

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Council Meeting held at
Llanfair Primary School
On Thursday, 10th April 2025 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairperson: Councillor Jim Teague.
Councillors : Steph Bonnar, Mary Llewellyn, Liz Loch, Tim McIlveen,
Ray Simkiss and Shaun Trigg.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor Julian Hitchcock.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
None declared.

Item 3: Community Police Matters.
PCSO Davies had forwarded the following report for March 2025:
03.03.25 - St Mary Church
Report of stolen/lost cow.
Outcome: No CCTV, no subject or vehicles identified, occurrence finalised.

Item 4: To consider and approve the minutes of the Meeting held 6th March 2025.
Proposed by Councillor Bonnar, seconded by Councillor Loch and
resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th March 2025 be
approved. Councillor Teague signed the Minutes.

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

Item 6: Chairperson's Report.
Councillor Teague raised concerns regarding a property where 3/4 sycamore
trees have been felled without permission as far as he knows. Furthermore,
a branch from one of the trees fell onto an asbestos roof creating a hole in
the roof and raising concerns about the possible release asbestos particles.
Clerk to report to Planning.

Item 7: Vale of Glamorgan Councillor's Report.
7.1 Members discussed the traffic lights in Cowbridge at the junction of St Athan
Road, Primrose Hill and Eastgate. The lights are 3-way which can cause
considerable problems for traffic turning right from Eastgate onto St Athan
Road and traffic turning right from Primrose Hill onto Aberthin Road. It was
confirmed that this has been raised with the Vale of Glamorgan Council
previously but their response was that the times between each light change
would be too long.

Item 8: Clerk's Report

8.1 Finances.

Bank balance was noted at **£4,553.48** (Current Account £1,615.68 and Business Reserve Account £2,937.80).

Payments made since 6th March 2025 are:

Clerk's Salary (March) - £199.48;
HMRC Tax (March) - £49.80;
J Griffin (Petty Cash for year 2024/25) - £44.70;
HCI Data Ltd (Disk Space – 31.1.25 – 24.2.25) - £17.28;
St Hilary Village Hall (January meeting cancellation) - £30.00;
St Hilary Village Hall (March meeting) - £45.00;
Councillors Allowances - £104.00
One Voice Wales (Annual Membership 2025/2026) - £111.00.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (April) - £199.48;
HMRC Tax (April) - £49.80;
HCI Data Ltd (Disk Space – 28.2.25 – 02.04.25) - £35.52;
Zurich Municipal (Council insurance for 2025/2026) - £241;
Councillors Allowances £312.

Proposed by Councillor Loch, seconded by Councillor McIlveen and **resolved** that all payments due be made.

Receipts:

None.

8.2 End of Year Accounts and Annual Report.

The Clerk reminded Members of the end of the financial year being 31st March 2025 and accounts need to be completed for audit.

The Annual Report needs to be completed too and will be done as soon as possible.

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

Members were pleased to report that there has been no recent incidents of 'stuck' HGVs in St Hilary.

At this point, Members discussed various road issues including:

- No National Speed limit sign at the end of 20mph speed restriction therefore meaning that the speed from the Herberts to Cowbridge should be 20mph all the way.
- Junction at Howe Mill on road to St Hilary – give way painted lines faded.

Clerk to report to the Highways Department.

Item 10: Reports of Representatives.

Councillor Bonnar reported on a meeting of the Community Liaison Committee which she attended on 7th April, at which the following information was shared by the Police:

- Drones are being used to monitor anti-social behaviour in Barry and Rhose. An e-bike has been seized.
- In Barry, plain clothed Officers are patrolling to monitor car theft and crime. Faraday pouches are recommended to store keys.
- In Barry, a drugs warrant resulted in the seizure of £29,000 in cash and cocaine to the value of £100,000.
- 'Operation Elmstree' – is monitoring coastal activity.
- The recent tragic car accident on the A48 was mentioned. This is an ongoing investigation.
- PCSO numbers have reduced due to a reduction in Welsh Government funding.
- In Dinas Powys, theft from shops has increased and a taxi was stolen. It was noted that thefts under the value of £200 are not investigated.

With regard to the Fire Service:

- It was reported that there has been a massive surge in fires: 267 fires in the last 4 weeks alone, compared to last year where there was 87 fires in the same quarter.
- There has been 24 deliberate fires – some of those car fires. Officers are visiting schools to give education sessions.
- There has been 16 accidental home fires.
- South Wales Fire and Rescue have attended 23 road traffic collisions in the Vale during the last quarter.
- The Inland Rescue at Cardiff Bay have carried out 6 water rescues in the last 2 months.

A bus report was given:

- The X2 will be routed through Ely with effect from 27th April.
- A fare of £1 for under 21s will be introduced with effect from September 2025.

Item 11: Section 6 – Biodiversity Plan and Report.

The Clerk advised that it will be a legal requirement to have a plan and to produce a report on biodiversity activity in the Council's area by December 2025. The Clerk asked that any activity is reported to her, with supporting photographs, if possible. The current projects are:

- Community garden at Llanfair Primary School;
- Work at the Spinney in St Mary Church;
- Ponds at Coed Hills;
- Ponds at Llandough;
- Seed and plant exchange at the St Hilary Telephone Box.

- Item 12: Correspondence and Publications which do not necessarily require discussion. i.e for noting only – *previously sent out by e-mail.***
- 12.1 VGC (Vale of Glamorgan Council) – Business Support Newsletter 7th and 20th March 2025.
 - 12.2 OVW (One Voice Wales) – Training Dates for March to June 2025.
 - 12.3 OVW – Launch of new Website.
 - 12.4 VGC – Vale Mapping Workshop.
 - 12.5 OVW – Senedd Report on the Role, Governance and Accountability of the Community and Town Council Sector.

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

- Item 13: Correspondence from Residents.**
- 13.1 An e-mail had been received seeking the Community Council’s support with the installation of lamp-post poppies during the fortnight before Remembrance Sunday. It was **resolved** that the organisers should complete a grant application to apply for funding to assist with costs.

- Item 14: Planning Applications.**
- 14.1 Planning Application No. **2024/01130/FUL** – new artists studio outbuilding and associated external works at Lake Farm Barns, St Athan Road, Cowbridge – **approved with 3 conditions.**

- Item 15: Place, Date and Time of Annual Meeting and next Ordinary Meeting Thursday, 1st May 2025, 7.00pm at St Hilary Village Hall.**

..... Chairman.
Date: 1st May 2025.