

Minutes of a general meeting of the St Athan Community Council, held on Tuesday 9th May 2017, in the Old School Hall Community Centre, Church Lane, St Athan, at 7-30pm

PRESENT.

- Councillor D Willmot (Chairman).
- Councillor B Acott
- Councillor D Crompton
- Councillor R Eustace
- Councillor Mrs J Lougher
- Councillor Mrs G Phillips
- County Councillor J W Thomas
- Councillor Ms A Barnaby
- Councillor J Cullinane
- Councillor S Haines
- Councillor Mrs J Lynch-Wilson
- Councillor Mrs F Smith

Prior to the commencement of the evening proceedings:

The outgoing Chairman Councillor Ms A Barnaby asked members to stand and observe a one minute silence in respect to the late Councillor David Street. David Street was a Community Councillor on St Athan Community Council for 22years, he was elected Chairman on four occasions. David was also one of the founder members of One Voice Wales and served as it's first Chairman. David's experience and knowledge of local government will be a great loss to St Athan Community Council.

APOLOGIES.

Councillor Mrs S Williams

1360. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

- Cllr D Crompton item 13 Community Library Financial Grant.
- Cllr D Willmot item 13 Community Library Financial Grant.
- Cllr Mrs J Lougher item 12 Public Footpath Creation.

1361. MINUTES.

- 1. Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2017 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings
SECONDED : Cllr S Haines CARRIED.

1362. MATTERS ARISING.

NIL.

1363. CORRESPONDENCE.

- 1. Thank you letter from St Michaels Church Flemingston for the Church Yard Grant.

2. One Voice Wales :

- a) Membership confirmation.
- b) Motions for 2017 Annual General Meeting.
- c) Larger Councils Innovative Practice Awards Conference.

1364. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.

NIL.

1365. INVOICES.

Clerks Wages		309 – 40
Inland Revenue	(PAYE)	80 – 60
Caretakers Wages		362 – 76
B.T	(Internet & Telephone)	56 – 32
Welsh Water	(Water Rates)	140 – 65
Viking Direct	(Printer Cartridges)	61 – 26
Zurich Municipal	(Insurance renewal)	1,455 – 52
Clerk's Expenses		18 – 90

PROPOSED : Cllr S Haines

SECONDED ; Cllr R Eustace

CARRIED.

1366. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Planning Application No 2017/00300/FUL – Plot 70, Tathanias Court, St Athan - Proposed alteration of approved dwelling to include rear conservatory extension.
Cllr Mrs J Lougher PROPOSED : No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr B Acott

CARRIED.

2. Planning Application No 2017/00342/FUL – Pentire, Higher End, St Athan, - First Floor side extension.

Cllr Mrs J Lougher PROPOSED : No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton

CARRIED.

3. Planning Application No 2017/00376/FUL – 3 St Michaels Close, St Athan, - First Floor dormer extension to side elevation.

Cllr B Acott PROPOSED : No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr S Haines

CARRIED.

1367. REPORTS.

1. Cllr D Crompton gave a brief report on a Aberthaw Cement Works Community Liaison Committee meeting which he and Cllr D Willmot recently attended.

1368. HERITAGE COAST ANNUAL FEES.

Membership fees for 2017/18 are now due

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED: that the membership fees of £25-00 plus a grant of £ 25-00 be paid from funds allocated in the 2017-18 budget.

SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby

CARRIED.

1369. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY – ONE VOICE WALES.

Information regarding the subject matter has been received from One Voice Wales, a template of the suggested policy was included and recommended that the policy be adopted by the council.

Cllr Ms A Barnaby PROPOSED : that the Social Media Policy recommended by One Voice Wales be adopted by St Athan Community Council.

SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace

CARRIED.

1370. PUBLIC FOOTPATH CREATION.

Letter from the Public Rights of Way Officer, VGC, regarding the creation of Public Footpath No 21, St Athan, “Public Path Creation & Dedication Agreement 2017”. The Agreement with the Landowner was completed on 27 February 2017. The effect of the agreement is to create a public footpath following a section of coastline between Limpert Bay and Summerhouse Point.

1371. ST ATHAN COMMUNITY HUB AND LIBRARY FINANCIAL GRANT.

This item was deferred until the June meeting to allow more time for the SACaL to produce a detailed project for a grant.

1372. INTERNAL AUDIT F/Y 2016/17.

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 2017, with a fee of £25-00.

SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace

CARRIED.

1373. FINANCIAL APPEALS.

1. Letter from Mr Alan Bourne St Athan Christmas Lights Association, requesting financial assistance for the 2017 Xmas lights switching On event was presented, In previous years Mr Bourne has received a grant of one thousand pound from the Vale

of Glamorgan Council to offset the costs of the event, unfortunately the VGC has informed him that the grant would no longer be available, and therefore for the very popular “Switching On” event to be staged again in 2017 he would require financial assistance.

The merits of this appeal were discussed at length, the popularity of this event was evident and worthy of being supported.

Cllr Ms A Barnaby PROPOSED : that this request be supported by covering the loss of the VGC grant.

SECONDED : R Eustace

CARRIED.

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

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : No action.

SECONDED : Cllr S Haines

CARRIED.

1374. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1. Cllr Ann Barnaby read out an e-mail response received from Victoria Robinson - Operational Manager for Development in response to an original enquiry made during a Liaison Committee meeting regarding local residents concerns and reports made in respect of mud/stones on roads, litter, and obstructions perpetrated from the building development at St Johns Well – Tathana Court. In summary the response acknowledged that complaints had been received and there were reports on file, officers had visited the site on a few occasions in the past and more recently when some issues were found the Vale therefore ‘intended to serve a Breach of Condition Notice shortly requiring compliance with the wheel washing and dust suppression measures outlined in the Construction Method Statement. This type of notice has a statutory compliance period of 28 days’.
2. a) Cllr B Acott told members that as a result of a conversation with the vicar, he learned that the Church in Wales were going to advertise for a permanent vicar for St Athan.
b) He also thought it would be a good idea if some of the more experienced councillors mentored the newly elected members.

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