

Minutes of a general meeting of the St Athan Community Council, held on Tuesday 6th October 2015, in the Old School Hall Community Centre, Church Lane, St Athan, at 7-30pm

PRESENT.

Councillor D Crompton	(Chairman
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 B Acott	Councillor Mrs J Lougher
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1102. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

NIL.

1103. MINUTES.

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on the 1st September 2015 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings.
SECONDED : Cllr S Haines CARRIED.

1104. MATTERS ARISING.

NIL.

1105. STANDING ORDERS.

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

PC Jamie Williamson gave a brief report on the crime figures for September there had been 12 crimes recorded , resulting in 9 arrests, 3 violent assaults, 3 crimes involving vehicles, 2 thefts, and 1 drive off from four cross garage. A number of local incidents were discussed.

The Chairman thanked PC Williamson for attending the meeting.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED.

1106. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter from Post Office regarding proposed move to new premises at “Lifestyle Express” Rock Road, St Athan. Proposed month of change October/November 2015.
NOTED.
2. Letter from “The Pensions Regulator” regarding automatic enrolment declaration of compliance. “Deadline 2 November 2015”.
NOTED.
3. Letter from Wales Audit Office regarding revised external audit arrangements.
NOTED.
4. Letter from Aberthaw Cement Plant Manager enclosing a copy of the plant community Newsletter.
NOTED.
5. Letter from Legal Services , Vale of Glamorgan Council, regarding the provision of Legal Services by the VGC.
NOTED.

1107. CHAIRMAN’S ACTIONS.

The Chairman attended the Officers Mess Battle of Britain Reception at MOD St Athan.

1108. INVOICES.

Clerks Wages		305 – 76
Inland Revenue	(PAYE)	78 – 00
Caretakers Wages		338 – 40
B.T.	(Internet Services)	93 – 87
SWALEC	(Feeder Pillar)	22 – 29
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National Pen	(Calendars)	147 – 48

PROPOSED : Cllr S Haines
SECONDED ; Cllr R Eustace

CARRIED.

1109. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Planning Application No 2015/00999/FUL - West Lodge, West Aberthaw - Proposed conversion and alterations of existing building to form granny annexe ancillary to existing dwelling house.

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : No Objections.
SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton

CARRIED.

1110. REPORTS.

NIL.

1111. 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 hearing, a number of suggestions and amendments were put forward which Cllr Street said he would take on board and said he would present a definitive presentation at the November meeting.

1112. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS.

With the number of petitions and opposition to the closure of the Nat West branch in Llantwit Major, it was decided to delay any decisions on actions until the November meeting.

1113. FESTIVE LIGHTING.

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

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that the estimate of £ 3940 - 00 excl VAT be accepted, and funded by monies allocated in the 2015/16 budget.
SECONDED : Cllr S Haines CARRIED.

The Christmas Lights will be switched “ON” on Sunday 29th November at 5pm.

1114. FINANCIAL APPEALS.

NIL.

1115. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1. Cllr Mrs G Phillips asked Cllr Thomas if he could get the drains in the village cleaned before the winter weather starts as some of them appear to be blocked. He said he would speak to the appropriate department. Cllr Mrs Phillips also asked if he would take a look at the bus schedules as some do not allow for connections to be made, making it difficult for some workers to get to work on time. He said he would look into the matter and report back.

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