

Minutes of a general meeting of the St Athan Community Council, held on Tuesday 5th April 2016, in the Old School Hall Community Centre, Church Lane, St Athan, at 7-30pm

PRESENT.

Councillor D Crompton (Chairman)	
Councillor B Acott	Councillor Ms A Barnaby
Councillor D Elston	Councillor R Eustace
Councillor S Haines	Councillor Mrs G Phillips
Councillor D Willmot	Councillor Mrs S Williams

Before the meeting was opened the Chairman asked those members present to stand and observe a one minute silence in respect of the late Mr Colin Rauch a former member of the council for many years.

APOLOGIES.

Councillor Mrs J Lougher	Councillor D Street
County Councillor J W Thomas	

1186. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

NIL.

1187. MINUTES.

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on the 1st March 2016 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings.
SECONDED : Cllr B Acott CARRIED.

1188. MATTERS ARISING.

NIL.

1189. STANDING ORDERS.

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : that STANDING ORDERS be suspended to permit the Community Police Officer to address the meeting,
SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace CARRIED.

PC Jamie Williamson gave a brief report on the crime figures for March, he said it had been a standard sort of month considering the school holidays, there had been 11 crimes reported, 4 involving car crime, 1 car stolen, 2 assaults, 4 miscellaneous including 1 drug related and 1 attempted theft from a car.

PC Williamson reported that as requested at last months meeting, he and PCSO Lynn Frazer had visited the Gileston X roads a number of times during the month at what was regarded as “Peak” times. They spoke to numerous people and heard their complaints and fears regarding the “crossing”, they agreed that the speed although within the law (40mph) was excessive, and the crossing island was very narrow and without any safety rails, if having to pause on the island whilst attempting to cross, speeding traffic especially HGV’s going in both directions made the crossing island very insecure and frightening. He said that he had raised a safety report to the Police Road Safety Officer, and would report back.

It was decided that this council support the police report and once again raise the question of Safety at this crossing with the Vale Council Highways Division, and request that some type of Warning signals (Speed warning flashing lights or Signs) be installed either side of the crossing to warn of the “Safety Hazzard”.

The Chairman thanked PC Williamson for his report and attending the meeting.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED.

1190. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter from VGC Best Kept Village Competition, advising with sadness that the competition will no longer be held after 62 years. Regrets at losing this long standing summer event was expressed by all members.
2. Letter From Zurich Insurance regarding annual renewal. The renewal terms were accepted. Renewal effective 1st June 2016.
3. Letter from the VGC Public Rights of Way Officer regarding the “Diversion of Public Footpath No 2. Public Path Diversion Order 2016 dated 17th February 2016”.
NOTED.
4. One Voice Wales :
 - a) Agenda for Area meeting on Monday 25th April
 - b) Minutes of Area meeting held on Monday 26th January
 - c) Minutes of National Executive meeting held on Friday 11th March.
NOTED.

1191. CHAIRMAN’S ACTIONS.

NIL.

1192. INVOICES.

Clerks Wages		305 – 76
Inland Revenue	(PAYE)	78 – 00
Caretakers Wages		338 – 40
BT	(Internet Services)	93 – 86
SWALEC	(Feeder Pillar)	22 – 29

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SWALEC	(Centre bill)	1,078 – 99
Clerk's Expenses		17 – 25

PROPOSED : Cllr D Willmot
 SECONDED ; Cllr Ms A Barnaby CARRIED.

1193. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Planning Application No 2016/00149/FUL – 20 Pan y Celyn Place, St Athan, - Two Storey side extension including garage on ground floor.

PROPOSED : Cllr B Acott No Objections.

SECONDED : Cllr D Willmot CARRIED.

2. Planning Application No 2016/00221/FUL – 36 Glyndwr Avenue, St Athan, - Two storey rear extension.

PROPOSED : Cllr R Eustace NO Objections

SECONDED : Cllr D Willmot CARRIED.

3. Planning Application No 2016/00252/FUL – 30 Tathan Crescent, St Athan – Single storey porch extension ti side elevation.

PROPOSED : Cllr B Acott No Objections.

SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby CARRIED.

4. Planning Application No 2016/00291/SC1 – Northern access road, St Athan, - Request for EIA screening opinions.

PROPOSED : Cllr R Eustace that the council express the opinion that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) should be carried out, on the grounds that this development is,

- a) A major development of regional and national importance (not local).
- b) The area is sensitive and vulnerable to flooding.
- c) The development will require significant engineering works, including blasting, and as such has potential hazardous environmental effects.
- d) Under Welsh Office Circular 11/99 Environmental Impact Assessment, paragraph 33 states that under these criterial a EIA will be required.

SECONDED : Cllr D Elston CARRIED

5. Planning Application No 2016/00266/FUL – Hunters Lodge, 8 Newbarn Holdings, St Athan, - Alterations and extension to existing dwellings including removal of existing unsightly outbuildings and garage.

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : No Objections.

SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton CARRIED.

