintaining land use as agricultural.
Grants permission with 3 conditions.

15.2 Planning Application No. **2023/00277/LBC**
 Location: Village Farm, Llantrithyd Road, St Hilary
 Proposal: To change out 16 existing softwood windows and 2 softwood doors. All replacement windows and door frames will be Accoya or similar hardwood timber, all hardware is to be black, locks to doors will be 3-point locks with anti-drill Euro cylinders. All double glazing will be 4mm toughened x 16mm warm edge spacer, 4mm toughened soft coat argon gas units to comply with latest energy ratings. 2 windows to be fitted with opaque glass. The replacement windows will be of a similar style to existing windows, with the intention of having a matching style throughout

No objection.

**Item 16: Place, Date and Time of Next Meeting
 (Annual Meeting) – Thursday, 4th May 2023, 7.00pm at St Hilary Village Hall,
 to be immediately followed by the Ordinary Meeting.**

..... Chairman.

Date : 4th May 2023

Vale of Glamorgan Councillors Report To Llanfair Community Council

6th April 2023

Two matters are to be reported on this evening.

Firstly, I wish to draw your attention to Candidate sites contained within the proposed new Local Development Plan (2021-2036). Please find these contained within this document (below). Please note that the thresholds for candidate sites and those which have been allocated for housing and solar farms.

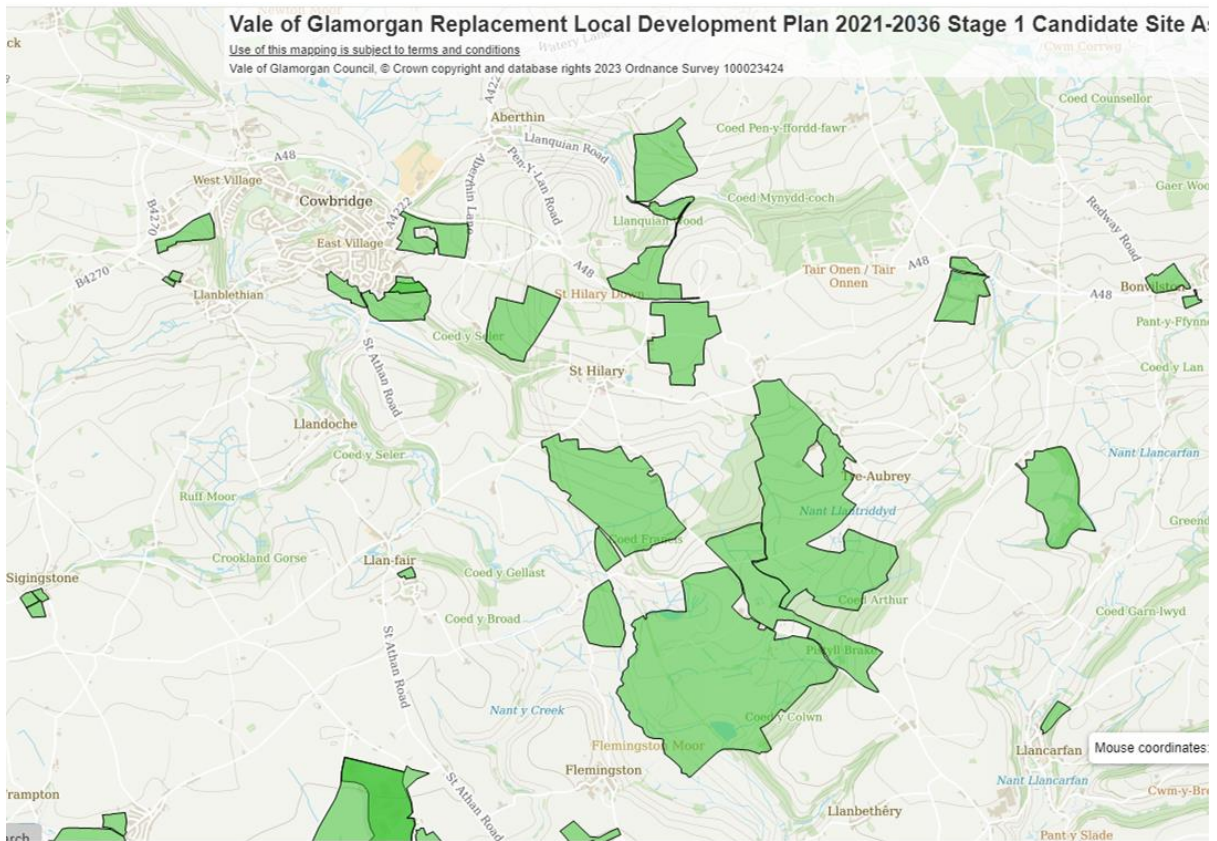
Please Note: For a site to be considered as a Candidate Site it must meet one of the following site thresholds:

For residential development - There is a minimum site size threshold of 0.3 ha or 10 dwellings, at a minimum density of 30 dwellings per hectare [net]. In appropriate 'urban locations' e.g. Barry town centre the Council will seek a minimum density of 50 dwellings per hectare [net] in line with the strategic placemaking principles in Future Wales.

