

Minutes of a general meeting of the St Athan Community Council, held on Tuesday 3rd November 2015, 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 R Eustace	Councillor S Haines
Councillor Mrs G Phillips	Councillor D Street
Councillor D Willmot	Councillor Mrs S Williams
County Councillor J W Thomas	

APOLOGIES.

Councillor Mrs J Lougher

1116. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

NIL.

1117. MINUTES.

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on the 6th October 2015 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace

CARRIED.

1118. MATTERS ARISING.

NIL.

1119. STANDING ORDERS.

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that STANDING ORDERS be suspended to permit the Community Police Officer to address the meeting.

SECONDED : Cllr S Haines

CARRIED.

PC Jamie Williamson gave a brief report on the crime figures for October, there had been 8 crimes reported, 1 burglary, 2 violent assaults, 1 vehicle damage, 4 miscellaneous.

. PCSO Liz Pope accompanied PC Williamson to the meeting to talk about the "Community Speed Watch" which was being introduced in the Vale. Volunteer teams of 3 people are required to conduct speed checks in selected areas, possibly once a month, training will be given. The Chairman thanked PC Williamson and PCSO Pope for attending the meeting.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED.

1120. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter from Jane Hutt AM regarding “Dementia Supportive Community Status”.
Chairman to action.
2. One Voice Wales : Agenda for Area meeting to be held Monday 26 October 2015,
also minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 20 July 2015. And minutes
of a General meeting held on 20 July 2015. NOTED.

1121. CHAIRMAN’S ACTIONS.

The Chairman attended the official opening of the new Search and Rescue (SAR)
facility on MOD St Athan.

1122. INVOICES.

Clerks Wages		305 – 76
Inland Revenue	(PAYE)	78 – 00
Caretakers Wages		338 – 40
Welsh Water	(Water Rates)	79 – 51
Visionict	(Website Fees)	300 – 00
Livingstone G.M.	(Grass Cutting)	1596 – 00
B.T.	(Telephone bill)	97 – 21
Blachere Illumination	(New Bulbs)	71 – 40
Dave Reffell	(Electrical repairs)	25 – 00
Clerk’s Expenses		55 – 82

PROPOSED : Cllr R Eustace

SECONDED ; Cllr S Haines

CARRIED.

1123. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Planning Application No 2015/01124/FUL – 13 St Michaels Close, St Athan, - Erect
Flag Pole in Rear Garden.

Cllr D Crompton PROPOSED : No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace

CARRIED.

2. Planning Application No 2015/01152/OUT – Land at Higher End, St Athan, -
Erection of Five detached dwellings, new access and associated works, including
demolition of existing garage

Cllr D Willmot PROPOSED : that Council oppose this application on the following
grounds :

- Access to the proposed site would entail a junction onto a minor road which is considered by
the Highways Authority to be inadequate
- Lines of sight do not take into account the high incidence of on street parking to the east of
the site.

- The development is an intrusion into the countryside vs the linear form of the rest of Higher End
- We are concerned with the proposal of a future link to possible development to MG2(2) of the un-adopted LDP
- The Community Council has made representation during the consultation period for the LDP challenging the numbers of housing allocated, and have further made representation to the Inspector relating to this.
- The site is located within the western end of MG2(2) which is also subject to a deletion/amendment within the Amended Sites register of the LDP. As this has yet to be determined by the Inspector this application seeks to pre-empt the decision.
- The site has a history of applications, all which have been rejected.

SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby

CARRIED.

3. Planning Application No 2015/01175/FUL – Ashtree Farm, 21 Newbarn Hodings,. St Athan Road, Flemingston, - Ground Floor rear extension and side entrance porch.

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : No Objections.

SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace

CARRIED.

1124. REPORTS.

Cllr Ms A Barnaby presented a report on the Vale of Glamorgan Council Community Liaison Committee meeting which she recently attended. A copy of her report is attached to these minutes as ANNEX A.

Cllr B Acott gave a brief report on the Aberthaw Power Station Local Liaison Committee meeting which he recently attended. Minutes of the meeting will be presented when they become available.

Cllr D Street gave a brief report on a One Voice Wales Area committee meeting which he recently attended. Minutes of this meeting will be presented when they become available.

1125. VERBAL RESPONSE TO IND – PLANNING CONSULTANT.

Cllr D Street who is representing the Council at the LDP Independent Examination Hearing, presented a draft of the presentation/questions he will present at the Pre-Hearing meeting (PHM) that will be held on Thursday 19th November 2015.

1126. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS.

It was agreed to carry on banking with Nat West using either the Post Office or the Barry Branch.