1194. REPORTS.

Cllr Mrs S Williams told members that she had a lot of complaints regarding Helicopter noise, not sure from which source, SAR, Police, or Military, However she had recently visited the Search and Rescue (SAR) site and the noise problem was raised which resulted in the Chief Pilot volunteering to attend a council meeting to discuss the problem. It was Agreed that the Chief Pilot be invited to attend the June meeting.

1195. ONE VOICE WALES ANNUAL FEES.

Membership fees for One Voice Wales are now due, the amount for year 2016/17 is £438-00

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that membership of One Voice Wales be continued and fees of £438-00 be paid as allocated in the finance budget.

SECONDED : Cllr S Haines CARRIED.

1196. FRIENDS OF GLAMORGAN HERITAGE COAST.

Membership fees for 2016/17 are now due

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED: that the membership fees of £25-00 plus a grant of £ 25-00 be paid from funds allocated in the 2016-17 budget.

SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby CARRIED.

1197. FLOWER BASKETS.

Quotes for replenishing the Flower Baskets for the season were presented

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that the quote from Mrs F J Butters in the sum of £324 (12 x £27) be accepted.

SECONDED : Cllr D Willmot CARRIED.

1198. GRASS CUTTING.

Quotes for cutting the grass in St Athan, Flemingston and Gileston areas were presented.

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that the quote from Livingstone Ground Maintenance in the sum of £1596 be accepted.

SECONDED Cllr S Haines CARRIED.

A further quote from Livingstone Ground Maintenance to water/feed and maintain the flower baskets during the season in the sum of £200-00 was presented.

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : that the quote be accepted.

SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby CARRIED.

1199. VERBAL RESPONSE TO IND – PLANNING CONSULTANT.

Cllr Ms A Barnaby gave a brief report on the last of the briefings which involved this council. Any further developments will be reported at a later date. Report at ANNEX A.

1200. LIBRARY SERVICES.

A meeting is to be held on Thursday 7th April to register volunteers, the Hand Over date for the library to the Volunteer Group is 31st May 2016.

1201. DATE & TIME OF AGM.

It was Agreed that the Annual General Meeting for the year 2016/17 be held on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at 7-15pm. The general meeting for the month of May to follow on from the AGM.

1202. VGC COMMUNITY ACTION SELF HELP (C.A.S.H.) SCHEME.

It was decided not to apply for the scheme as a qualifying project was not suggested.

1203. FINANCIAL APPEALS

1. Letter from “Y BONT” requesting financial assistance, merits of the request were discussed.

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : No Action.

SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace

CARRIED.

1204. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

NIL.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8-35pm there was no members of the public present.

ANNEX A.

Report on Local Development Plan – Hearing session 17 Transport 23rd March 2016

The Community Council was represented by Cllr David Crompton, and Cllr Ann Barnaby attended as an independent.

Hearing session 17 was held at the Civic Offices and covered the transport policies in the LDP, SP7, and MG16, plus the various schemes under this policy.

SP7 – 2 The Northern Access Road – the inspector acknowledged that this scheme had already been discussed during other hearings, the concerns raised again covered, cost, amount of engineering work required, cutting through greenfield, alternatives including improvement to the Eglwys Brewis road, or the west camp entrance.

The St Athan resident's concerns were raised regarding the siting of the entrance at Eglwys Brewis, which would encourage traffic through the village, and via the many local lanes as SAT nav's take people down the various 'rat runs'.

The proposed housing allocations based on the route of the NAR were also highlighted again, in addition the comments in a previous hearing that the funds from the housing schemes would be used to finance the road, constituted that the deliverability of this scheme was also in doubt, the Vale team disputed this. Commuting concerns were raised, especially in light of the fact that the 1,300 additional housing was not phased or linked to 'actual' increased employment.

The potential lack of capacity of the junction with the B4265 St Athan Monument, as shown in the Highway's report, was raised. The Highways team acknowledged that this junction would be over capacity by 2026. However, when asked whether the potential additional traffic from increased employment of the Enterprise Zone had been factored into their model, as it appeared from the report only the additional housing had been considered. Although stating that some employment would have been included, they could not supply the figures used. The inspector requested that this omission of data be recorded as an 'action point' for further review.

SP7- 6,7 - Electrification of Rail Network. The Vale of Glamorgan Council acknowledged that electrification of the Vale of Glamorgan line was unlikely, certainly within the timeframe of this LDP. Cllr Crompton asked if the Gileston Holt was being looked at, with regard to re-opening especially in light of the Enterprise Zone at St Athan. The Council confirmed that there was no proposal to re-open this station.

The other major items discussed were:-

- Commuting
- Bus priority measures, between Cardiff and Airport, and along A48
- Park and Ride scheme – running from Cosmeston Park.
- Darren Farm – by-pass proposal.
- Llysworney By-pass, and alternative route to M4 to west.

B4265 Llantwit Major to Vale Business Park, and in general the lack of improvements to the West of Vale.