

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

PRESENT.

Councillor D Willmot (Chairman).
Councillor B Acott
Councillor J Cullinane
Councillor S Haines
Councillor Mrs F Smith
County Councillor J W Thomas
Councillor Ms A Barnaby
Councillor R Eustace
Councillor Mrs J Lougher
Councillor Mrs S Williams

APOLOGIES.

Councillor D Crompton

1436. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

NIL.

1437. MINUTES.

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings
SECONDED : Cllr Mrs S Williams CARRIED.

1438. MATTERS ARISING.

1. Ms A Barnaby explained why she had not yet written to the Welsh Government regarding the poor condition of the properties at Beggars Pound that were compulsory purchased by the Welsh Government. Minute 1435 (d) October meeting.
2. Cllr B Acott reported that the telephone box in the Square had been repaired.

1439. STANDING ORDERS.

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

The Community Police Officer PC Stuart Elson presented the crime statistics for the month of October, his report is attached to these minutes as ANNEX A. The crimes reported were explained in detail by Stuart and discussed. A number of points of concern were put to Stuart :

a) Cllr D Willmot expressed concern regarding car parking at schools, PC Elson explained that this problem was being looked into at this present time.

b) PC Elson told members that Mr Procton “Myrtle House” Gileston Road had written to the Welsh Government regarding his problem with vehicle speeding especially on the Zebra crossing outside his house, the VOG highways are allegedly looking into the statistics of accidents in that particular area.

PC Elson told members that unfortunately PCSO Gareth Parry is leaving the area, PCSO cover will come from Cowbridge. The Chairman thanked PC Elson for attending the meeting.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED.

1440. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter from Llantwit Major Town Council regarding “Clustering Arrangements for Local Councils
Clerk to reply
2. Letter from Cardiff Conservation Volunteers NOTED.
3. Letter regarding “Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales Revised Proposals” NOTED.

1441. CHAIRMAN’S ACTIONS.

NIL.

1442. INVOICES.

Clerks Wages		309 – 20
Inland Revenue	(PAYE)	80 – 80
Caretakers Wages		362 – 76
BT	(Telephone/ Internet)	56 – 32
National Pen	(Calendars)	140 – 94
Welsh Water	(Water Rates)	73 – 16
Wales Audit Office	(Audit Fees)	231 – 75
Livingstone G.M	(Grass Cutting & Baskets)	1970 – 00
Wordpress	(Website Fees)	85 – 00
Viking	(Printer cartridge)	13 – 64
Amazon	(Xmas Lighting)	81 – 94
Clerks Expenses	(Light Bulbs & Locks)	54 – 05

PROPOSED : Cllr B Acott
SECONDED ; Cllr S Haines

CARRIED.

1443. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Planning Application No 2017/01071/FUL – Aberthaw Power Station, - Replacement cladding to the northern end of the main building.

This application was determined by e-mail consent from members due to expiration of window time limit. NO Objections

Cllr Mrs S Williams PROPOSED : No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr B Acott

CARRIED.

1444. REPORTS.

1. Cllr S Haines presented a report on the One Voice Wales area committee meeting which he and Cllr R Eustace recently attended. Minutes of the meeting will be distributed when they become available.
2. Cllr J Cullinane gave a brief report on a Planning seminar that he recently attended.
3. Cllr Ms A Barnaby presented a report on the VOG Council local liaison committee meeting which she recently attended. Report at ANNEX B.
4. Cllr Brian Acott gave a brief report on the Power Station local liaison committee meeting which he and Cllr Mrs S Williams recently attended. Minutes of the meeting to follow as they become available.

1445. FINANCIAL APPEALS.

NIL

1446. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Matters for County Cllr J W Thomas :

- a) Cllr Mrs Smith expressed concern regarding the poor standard of “Resurfacing” Rectory Drive.
- b) Cllr Mrs J Lougher expressed concern over the increase of traffic over the bridge at Sea View and using the West Orchard Road.
- c) Cllr B Acott expressed concern that the road markings on Rectory Drive had not yet been replaced.

County Cllr Thomas said he would look into the concerns expressed.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8 45 pm, there was no members of the public present.

ANNEX A.

ST ATHAN CRIME OCCURRENCES OCTOBER 2017

<u>OCCURRENCE TYPE</u>	<u>2017</u>	
VIOLENCE WITHOUT INJURY	10	
VIOLENCE WITH INJURY		
SEXUAL OFFENCES		
RAPE		
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY		
BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY BURGLARY	2	
VEHICLE OFFENCES		
BICYCLE THEFT		
SHOPLIFTING		
ALL OTHER THEFT OFFENCES	2	
ARSON		
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	<u>2</u>	
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES		
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY		
DRUG OFFENCES		
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES		
ROADS/TRAFFIC		

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	7	
TOTAL	23	

ANNEX B

Report on Liaison Committee Meeting 18th October 2017

The main agenda items were as follows:-

- 1) **Police Matters** - Chief Inspector Lisa Gore made a detailed presentation on Police initiatives and crime in the Vale. Some items that may be of interest:
 - Face recognition system is now available in police vehicles; this software can also be used to scan CCTV footage, so if anyone has footage of a crime they should contact the police.
 - Take a ride in a Police vehicle – (as recently done by our MP) this is available for members of the public, you just need to apply and a small selection will be chosen.
 - Parking issues around schools – the Chief Inspector is keen to engage in some schemes to help awareness of this issue. Junior PCSO's in schools, with fake parking tickets, a walking bus for groups, list alternative parking sites allowing for a short walk (pilot in Penarth).
- 2) **Nomination of Representatives from Town and Community Councils for the Public Services Board, Reshaping Services Programme Board, Reshaping Services Project Team, Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee and Strong Communities Fund Evaluation Panel.** Cllr Cuddy was voted back into the Public and Reshaping Board, together with the Project team. Cllr Barnaby (last minute volunteer!!) joined the Voluntary Sector Liaison.
- 3) **Our Vale - Our Future - The Public Services Board Draft Wellbeing Plan.** [View [Presentation](#)] Huw Isaac, Head of Performance and Improvement made the presentation on the progress of the PSB Well-being plan, which is currently in a 12 week consultation. The three stages are the initial assessment – the well-being plan – the action plan. Currently it is in the middle stage. Mr Isaac also mentioned that they are willing to come out and give a presentation to town and community councils, and this had already been taken up.

Four Well-being Objectives

- To enable people to get involved, participate in their local communities and shape local services
- To reduce poverty and tackle inequalities linked to deprivation
- To give children the best start in life
- To protect, enhance and value our environment

12 Weeks Consultation

- Circulated to statutory consultees and available on the PSB web pages.
- Attendance at events, forums and meetings
- Short Survey
- Social Media Campaign
- Stakeholder Workshops

During the question section, I enquired as to whether that this plan when adopted will be rolled out to all sections of the Council as guidelines – including planning! The answer was yes.

As a short comment on this project: The initial assessment of this plan (presented back in February) showed St Athan as a 'deprived' area, the only section of the Vale outside parts of Barry! Therefore the plan going forward should be of particular interest to St Athan and what is outlined to improve this situation.

- 4) Information on [Care First for Town and Community Councils](#) - Andrea Davies, Corporate Health and Safety Officer. This presentation was on a resource that has been implemented to give employees of the Council an independent and confidential counselling service for mental health and lifestyle matters. It is web based, but can progress to one to one meeting. Cost is £1.54 per employee total around 8k PA. Much discussion took place on the confidentiality of this service; it was also asked if the service could be made available to Councillors, including Town and Community. It was suggested that this would be possible, and that we may receive an invitation to join the scheme in the near future.