

Minutes of a general meeting of the St Athan Community Council, held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016, in the Old School Hall Community Centre, Church Lane, St Athan, at 7-30pm

**PRESENT.**

Councillor Ms A Barnaby	( Chairman )
Councillor B Acott	Councillor D Crompton
Councillor D Elston	Councillor S Haines
Councillor Mrs J Lougher	Councillor Mrs G Phillips
Councillor D Street	Councillor D Willmot
Councillor Mrs S Williams	
County Councillor J W Thomas	

**APOLOGIES.**

Councillor R Eustace

**1205. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Cllr D Crompton declared an interest in Church Grants, with regard to Flemingston Parish Church. Agenda item 1214.

**1206. MINUTES.**

1. Cllr B Acott PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings  
SECONDED : Cllr D Elston CARRIED.

**1207. MATTERS ARISING.**

Nil

**1208. CORRESPONDENCE.**

1. Letter from Cowbridge Town Council regarding “Vale of Glamorgan Council – Reshaping Services programme” . Clerk to reply.
2. Letter from the Operational Manager Highways and Engineering, reply to this councils letter regarding “Road Safety” at Gileston X Roads. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes as ANNEX A
3. Letter from One Voice Wales regarding membership and requesting information on representatives on Area Committees. NOTED.

**1209. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.**

.NIL.

**1210. INVOICES.**

Clerks Wages		305 – 80
Inland Revenue	( PAYE )	78 – 40
Caretakers Wages		355 – 50
Welsh Water	( Water Rates )	83 – 22
Viking	( Printer ink )	29 – 10
Zurich	( Annual Policy )	1604 – 87
B T	( Telephone bill )	113 – 88
Clerk's Expenses		10 – 68

PROPOSED : Cllr S Haines

SECONDED ; Cllr Mrs J Lougher

CARRIED.

**1211. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

1. Planning Application No 2016/00369/OUT – St Athan Boys Village, St Athan, - Demolition of part demolished, fire damaged and derelict former C1 residential buildings. Construction of 15 link dwellings (40% affordable), and the conversion of the existing chapel into a dwelling and the retention/extension of the caretakers bungalow.

Cllr D Crompton PROPOSED : that this council has no objections to this application in principle, however serious concern is expressed regarding the access road to the site, which is very narrow and would not be suitable to serve the proposed development.

SECONDED : Cllr D Elston

CARRIED.

**1212. REPORTS.**

1. Cllr D Street gave a brief report on a One Voice Wales area committee meeting which he recently attended, a full report will be available when the minutes of that meeting are received.
2. Cllr B Acott gave a brief update on the Heritage Coast Advisory committee actions.
3. Cllr D Crompton gave a brief report on the progress of the community libraries volunteer group, a further meeting will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, and it appears that all is in line for the take over date of 31 May 2016
4. Cllr Ms A Barnaby gave a brief report on the last of the LDP Inspectors Hearings. Cllr D Street thanked Cllr Barnaby for her support during the hearings progress.

**1213. CHURCH GRANTS.**

Letters from St Athan Parish Church, Gileston Church, Flemingston Church, and the Methodist Church requesting grants for Church Yard Maintenance were presented.

Cllr Mrs G Phillips PROPOSED ; that the sum of £150-00 as agreed in the 2016/17 finance budget be paid to each of the Churches.

SECONDED : Cllr Mrs J Lougher

CARRIED.

**1214. INTERNAL AUDIT.**

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : that Mrs D Robinson, ( Parish Church Treasurer ) 15 Glebeland Place, St Athan be engaged to carry out the internal audit of the Community Council Accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2016, with a fee of £25-00.

SECONDED : Cllr B Acott

CARRIED.

**1215. FINANCIAL APPEALS.**

NIL.

**1216. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

1. Cllr D Elston gave a brief report on the “Opening” of a food bank at the Gathering Place which he attended. He also stated that Hannah Dineen was making progress with her “Mapping project” of St Athan and would like to attend a meeting to present her update.

2. Cllr B Acott advised members that the School was organising a “Litter Pick” from the School to Londis stores on Wednesday morning 11<sup>th</sup> May.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8-15pm, there were no members of the public present

## ANNEX A

Date/Cyflwr	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	The Vale of Glamorgan Council The Alps, Wainhoe CF5 6AA
Ask for/Golywch am	Wendy Smith	Cyngor Bro Morgannwg Yr Aboaz, Gwentb CF5 6AA
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Mr John Haswell,  
The Clerk,  
St Athan Community Council,  
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Dear Mr Haswell,

### **B4265 Gileston crossroads, St Athan – Road Safety**

I refer to your letter of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016, regarding your road safety concerns about the design of the new pedestrian refuge and road markings on the B5465, Gileston crossroads, St Athan.

The process to assess any new highway scheme is to undertake three road safety audits and these audits are undertaken by an external client on behalf of the Authority. The first two audits are at the design stage of the scheme and the third audit is undertaken on completion of the scheme on site.

I can confirm the third road safety audit has been undertaken at this location and has not highlighted any potential road safety hazards for both pedestrians and motorists.

The crossing facility has been improved not only in the design but also with the addition of new street lighting and additional signage. Furthermore, the visibility on both approaches to the pedestrian refuge is excellent for both motorists and pedestrians, and I must emphasize it is the responsibility of the pedestrian to check that it is safe to cross the road before committing to doing so.

It is accepted that the occasional vehicle may be travelling in excess of the existing 40 mph speed limit however it is important to realise that vehicle speed reduction/enforcement is fundamentally the responsibility of the police and not the highway authority.

In addition, an assessment has been undertaken of the currently available records of South Wales Police's database of road traffic collisions for the period between 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The investigation revealed that there has only been one injury related incident involving a pedestrian recorded at the pedestrian crossing facility prior to the improvement works. The incident happened at approximately 9pm in the

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dark, in January 2012, the casualty was wearing dark clothing and was under the influence of alcohol, his injuries being classified as slight.

Therefore, taking the above into consideration, unfortunately it is felt there is no justification in any additional road safety measures at this location especially with the current financial pressures imposed upon the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



Wendy Smith  
*for Operational Manager Highways and Engineering  
ar rhan Rheolwr Gweithredol Priffyrdd a Pheirianneg*