

Minutes of a general meeting of the St Athan Community Council, held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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 J Cullinane  
Councillor Mrs J Lynch-Wilson  
Councillor Mrs S Williams  
County Councillor J W Thomas  
Councillor Ms A Barnaby  
Councillor R Eustace  
Councillor Mrs J Lougher  
Councillor Mrs F Smith

**APOLOGIES.**

Councillor S Haines  
Councillor Mrs G Phillips

**1418. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

NIL.

**1419. MINUTES.**

Cllr Mrs J Lougher PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings  
SECONDED : Cllr Mrs Lynch-Wilson CARRIED.

**1420. MATTERS ARISING.**

NIL..

**1421. STANDING ORDERS.**

Cllr D Crompton PROPOSED : that STANDING ORDERS be suspended to permit the Community Police Officer to address the meeting,  
SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby CARRIED.

The Community Police Officer PC Stuart Elson presented the crime statistics for the month of September, his report is attached to these minutes as ANNEX A. A number of points of concern were put to Stuart :

- a) Cllr Ms A Barnaby "Parking on Footpaths".
- b) Cllr Mrs K Smith "Parking restricting access to tractors on Beggars Pound roads".
- c) Mr Richard Proton, Myrtle House, "Speeding and Parking outside his house and the Pedestrian Crossing". He was advised to write to the VGC.

## **STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED.**

### **1422. CORRESPONDENCE.**

1. Vale of Glamorgan Council Minutes :
  - a) Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 NOTED.
  - b) Audit Statements of Accounts 2016/17 NOTED.
  - c) Scrutiny Annual Report NOTED
2. Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales NOTED.

### **1423. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.**

NIL.

### **1424. INVOICES.**

Clerks Wages		309 – 20
Inland Revenue	( PAYE )	80 – 60
Caretakers Wages		362 – 32
SWALEC	( Centre Bill )	43 – 68
SWALEC	( Feeder Pillar )	22 – 18
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BT	( Telephone/ Internet )	56 – 32
Clerks Expenses		19 -- 69

PROPOSED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby

SECONDED ; Cllr D Crompton

CARRIED.

### **1425. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

1. Planning Application No 2017/00903/FUL – 1 Walnut Grove, St Athan – Removal of boundary walls and erection of garage.

This application was dealt with within the time widow. No Objections

Cllr Mrs J Lynch-Wilson PROPOSED: No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace

CARRIED.

2. Planning Application No 2017/00940/FUL – Old Post Office, Rock Road, St Athan,- Change of Use from A1 to A3 coffee shop/tea rooms.

Cllr Mrs J Lynch-Wilson PROPOSED : No Objections.

SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace

CARRIED

3. Planning Application No 2017/01013/FUL – 4 Orchard Walk, St Athan, - Single storey rear extension  
Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : No Objections  
SECONDED : Cllr Mrs S Williams CARRIED.

**1426. REPORTS.**

County Councillor J W Thomas gave the following report :

- a) The damaged bus shelter has been reported to the appropriate authority.
- b) The “Brambles” overhanging the wall of Owen Court have been cut down.

**1427. REMEMBRANCE DAY CHURCH SERVICE.**

It was Agreed that a Remembrance Service be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 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 Eustace 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.

**1428. INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Interim financial statement for the period April 2017 to 31 August 2017 was presented.

Cllr D Crompton PROPOSED: that the interim financial statement be accepted.  
SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace CARRIED.

**1429. CHRISTMAS FESTIVE LIGHTING.**

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

Cllr Mrs J Lougher PROPOSED : that the estimate of £4080 - 64 excl VAT be accepted, and funded by monies allocated in the 2017/18 budget.  
SECONDED : Cllr J Cullinane CARRIED.

The Christmas Festive Lights will be Switched ON on Sunday 3rd December 2017.

**1430. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCHING ON EVENT.**

A letter from Mr Allan Bourne Chairman of St Athan Christmas Lights Association requesting financial support for the “Switching ON “ Community event. Minute 1373 (1) May 2017 General meeting refers.

Cllr Mrs S Williams PROPOSED : that the request for the sum of £990-00 be granted  
SECONDED : Cllr J Cullinane CARRIED.

**1431. SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY.**

It was proposed that a Senior Citizens Christmas Party be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017, and the sum of £2000-00 be allocated as agreed in the 2017/18 finance budget.

Cllr J Cullinane PROPOSED : that the Christmas party be held on the 8th December and that the sum of £2000 -00 be allocated from the 2017/18 budget.  
SECONDED : Cllr Mrs J Lynch-Wilson CARRIED.

**1432. DATE & TIME OF FINANCE MEETING.**

It was Agreed that the finance committee meeting to set the budget and precept for the financial year 2018/19 be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7-30pm

PROPOSED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby  
SECONDED : Cllr J Cullinane CARRIED.

**1433. EGLYWS BREWIS CHURCH.**

Cllr Brian Acott informed the Council about the current situation of the old 13 century deconsecrated church at Eglwys Brewis, requesting that its existence be brought to the attention of the Community.

A committee has been formed to establish its future conservation and potential use of this nationally significant building responding to the opportunities in the regeneration of the MOD site and to identified needs of the St Athan Community.

Being situated within the site of the Aerospace business park and the MOD's activities. It is important that the Welsh Government's plans for the area are known, before processing any of the ideas for future of the building, this information is expected from them during December 2017 and the MOD by the spring of 2018.

To help advise the community there is a display and leaflets available in our Library and the Council will be kept informed of development and any support requested.

**1434. FINANCIAL APPEALS.**

1. Letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Watch Association requesting financial support to assist in the refurbishment of the "NHW" Trailer which was several years old now, also the provision of "NHW" street signs. The merits of the request were discussed at length, and whilst not a lot was known about the organisation it was deemed to be a worthy cause. It was suggested that that they bring the Trailer along to the Christmas Lights Event.

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that £50-00 be donated  
SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton CARRIED.

**1435. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

1. Actions for County Cllr J W Thomas :
  - a) Cllr R Eustace “Road signs hidden by overgrowth”
  - b) Cllr Mrs Smith “Over hanging tree at junction of Cowbridge road and Beggars Pound road” obstructing view of motorists.
  - c) Cllr J Cullinane Parking on the East View Estate.
  - d) Cllr Ms A Barnaby asked if the something could be done about the state of the telephone box in Square as it was a disgrace. He suggested that the she write to BT to complain. Cllr Barnaby also asked what was happening to the houses at Beggars Pound that were Compulsory Purchased by the Welsh Government as they were in a poor state of repair. Cllr Thomas suggested that she write to the Welsh Government with her enquiries.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8-55pm, there was one member of the public present.

**ANNEX A.**

**ST ATHAN CRIME OCCURRENCES SEPTEMBER 2017**

<b><u>OCCURRENCE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	
VIOLENCE WITHOUT INJURY	<b>7</b>	
VIOLENCE WITH INJURY		
SEXUAL OFFENCES		
RAPE		
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY		
BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY BURGLARY	<b><u>1</u></b>	
VEHICLE OFFENCES		
BICYCLE THEFT		

SHOPLIFTING	<b>1</b>	
ALL OTHER THEFT OFFENCES		
ARSON		
CRIMINAL DAMAGE		
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	<b><u>1</u></b>	
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY		
DRUG OFFENCES		
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES		
ROADS/TRAFFIC		
ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	<b>6</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	