

Minutes of a general meeting of the St Athan Community Council, held on Tuesday 6th February 2018, in the Old School Hall Community Centre, Church Lane, St Athan, at 7-30pm

PRESENT.

Councillor D Willmot (Chairman)	
Councillor B Acott	Councillor Ms A Barnaby
Councillor D Crompton	Councillor J Cullinane
Councillor R Eustace	Councillor S Haines
Councillor Mrs J Lynch-Wilson	Councillor Mrs S Williams
County Councillor J W Thomas	

APOLOGIES.

Councillor Mrs J Lougher	Councillor Mrs G Phillips
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1473. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

NIL.

1474. MINUTES.

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings
SECONDED : Cllr B Acott CARRIED.

1475. MATTERS ARISING.

1. Cllr B Acott reported that he had visited the site managers at Tathana's Court, regarding the accumulation of rubbish. Minute 1472 (4) January meeting refers, to date no action has been taken.

1476. STANDING ORDERS.

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : that STANDING ORDERS be suspended to permit the Community Police Officer to address the meeting, also Ms Carol Price, Rural Housing Enabler Vale Council.
SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace CARRIED.

PC Stuart Elson presented his report on the crime statistics for the month of January 2018. His report is attached to these minutes as ANNEX A. Each of the crimes report were briefly explained and discussed. PC Elson reported that a lot of rural thefts were taking place from farm out buildings sheds etc which were difficult to detect. The Chairman thanked PC Elson for attending the meeting.

The Chairman introduced Ms Carol Price who is the Housing Enabler for the Vale Council. Carol introduced herself and what the role of housing enabler was about and what she had come to talk about. “Aspire 2 Own” is a low cost home ownership scheme that helps first time buyers to get onto the housing ladder. If you can’t afford to buy a property on the open market schemes like these can help. She went on to highlight some properties on the new Tathana’s Court development which qualified for the scheme. This generated a great deal of discussion especially where prices were discussed. The Chairman thanked Carol for attending the meeting and an interesting presentation.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED.

1477. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter of Thanks from “Marie Curie” for the donation of £25 NOTED.
2. Letter of Thanks from “Noah’s Ark” for the donation of £25 NOTED.

1478. CHAIRMAN’S ACTIONS.

NIL.

1479. INVOICES.

Clerks Wages		309 – 20
Inland Revenue	(PAYE)	80 – 80
Caretakers Wages		362 – 76
BT	(Telephone/ Internet)	59 – 80
SWALEC	(Feeder Pillar)	31 – 27
SWALEC	(Feeder Pillar)	24 – 21
V.G.C	(Election Fees)	1194 – 71
CLOUDY2CLEAR	(New Window)	192 – 00
Clerk’s Expenses.		14 – 96

PROPOSED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby

SECONDED ; Cllr D Crompton

CARRIED.

1480. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Planning Application No 2018/00094/FUL – 16 New Barn, Flemingston, - Proposed Stable Block.

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr S Haines

CARRIED.

1481. REPORTS.

1. Cllr R Eustace gave a brief report on a meeting of the One Voice Wales Cardiff & Vale Area meeting which he recently attended. Minutes of the meeting will be distribute when they become available.
2. Cllr D Crompton gave a brief report on the Aberthaw Cement Works Local Liaison Committee meeting which he and Cllr D Willmot recently attended.

1482 LOW COST HOME OWNERSHIP TATHANAS COURT.

This item was dealt with under minute 1476 (2)

1483. DEFIBRILATOR FOR FLEMINGSTON GRANT..

Cllr R Eustace informed members that an application for a Defibrillator for Flemingston Village from “Welsh Hearts” had been successful. A secure place for the defibrillator has to be found (likely place Flemingston Church) and a sum of money £500 hopefully by a grant from a Masonic Grant to fund this, also would the council adopt the defibrillator as a community project with regard to ongoing costs and maintenance.

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that St Athan Community Council adopt the defibrillator as a community project and be responsible for any ongoing costs or maintenance.
SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton A vote was taken CARRIED.

Cllr Ms A Barnaby PROPOSED : that a grant of £100 be awarded to the project
SECONDED : Cllr J Cullinane CARRIED.

1484. FINANCIAL APPEALS.

1. Letter from the SAMARITANS asking for financial assistance, merits of the appeal were discussed.

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that the sum of £50 be donated.
SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton CARRIED.

2. Letter from “TENOVUS” asking for financial support, merits of the appeal were discussed.

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : No Action
SECONDED : Cllr B Acott CARRIED.

1485. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1. Cllr J Cullinane asked County Cllr Thomas if “Wheelie bins” could be supplied by the VGC as black bags are not being supplied. Cllr Thomas said he would look into the matter but did not hold out any result.
2. Cllr R Eustace reported that the “pot hole” situation was getting worse, Cllr Thomas said he would check on progress.
3. Cllr D Crompton told members that Flemingston is looking to get superfast broadband to Flemingston village, there is a grant of £800 payable to individual properties available from the Welsh Government. A fixed price quote of £13716 has been received to provide fibre to properties in the village. However Open reach will not deal with a number of individuals, they require a “Legal Entity” to place the contract and make the payment. We were wondering if it would be possible to route the contract for the work and Payments through the Council accounts. An explanation how this could be done was given. However as this matter was submitted under “Any Other Business” no decisions could be taken other than to refer the matter to the March meeting which will also allow time to take legal advice with the VGC.
4. Cllr B Acott gave a brief update on the progress of the “Church Bells Fund”.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9-10 pm, there was one member of the public present.

ANNEX A.

ST ATHAN CRIME OCCURRENCES JANUARY 2018

<u>OCCURRENCE TYPE</u>	<u>2018</u>	
VIOLENCE WITHOUT INJURY	<u>2</u>	
VIOLENCE WITH INJURY		
SEXUAL OFFENCES	<u>1</u>	
RAPE		
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY	<u>1</u>	

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY BURGLARY		
VEHICLE OFFENCES		
BICYCLE THEFT		
SHOPLIFTING		
ALL OTHER THEFT OFFENCES	2	
ARSON		
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	<u>1</u>	
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	<u>1</u>	
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	2	
DRUG OFFENCES		
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES		
ROADS/TRAFFIC	1	
ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	4	
TOTAL	15	