For non-residential development - A building must have a minimum floorspace of 1,000m² or the site must have a minimum gross site area of 1ha.

There is no minimum threshold for sites which seek to protect current land uses or propose gypsy and traveller accommodation, community uses, green spaces, and infrastructure uses.

Candidate sites below these thresholds will not be accepted for the purposes of this exercise. Where a site is proposed for a mix of uses the threshold which corresponds with the primary form of development should be utilised.



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Site ID No / Rhif Adnabod y Safle : 507

Site Name / Enw'r Safle
East Downs Farm/Fferm East Downs

Settlement / Setliad
St Hilary/Saint Hilari

Gross Site Area (Ha) / Arwynebedd Gros y Safle (Ha)
24.9

Existing Use Category / Categori Defnydd Presennol
Agricultural Land/Tir Amaethyddol

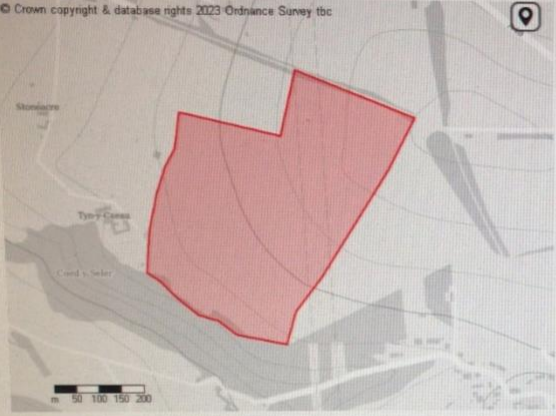
Proposed Use Category / Categori Defnydd Arfaethedig
Renewable Energy / Ynni Adnewyddol

Area / Ardal
Rural Vale (Cowbridge, St Brides, Llandow & Ewenny) / Y Fro Wledig (Y Bont-faen, Saint-y-brid, Llandw ac Ewenni)

Status / Statws
Suitable for further consideration / Addas ar gyfer ystyriaeth bellach

Reason / Rheswm
Site does not conflict with any Stage 1 assessment criteria. / Nid yw'r safle'n gwrthdaro ag unrhyw feini prawf asesu Cam 1.

Proposed Site For Solar Farm



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Site ID No / Rhif Adnabod y Safle : 511

Site Name / Enw'r Safle
Old Beupre Farm/Fferm y Bewpyr

Settlement / Setliad
St Hilary/Saint Hilari

Gross Site Area (Ha) / Arwynebedd Gros y Safle (Ha)
20.6

Existing Use Category / Categori Defnydd Presennol
Agricultural Land/Tir Amaethyddol


Proposed Use Category / Categori Defnydd Arfaethedig
Renewable Energy / Ynni Adnewyddol

Area / Ardal
Rural Vale (Cowbridge, St Brides, Llandow & Ewenny) / Y Fro Wledig (Y Bont-faen, Saint-y-brid, Llandŵ ac Ewenni)

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Proposed Site For Solar Farm



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Site ID No / Rhif Adnabod y Safle : 513

Site Name / Enw'r Safle
St Hilary Farm/Fferm Saint Hilari

Settlement / Setliad
St Hilary/Saint Hilari

Gross Site Area (Ha) / Arwynebedd Gros y Safle (Ha)
62.1

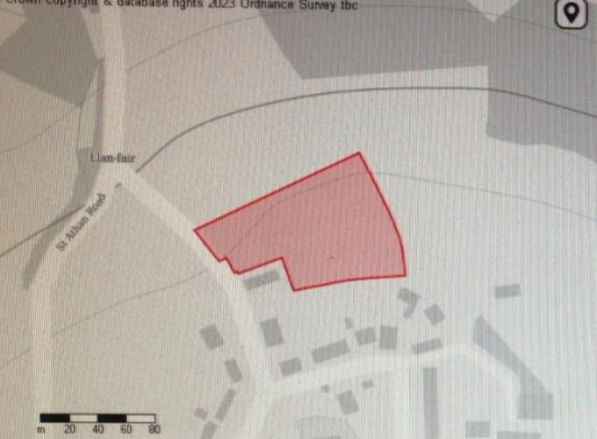
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Agricultural Land/Tir Amaethyddol

Proposed Use Category / Categori Defnydd Arfaethedig
Renewable Energy / Ynni Adnewyddol

Area / Ardal
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Status / Statws
Suitable for further consideration / Addas ar gyfer ystyriaeth bellach

Proposed Site for Solar Farm



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Site ID No / Rhif Adnabod y Safle : 390

Site Name / Enw'r Safle
Land at Llanfair/Tir yn Llan-fair

Settlement / Setliad
St Mary Church/Eglwys y Santes Fair

Gross Site Area (Ha) / Arwynebedd Gros y Safle (Ha)
0.81

Existing Use Category / Categori Defnydd Presennol
Agricultural Land/Tir Amaethyddol

Proposed Use Category / Categori Defnydd Arfaethedig
Housing / Tai

Area / Ardal
Rural Vale (Cowbridge, St Brides, Llandow & Ewenny) / Y Fro Wledig (Y Bont-faen, Saint-y-brid, Llandŵ ac Ewenni)

Status / Statws
Suitable for further consideration / Addas ar gyfer ystyriaeth bellach

Reason / Rheswm
Site does not conflict with any Stage 1 assessment criteria. / Nid yw'r safle'n gwrthdaro ag unrhyw feini prawf asesu Cam 1.

