

Minutes of a general meeting of the St Athan Community Council, held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 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 G Phillips	Councillor Mrs J Lougher
Councillor D Willmot	Councillor Mrs S Williams
County Councillor J W Thomas	

**APOLOGIES.**

Councillor R Eustace	Councillor L Haines
Councillor D Street	

**1258. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Cllr D Elston declared an interest in Agenda item 1271 EVRC.

**1259. MINUTES.**

1. Cllr D Crompton PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings  
SECONDED: Cllr S Haines CARRIED.

**1260. MATTERS ARISING.**

NIL.

**1261. STANDING ORDERS.**

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

PCSO Lynda Fraser gave a brief report on the crime figures for September, 13 crimes had been reported, 6 domestic violence, 2 criminal damage, 1 burglary, 4 miscellaneous, details of the offences were briefly discussed. Speeding through the village was discussed briefly, but it was on the agenda for further discussion later in the meeting.

Lynda told members that there was going to be a change of positions in the Vof G, of PCSO's and that she was being transferred to Penarth. It was Agreed that a letter be sent to the Chief Constable requesting that PCSO Lynda Fraser remain in her present post, as she has an extensive knowledge of our locality which is widespread and includes various hamlets,

but most importantly she has a great knowledge of the people, as they have of her, and is also a member of the Governing body of St Athan Primary School.

**STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED.**

**1262. CORRESPONDENCE.**

1. Letter from Operational Manager Legal Services, regarding the provision of legal services to Town and Community Councils. NOTED.
2. Letter from The Boundary Commission for Wales, regarding initial proposals for changes to Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales. NOTED.
3. Vale of Glamorgan Council :
  - a) Agenda for meeting to be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016, also minutes of meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
  - b) Copy of Audit Statement dated 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016.
  - c) VGC Scrutiny Statement 2015-16.
  - d) Minutes of meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016.
  - e) Corporate Assessment Report 2016. NOTED.
4. Letter from B.T regarding the disposal of the old red phone boxes. NOTED.

**1263. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.**

The Chairman attended the Llantwit Major Town Council Civic Ceremony.

**1264. INVOICES.**

Clerks Wages		309 – 20
Inland Revenue	( PAYE )	79 – 40
Caretakers Wages		355 – 50
B.T	( Internet & Telephone )	58 – 72
SWALEC	( Centre Bill )	136 – 77
SWALEC	( Feeder Pillar )	22 – 29
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Lee Vowles	( Notice Board )	325 – 00

PROPOSED : Cllr Mrs J Lougher

SECONDED ; Cllr D Willmot

CARRIED.

**1265. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

NIL.

**1266. REPORTS.**

1. Cllr Ms A Barnaby presented a report on the B.T Broadband meeting hosted by the Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP, and Mr Ed Hunt of B.T, Cllr Ms A Barnaby, Cllr R Eustace and Cllr D Elston attended. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes as ANNEX A.

**1267. REMEMBRANCE DAY CHURCH SERVICE.**

It was Agreed that a Remembrance Service be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in the St Athan Parish Church at 10am, followed by a Service at the Memorial at 11am. Representatives from the RAF and Army be invited to attend also the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan.

Cllr B Acott PROPOSED : that the sum of £50-00 be allocated to cover the cost of a wreath and a donation to the Royal British Legion.

SECONDED : Cllr Mrs J Lougher

CARRIED.

**1268. FINANCE STATEMENT – BUDGET REVIEW.**

A statement of account to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 was presented, and a review of income and spending relevant to budget allocations was discussed

Cllr D Elston PROPOSED : that spending in relation to budget requirements was on course and would be continued to be monitored on a quarterly basis as recommended in the Auditors report.

SECONDED : Cllr Mrs J Lougher

CARRIED.

**1269. CHRISTMAS FESTIVE LIGHTING.**

An estimate from the Vale of Glamorgan Council Highways to erect and take down the Christmas lights was presented.

Cllr B Acott PROPOSED : that the estimate of £3,886-32 excl VAT be accepted, and funded by monies allocated in the 2016/17 budget.

SECONDED : Cllr D Elston

CARRIED

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : that three (3) re-furbished “Motifs” be purchased at a cost of £872 – 50 excluding VAT & delivery charges.

SECONDED : Cllr B Acott

CARRIED.

**1270. WEBSITE RENEWAL.**

The St Athan website is in the process of being renewed and reformed with a new company provider.

**1271. E.V.R.C.**

Cllr D Elston asked for this item to be put on the agenda, and declared an interest in the matter to be discussed. He informed members that the residents of Eastvale Estate (EVRC) are facing large bills to have water meters installed when Welsh Water adopt the water supply from the MOD. He was advised that this was not within the remit of this council, put to contact Jane Hutt AM who has been involved in the dispute between the MOD and Welsh Water for a number of years.