1127. PUBLIC FOOTPATH No 2 DIVERSION.

Letter from the Public Rights of Way Officer, Vale of Glamorgan Council, reference an application for the diversion of part of Public Footpath No 2, St Athan

Cllr D Willmot PROPOSED : that Council object to this proposal on the following grounds :

Council objects to this application on the principle that “Public Rights of Way” have a significant historic value to local communities and should not be unnecessarily interfered with, especially for the benefit of developers. Furthermore it is the opinion of this council that this application should have been dealt with before Full planning permission was granted for this housing development.

SECONDED : D Street

CARRIED.

1128. TIME & DATE OF FINANCE MEETING.

It was Agreed that the finance committee meeting to set the budget and precept for the financial year 2016/17 be held on Tuesday 24 November 2015 at 7-30pm

1129. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.

It was Agreed that a Remembrance Service be held on Sunday 8th November 2015 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 S Haines

CARRIED.

1130. FESTIVE LIGHTING.

The festive lighting was checked over on Saturday morning 31 October, as a result a number of items were identified as being required, including two replacement motifs.

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : that the items of festive lighting required are purchased cost not to exceed £1000.

SECONDED : Cllr D Street

CARRIED.

1131. FINANCIAL APPEALS.

NIL.

1132. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Cllr R Eustace informed Cllr Thomas that HGV Vehicles were still using the lanes through Flemingston and getting stuck. Cllr Thomas said he would report the matter to the relevant authority.

Cllr B Acott reported that “Acre Path” was covered in moss and that with the onset of winter it would become very slippery. Cllr Thomas said he would report the matter to the relevant authority.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9-20pm, there were two members of the public present.

ANNEX A

Report from a Special Community Liaison Committee Meeting
Tuesday 20th October 2015

This meeting included the following presentations:-

- 1) Annual report – **Section 106 legal agreements 2014-15** Full listing supplied below are the ones listed as St Athan.
 - a) Signed during year Land at St Johns Well – Community facilities £110,000, Sustainable transport £ 150,000 public open space £ 60,000
 - b) Completed: Former Methodist Church – Skate Park £3,800, Metal gates & railing school £15,696.376. Old station Yard – Footway crossing, lighting and bus stop enhancement £46,000
- 2) Rob Thomas - Managing Director presented:

A) Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 - which basically requires all public bodies listed in the Act to think more about the long term improvement in the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of the communities in Wales.

These public bodies will prepare a plan for their area.

To comply certain community and town councils will be required to publish a report annually detailing its progress in meeting the objectives, contained in its areas well-being plan.

Town and community councils with a gross income or expenditure of at least £200,000 for the three proceeding years before the local plan was published will be subject to the duty.

Public bodies: The Welsh Ministers, All principle councils in wales, All local Health Boards in Wales, The following NHS Trusts – Public Health Wales, Velindre, All National Park Authorities, all Welsh fire and rescue authorities, The Natural Resources Body for Wales, The Arts Council for Wales, The Sports Council for Wales, The National Library of Wales, The National Museum for Wales.

Note: question from the floor regarding how this could effect 'clustering' of TCC's & CC - this was not known at this time.

- b) **Reshaping Services – Town and Community Councils Update** – a report of the Managing Director was included with the minutes, and a brief overview was given. Key points were the returns of expression of interest 26 circulated 23 responses received.
 - 15 TCCs indicated an interest in progressing.
 - 8 CC did not wish to provide other services (some would consider clustering arrangements)
 - 15 TCCs indicated they were interested in clustering arrangements.Report contained a listing of submissions under appendix A. (Note St Athan is not marked as not having responsibility of bus shelters and war memorial).

- 3) **Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development:** presentation was basically a call for projects to apply for available funding Vale £7.7m mixed Capital & Revenue. Priorities include, social inclusion, poverty reduction (could be cultural etc.) and economic development, examples – school biomass boiler, transport, library, wing of hall for child care. Current wave is closing end of Jan 2016, but further chance in 6 months. Grants min £2,400 80% funding. Phil Chappell who made the presentation was very keen to hear any ideals and he would assist with matching the criteria.
- 4) **Active Travel** – presentation by Clare Cameron, Principal Transport and Road Safety Officer. This is a requirement to comply with ‘Active Travel Act (Wales) which was passed Oct 2013, with duty enacted Sept 2014. Basically the Act covers ‘purposeful’ journeys to or from workplaces, educational, health, leisure ‘establishments’ or other services or facilities. Local authorities are required to audit their current routes and highlight their existing active travel network. Included must be an explanation if any route does not compile with the standards specified in the guidance such as, cycle route narrower than specified, unlit but mainly used in day time. Two maps are required the first with existing routes, the second a proposal for a network of routes that make up a 15 yr. plan. Consultation period has started on the first plan.

Key statistics 49% of the trips made in Wales are less than 3 miles, only 1% of journeys to work are by bike, at morning peak 25% of cars on road are taking children to school, 18% of journeys less than 1 mile are made by car.

- 5) Other items included Police matters – in which we were told there was a 6% drop in the Vale, and Fire Service Statistics.

Cllr Ann Barnaby