

**LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Council Meeting held at**  
**St Hilary Village Hall,**  
**On Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairperson: Councillor Liz Loch,  
Councillors : Steph Bonnar, Mary Llewellyn, Heather Shaw, Ray Simkiss,  
Geoff Simpson and Jim Teague.

**In Attendance:** Jackie Griffin, Clerk.

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence.**  
Councillor Julian Hitchcock.

**Item 2: Declarations of Interest.**  
Councillor Loch – Item 12.1 - Planning Application No.**2023/00541/FUL** – Five Acres, Llantrithyd Road, St Hilary – Personal Interest - Applicant employee of Councillor Loch’s business.

**Item 3: Community Police Matters.**  
PCSO Davies had emailed the Clerk to advise that there has been no reported occurrences for the month of June.

Councillor Loch reported that following ‘wild campers’ residing on the Downs for a number of weekends, she had contacted PC Elson to report residents concerns. Following a visit by the Police, the wild campers left the next morning and have not returned since. The Clerk will send an e-mail to PC Elson to thank him for his actions.

**Item 4: To consider and approve the minutes of the Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.**  
**Proposed** by Councillor Bonnar, seconded by Councillor Simkiss and **resolved** that the Minutes the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 be approved. Councillor Loch signed the Minutes.

**Item 5: Matters arising from the Minutes, which are not included in this Agenda.**

5.1 It was confirmed that the Annual Report is now complete and is posted on the Council’s website.

5.2 Councillor Simkiss thanked Councillor Loch for forwarding the map displaying roads which will be effected by the 20mph speed limit.

5.3 Councillor Bonnar reported on the ‘20mph Welsh Government dial in meeting’ which was hosted by a company that is project managing the rollout of the scheme with regard to publicity and advertising etc. The following points were raised:

- ‘Light up speed warning signs’ may not register the change from 30 to 20 mph.
- Following the introduction of the 20mph speed limit, rather than issuing fines for a grace period, warning letters will be sent to drivers breaking the 20mph speed limit.

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- There was a spokesperson who reported on what has been experienced in Spain following the introduction of the 20mph speed limit. It has shown that following road traffic collisions, there has been less deaths and there has been an improvement in air pollution levels.

**Item 6: Chairperson’s Report.**

- 6.1 Councillor Loch thanked Councillor Llewellyn for agreeing to attend Cowbridge Civic Sunday to represent the Council.
- 6.2 At a meeting with Alun Cairns MP, Councillor Loch advised that they discussed planning issues and zealous enforcement at the Vale of Glamorgan Council’s Planning Department.

**Item 7: Vale of Glamorgan Councillor’s Report.**

No Vale Councillor in attendance.

**Item 8: Clerk’s Report**

**8.1 Finances.**

Bank balance was noted at **£3,511.18** (Current Account £2,608.56 and Business Reserve Account £902.62).

**Payments made since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 are:**

- Clerk’s Salary (June) - £178.56;
- HMRC Tax (June) - £44.64;
- St Hilary Village Hall (Hire for June meeting) - £30.00;
- H Embling (Internal Auditor) - £100.00 – *(not yet presented at Bank)*;
- Zurich Municipal (Annual Insurance premium) - £320.65.
- St Hilary Village Hall – (hire of hall for defibrillator training) - £16.00.

**Payments due to be made are:**

- Clerk’s Salary (July) - £178.56;
- HMRC Tax (July) - £44.64;
- St Hilary Village Hall (Hire of the hall for this meeting) - £30.00.

No monies received.

- 8.2 Members referred to the unoccupied property in St Mary Church and requested that the matter be reported to the Vale of Glamorgan Council again.

**Item 9: To update on incidents of HGV issues in St Hilary Village.**

There were no recent incidents to report with regard to heavy goods vehicles.

Councillor Loch reported that the planned road closure for three days for Welsh Water to carry out remedial work has been cancelled. However concern was expressed at the fact that a property in St Hilary has been without water for a number of weeks. Details will be forwarded to the Clerk for reporting to Welsh Water.