**1272. L.D.P. AMENDMENTS.**

Cllr Ms A Barnaby gave a report on the response to the VGC Local Development Plan Proposed Changes and Amendments. A copy of her report is attached to these minutes as ANNEX B.

**1273. DATE & TIME OF FINANCE MEETING.**

It was Agreed that the finance committee meeting to set the budget and precept for the financial year 2017/18 be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7-30pm

**1274. SPEEDING ST ATHAN VILLAGE.**

This item was discussed at length, and has been a regular topic at meeting for some time now. The VGC Highways have been asked to look at the problem numerous times, they have now agreed to put "Speed Tubes" on the road between Rectory Drive and Rock road exit, to monitor the speed of vehicles. A letter has also been sent from this council to the Chief Constable highlighting the problems this village is experiencing with speeding traffic, and asking for a greater police presence at peak traffic periods.

**1275. FINANCIAL APPEALS.**

NIL.

**1276. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

1. Cllr D Willmot expressed concern regarding the re-location of PCSO's, and suggested that this concern be expressed to the Chief Constable, it was Agreed that a letter be sent to the Chief Constable to make him aware of these concerns.
2. County Cllr J W Thomas told members that the first allocation of 106 money from the St Johns Well Development had gone into to the VGC Transportation budget .
3. Cllr B Acott told members that he had made representation to the site manager of the St Johns Well development, with regard to the mud on the roads caused by the vehicles from the site, and making such a mess of the village roads, he has asked that

a “Wheel wash” facility be installed for vehicles leaving the site to go through. Cllr Thomas said he would write a letter to the site management reminding them of the requirements of the Construction Environment Management Plan, which includes facilities for Wheel washing.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9-15pm, there were no members of the public present.

## ANNEX A.

### **Report on meeting with Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP and Mr Ed Hunt of BT on Broadband connections in the Vale of Glamorgan. Held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**

Attending: Cllr Ann Barnaby, Cllr David Elston, Cllr Roger Eustace

The meeting was well attended by a wide range of communities from the Vale of Glamorgan, and was opened by Alun Cairns MP introducing Mr Hunt, and giving a brief overview of the current status and how the meeting would run.

There then followed a question and answers session, where most of the questions were related to very poor connection speeds varying from 0.5 to 2mb. Also of concern was the intermittent service, with connections being regularly lost.

Another cause of concern, was the lack of any true projected timeframes, for the improved service to become available. Mr Hunt did acknowledge that BT had not been good at communications on this regard, but followed this up with a lot of 'by Christmas' answers to specific questions!

Other areas with good connections, were also querying why neighbours could have such difference in performance. Mr Hunt did comment that thickness of walls, position of router etc., would affect performance.

Llandow Village, while enjoying excellent speed (around 70mb) questioned why residents with 'exchange lines only' were not able to be connected to the high speed broadband, this was also a question raised by St. Athan, but unfortunately Mr Hunt could not supply an answer, but promised to follow it up.

Cllr Ann Barnaby, commented that although St. Athan enjoyed a good service with speeds around the 50mb mark, the question was if there were plans to start replacing the old copper cables from the cabinets to the properties, as it appeared that many of the issues the communities in the room were having could be caused by poor performance of the copper due to distance from exchange, water damage, links etc., Also there was a real danger of lightning strike taking out any linked equipment.

Mr Hunt replied that they were not planning to replace the copper.

Also questioned was the Governments targeted downlink speed of 25mb, and in particular the uplink speed which always seems to be ignored, as it was felt that this would soon become insufficient for people's needs, especially business, and that 100mb would be a more long term target.

Cllr Ann Barnaby

Extra Comment from Cllr David Elston –

The bad news; BT were seemingly unaware of the current campaigns and petitions signed claiming Britain's Internet is broken. "Fix Britain's Internet" is the most recent one but there have been a huge number of people both on old copper and new fibre who suffer poor connection reliability and speeds. No answer was given except BT do not recognise this problem.

The good news; the target of all exchanges being upgraded by 2016 is still a guarantee and only a small number remain to be upgraded. I thanked Ed for his clear answer here  
The meeting was closed at around 8.20pm, with a promise that Mr Hunt would reply to questions that had been sent in.

## ANNEX B.

### **Report on Amended LDP Deposit Plan Written Statement – October 2016**

**Background** - The Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan process started in January 2007 and the initial public consultation was during Feb/Apr 2012. In 2013 a further draft LDP was published followed by public consultation. The Ministers of the Welsh Government appointed Planning Inspector, Mr Richard Jenkins BA (Hons) MSc MRTPI during 2015 to conduct the independent Examination to determine whether the Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan (LDP) was 'sound'. The Inspectors review took place between 19<sup>th</sup> Jan and 20<sup>th</sup> April, and included 23 hearing sessions, covering 15 areas of the plan.