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Proposed Site For Housing

Secondly, I refer to a previous general discussion regarding the proposed changing of ward boundaries. I believe that Llantwit Major had reached out to Llanfair CC and Clr. Nick Wood referred the matter to George Carroll. I simply want to reassure the Council that it remains the position of all three Cowbridge Councillors and that of the Conservative group that the rural vale shouldn't change boundaries but if they are to change that the communities be heavily consulted.

Clr. Robert Fisher

Community Liaison Committee Meeting 23rd March 2023

Police

Inspector Henderson advised that £3k of Cannabis was recently seized in Broad Street, Barry. This was spotted by Western Power who identified a surge in usage at a property. He confirmed that Bernard & Martin Morgan had recently received custodial sentences as a result of their rogue trading so this was good news as they had targeted elderly and vulnerable people. Antisocial behaviour had been experienced recently in Holton Road, Barry, but this was getting under control as a result of parent and schools involvement and local authorities had put activities in place to better support the youths. Vale speed watch is back up and running following an update to the health & safety risk assessments. Work is underway on Operation Elstree to plan the support for the summer economy. This will be in conjunction with British Transport Police, the RNLI and local authorities. Another recent arrest of a Mr Finch following 14 commercial burglaries had also resulted in a custodial sentence. There have been 5 vehicles set alight in Barry this year and the Police are working to investigate this issue. The lead thefts in Cowbridge were raised, but Inspector Henderson had not been aware so he will follow that up. In relation to Lamping across the rural Vale the Inspector advised a number of vehicles had been seized. The Councillors for Llantwit and Llanmaes raised concern over motorbikes using the by pass as a racetrack late at night and this was also mirrored in St Nicholas and the Inspector agreed to discuss with Traffic colleagues.

Fire Service

Over the last 12 months there has been a 19% increase in fires with 44% being accidental and 56% deliberate. There were 119 calls to refuse fires and these seem to be increasing where people are not just fly tipping but setting the refuse alight. Dwelling fires has seen a 28% decline with 29% of fires in houses caused as a result of cooking in the kitchen. Post incident the fire service install alarms where none were present and carry out education with the local communities affected. False alarms have seen slight decline since more people returned to work in buildings so equipment more regularly used and tested. Road traffic collisions have seen an increased call out, but this has mostly been to make vehicles safe. Sadly there have also been 6 call outs related to suicide. The last 3 months have seen 16 call outs to support flooding and this increase is attributed to climate change. The fire service also support other agencies with help to access premises, aid paramedics when falls have resulted in impairment. The Fire Officer highlighted challenges now being seen with Electric Vehicles and work is underway to source equipment to better enable control and extinguishment of electric vehicle fires. The Fire Service does still experience hoax calls but these are minimal.

Llandow Recycling Centre

Presentation delivered on Vale Council current position ref Llandow Recycling Centre. Analysis showed Rubble followed by garden waste were the largest volume items dropped off. Lease currently extended to 31st Dec 2024, but Vale Council actively sourcing alternative location. Previous 3 options narrowed currently to 1 parcel of 1.5 acres of land opposite Place For Homes. Llandow Councillor raised concerns regarding access at new proposed site. She also questioned why only Llandow was being considered. In addition she highlighted that currently heavy plant visited site outside normal working hours to drop off and collect bulk waste and lots of waste items were blown into hedgerows from these vehicles causing harm to the local environment. The concern of fly tipping outside a site was also raised which could then potentially be alongside a retail park as opposed to the current more remote location. The potential increase in footfall from July when charging will apply for green waste collection was also sited as a concern in relation to queuing on adjacent roads and the

incumbent traffic disruption or accident risk. Councillor for Bonvilston raised question regarding why only 2 centres were planned for the Vale when travel distance for several residents was 20-30minutes. The Vale employee agreed to take away the comments and concerns.

Boundary Review

The Vale's proposal document was discussed. Llanmaes, St Donat's and Llanfair all raised concern at the proposals within the report suggesting that those 3 community councils be aligned / amalgamated with neighbouring Town Councils. All 3 sited the unique extremely rural make up of their wards and the community spirit within them which could be negatively impacted by such a merger. There was concern at the potential loss of identity as the larger focuses for both effort and expenditure would possibly remain within the town boundaries. All were advised to send further submission of concerns to the Boundary Commission ahead of 28th March deadline.

Wenvoe made a recommendation to establish an additional ward "Broadlands" within Wenvoe CC recognising the scale of the new estates at HTV and adjacent to the retail park.

All of the above was voted on and the motion to carry these to the Vale Council was approved by a majority of both Community Councillor votes and Vale Councillor votes.