Councillor Simkiss requested that a water leak, which has been in existence for three years, from Castle Precinct to the Castle in Llandough is also reported.

**Item 10: Reports of Representatives.**

Councillor Simpson reported that the next One Voice Wales local committee meeting will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> July and he will e-mail a report to Members following the meeting.

Councillor Bonnar reported on the recent meeting of the Community Liaison meeting at which the following items were discussed:

- Report given by Inspector Henderson of South Wales Police. The Police have again been working with the other services under Operation Elstree around the coast.
- Robbery and violent crime figures are down but shop lifting and sexual offences have increased.
- South Wales Police has had its first successful conviction of possession with intent to supply crack cocaine. This is very positive as the process used to make the drug is the same as Rohypnol the 'date rape drug' so the hope is this conviction reduces supply of both.
- Following the recent tragic death of two boys in Ely, a procession took place from Ely to Barry. There were several arrests and 20 off-road, illegal vehicles have recently been seized.
- The Council representative from Cowbridge Town Council advised that due to the regular presence of a PCSO in the town the incidents of anti-social behaviour had decreased.
- It was noted that some town and community councils are not receiving the attendance of a police officer or PCSO at their meetings.
  
- Report given by John Treharne of South Wales Fire and Rescue.
- They are delivering fire crime education with regard to life saving and cold-water shock.
- There has been a surge in the number of wild fires but the number of floods are down.
- There has been a big increase in hoax calls.
  
- Llandough Community Council had requested that the problems relating to dog fouling be placed on the agenda.
- The Enforcement Team is applying for a renewal of its authority to legally charge for the offence as, at present, they can only fine for breaches of the offence in certain parks. The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) license is due to renew in March 24 and they are trying to get the application ready and encompassing the whole County.
- Posters and stickers are available to remind the public of the offence.

Councillor Loch reported that the next meeting of the Public Services Board will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**Item 11: Correspondence and Publications which do not necessarily require discussion. i.e for noting only – previously sent out by e-mail.**

- 11.1 Vale of Glamorgan Council (VGC) – Business Support Newsletters – 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023.
- 11.2 Welsh Government - Invitation Get ready for 20mph.
- 11.3 One Voice Wales – Training Courses for June and July 2023.
- 11.4 South Wales Fire & Rescue – Safer Together – Have your say 2023 (survey).
- 11.5 VGC – Vale Summer Event – 7.7.23.
- 11.6 Vale Public Services Board – Town and Community Council Exchange Meeting – 18.7.23.
- 11.7 Planning Aid Wales – Events.
- 11.8 Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2023.

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

*Councillor Teague chaired the meeting for the entirety of item 12.1*

**Item 12: Planning Applications.**

- 12.1 Planning Application No. **2023/00541/FUL**  
Location: Five Acres, Llantrithyd Road, St Hilary  
Proposal: Erection of cattery, provision of temporary accommodation for three years for cattery worker and amendment to site access.  
  
The Council raised concerns with regard to the access from the property to the highway.
- 12.2 Planning Application No. **2023/00542/FUL**  
Location: Morton, St Mary Church  
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension, demolition of existing porch and the erection of a new porch addition.  
  
**No objection.**
- 12.3 **Determinations on Planning Applications by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.**
  - (i) Planning Application No. **2023/00350/FUL** – Single storey fully glazed rear extension to existing converted Mill, conversion of existing former Coach House to study, and creation of fully glazed potting shed in existing former pig sty at The Mill, Llandough – **Grants permission with 5 conditions.**
  - (ii) Planning Application No. **2023/00417/FUL** – Change of use of existing ancillary building to holiday accommodation at East Down Barn, St Hilary – **Grants permission with 4 conditions.**

**Item 13: Place, Date and Time of Next Meeting  
Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 7.00pm at St Hilary Village Hall.**

..... Chairman.  
Date : 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023.