The St Athan Community Council was represented at 5 sessions covering the areas its comments that had been made in the written submissions made during December 2013.

LDP – Written Statement as amended by matters arising changes schedule was published September 2016 and is subject to a public consultation between Sept 16<sup>th</sup> and Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Notes on amendments** There are many minor and some significant amendments too much of the previous Development Plan submitted to the Inspector. Most of the amendments are relating to wording changes to ensure plan is 'sound' in a planning context, and to fit in with new legislation or reports.

The allocation of 835 housing units in St. Athan has seen a small reduction to 790 with a further 465 units to the west of Eglwys Brewis as part of the NAR (Northern Access Road) development.

Overall the plan is providing for 9,460 additional houses (9,500 previously). With an additional 10% for flexibility = 10,408

Below are a few amendments that have been identified as relating or potentially relating to the developments for St Athan.

- 1) Phasing – The original plan allowed for phasing of housing development over the period of the plan. All phasing has been removed. Note: we requested that in view of the 1,600 addition to the housing requirement based on employment projections for the St. Athan & Airport Enterprise zones, these should have some link with development of the employment sites, to avoid housing without the additional work!
- 2) Page 38 5.21 new paragraph – regarding settlement boundaries
- 3) Pg 45 5xx New paragraph – *The greatest demand for new housing is from changes in the population of the Vale of Glamorgan over the plan period 2011-2026, with the Welsh Government's 2011 based 10 Year Average Migration local authority population and household projections indicating the population shall increase by 9,602 persons between 2011 and 2026, and shall generate the need for an additional 7,399 dwellings. Additionally, and as a consequence of the economic growth aspirations of the LDP, the Council anticipate that the strategic employment allocations at St Athan and Cardiff Airport Enterprise Zones, and Land to the 46 South of Junction 34 Hensol together have the potential to create the need for a further 1,602 dwellings by 2026. Provision is also made for an additional 459 dwellings to assist in addressing the high level of need for affordable housing in the Vale of Glamorgan, this being the equivalent of 1 year's backlog of affordable housing need identified within the Council's 2015 Local Housing.*  
We have objected to a change of use of the 10yr average migration over the 5yr one that was previously used, as this would then include the years when MOD St Athan had a major influx of Dara civilian employees.
- 4) Pg 25 3.10 Affordable housing, shows that the local housing assessment 2015-20 shows a decline in need from 915 (2010) to 559 per annum.
- 5) Page 68 Affordable allocations St.Athan = 35% of new development so no change. However provision for small developments wording did change.
- 6) Page 68 – Settlement Boundary (wedges) – new paragraph 6.xx ‘
- 7) Page 62 Note windfall sites were dropped from 1587 to 840, with allocations within the plan increased from 7829 to 8525.
- 8) Page 72/73 MG 7 Provision of Community Facilities wording changed from 'will be sort in the following settlements' (incl. St.Athan) to 'IN AREAS WHERE NEED CANNOT BE MET BY EXISTING FACILITIES BASED ON THE MOST UP TO DATE EVIDENCE OF NEED'.
- 9) Policy MG10 – St Athan – Cardiff Airport Enterprise Zone. The following has been added (page 76).  
*THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE WILL BE GUIDED BY A MASTERPLAN TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:*
  - THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE EXISTING 70,000 SQM HANGER AT ST ATHAN (17.95 HA);
  - AN AEROSPACE BUSINESS PARK NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE RUNWAY AT ST ATHAN;
  - A BUSINESS PARK FOR AVIATION SUPPORT SERVICES AT PICKETSTON (11.79 HA);
  - A NEW NORTHERN ACCESS ROAD AT THE ST ATHAN ENTERPRISE ZONE (POLICY MG16 REFERS);
  - NEW AEROSPACE, EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURING, OFFICE AND OTHER ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT AT THE CARDIFF AIRPORT AND GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT ZONE (77 HA);
  - A 42 HECTARE EXTENSION TO PORTHKERRY COUNTRY PARK (POLICY MG25 REFERS);
  - PROVISION OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE; AND • THE INCORPORATION OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY CENTRE AT THE CARDIFF AIRPORT AND GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT ZONE. (MAC55)

- 10) Transport – Page 81 – drop of electrification of railway to ‘modernisation’.
- 11) Page 94 Green wedges new line ‘*there will be a presumption against inappropriate development<sup>99</sup> which would contribute to urban*’. However, although policy is to prevent ‘coalescence’ of settlements, St Athan is not mentioned with regard to the planning allocations which virtually link us to Boverton.
- 12) Page 95 MG19 ‘Sites and Species of European importance’ has been completely re-written.
- 13) Page 103 – Heritage coast. New development will be restricted to: point 3 changed ‘*OTHER APPROPRIATE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR WHICH A COASTAL LOCATION IS ESSENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES; OR*’
- 14) Page 105 Open Space – paragraph 6.149 removed which stated that ‘all housing developments will be expected to make provision for children’s play facilities on site wherever feasible’. MAC78. Also a more ‘flexible’ approach to requirement to supply open space has been specified (6.148)
- 15) Pages 107-109 New section Policy MG27 Local Search Area’s for Solar Energy. 6 Areas are identified for solar farms at Llandow, Five Mile Lane, Hensol, Treoes, Welsh St.Donats, and West of Aberthaw Power Station of approx. 30 hectares, on land that was previously spoil mound.
- 16) Page 111 – Location of New Development tweaking with wording.  
New Paragraph on flooding: *New development will be expected to avoid unnecessary flood risk and to meet the requirements of TAN 15: Development and Flood Risk. No highly vulnerable development will be permitted within Development Advice Map (DAM) Zone C2 and development will only be considered in areas at risk of flooding where it can be demonstrated that the site can comply with the justification and assessment requirements set out in TAN 15. (MAC81)*
- 17) Page 112 – Policy MD 2 Place Making changed to ‘Design of New Development’ again a lot of tweaking with wording, but also 4 new paragraphs. Policy MD 3 Design of New Development has been removed.
- 18) Page 117-118 New Policy MD2A – Provision for Open Space. Including:  
*WHERE THERE IS AN IDENTIFIED NEED FOR PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH A NET GAIN OF 5 OR MORE DWELLINGS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:*  
1. OUTDOOR SPORTS PROVISION 1.6 HECTARES PER 1,000 POPULATION  
2. CHILDREN’S EQUIPPED PLAY SPACE 0.25 HECTARES PER 1,000 POPULATION  
3. INFORMAL PLAY SPACE 0.55 HECTARES PER 1,000 POPULATION  
*WHERE THERE IS AN IDENTIFIED NEED FOR PUBLIC OPEN SPACE PROVISION, MAJOR NEW COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, WHERE FLOORSPACE TO BE CREATED EXCEEDS 1000 M2 OR THE SITE IS 1 HECTARE OR MORE, WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT A RATIO OF 16 M2 PER FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEE. IN ORDER TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE PLACES AREAS OF OPEN SPACE WILL USUALLY BE REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED ON-SITE AS PART OF NEW DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS. WHERE IT IS NOT PRACTICAL OR DESIRABLE TO MAKE PROVISION ON-SITE, APPROPRIATE OFF-SITE PROVISION OR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES WILL BE REQUIRED IN LIEU OF ON SITE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE. (MAC83)*
- 19) Page 119 new paragraph 7.17 Section 106 monies ‘*Community infrastructure will be secured either through planning obligations contained within a legal agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), or in due course through levy receipts under the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended). The Council is currently working towards introducing a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for the Vale of Glamorgan shortly after adoption of the LDP. It intends to prepare a draft charging schedule in 2016 with a view to adopting CIL by 2017. In advance of adopting CIL the Council will continue to secure necessary infrastructure through Section 106 Planning Obligations. Once CIL is in place, the use of Planning Obligations will be scaled back to include those matters not covered by CIL and affordable housing. (MAC84)*’.
- 20) Page 123 Policy MD 6 Development within Minor Rural Settlements – removed (MAC 85).
- 21) Page 126 Environmental Protection development will be required to demonstrate they will not result in an unacceptable impact on... new item 7. ‘The loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land’.
- 22) Page 127 – new paragraphs on flooding.
- 23) Section 8 Delivery and Implementation has also had a major re-write.
- 24) On most of our housing allocations the following section is re-worded ‘*A scheme of upgrades for this WwTW will form part of DCWWs submission to the Industry Regulator Ofwat for AMP 7. Should a landowner/developer wish to progress the proposed development prior to the Regulatory investment, they may fund a feasibility study which will identify the improvements required*’.

In conclusion, it is disappointing but not unexpected that not much has changed in the plan with regard to the developments in and around St. Athan over what was contained in the previous versions of the LDP.

Cllr Ann Barnaby

To see MAC schedules :

[http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/planning\\_and\\_building\\_control/planning\\_policy/local\\_development\\_plan/LDP-Examination.aspx](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/planning_and_building_control/planning_policy/local_development_plan/LDP-Examination.aspx)

To see amended Deposit plan: <http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/Living/Planning/Policy/LDP/MAC-Consultation-Docs/Combined-LDP-Written-Statement-inc-FCs-CCs-and-MACs-FINAL.pdf>