

Minutes of a general meeting of the St Athan Community Council, held on Tuesday 2nd OCTOBER 2018, in the Old School Hall Community Centre, Church Lane, St Athan, at 7-30pm

PRESENT.

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| Councillor B Acott (Chairman) | |
| Councillor Miss A Barnaby | Councillor D Crompton |
| Councillor J Cullinane | Councillor S Haines |
| Councillor Mrs J Lynch-Wilson` | Councillor Mrs G Phillips |
| Councillor Mrs K Smith | Councillor D Willmot |
| Councillor Mrs S Williams | |
| County Councillor J W Thomas | |

APOLOGIES.

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| Councillor R Eustace Community Police Officer. | Councillor Mrs J Lougher |
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1573. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

NIL.

1574. MINUTES.

1. Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 4th September 2018 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings with a correction on page 3 Repots Cllr Cullinane attended the One Voice Wales Area committee meeting and AGM.

SECONDED : Cllr D Willmot

CARRIED.

1575. MATTERS ARISING.

NIL...

1576. STANDING ORDERS.

Cllr D Willmot PROPOSED : that STANDING ORDERS be suspended to permit Mr Alan Bourne Chair of the St Athan Christmas Lights Association to address the meeting,

SECONDED : Cllr S Haines

CARRIED.

Mr Bourne presented a statement of account and proposals for this years entertainment in support of his request for a grant. The Chairman thank Mr Bourne for attending the meeting and giving a very convincing presentation.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED.

1577. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Vale of Glamorgan Council :
 - a) Agenda for meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th September 2018
 - b) Minutes of a meeting held on held on the 18th July 2018.

NOTED.

1578. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.

NIL.

1579. INVOICES.

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| Clerks Wages | | 329 – 97 |
| Inland Revenue | (PAYE) | 85 – 00 |
| Caretakers Wages | | 376 – 76 |
| BT | (Telephone/ Internet) | 56 – 68 |
| SWALEC | (Feeder Pillar) | 22 – 18 |
| SWALEC | (Feeder Pillar) | 22 – 18 |
| SWALEC | (Centre Bill) | 18 – 04 |
| Word Press | (Web-site fees) | 85 – 00 |
| Amazon | (Xmas lights Crosses) | 77 – 00 |

PROPOSED : Cllr J Cullinane

SECONDED ; Cllr D Crompton

CARRIED.

1580. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Planning Application No 2018/00866/FUL – 21 Ceder Road, St Athan – Two storey side and single storey rear extension. Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new garage.

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED: No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr Mrs G Phillips

CARRIED

2. Planning Application No 2018/00992/FUL – Aston Martin Lagonda, Eglwys Brewis Road, St Athan – Build a Sub-station to facilitate an increase in electricity supply.

Cllr D Crompton PROPOSED : No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby

CARRIED.

3. Planning Application No 2018/00417/FUL – Greenfields, Church Lane, St Athan, - Change of use of front room for dog grooming parlour. Please Note Amended Description.

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr Mrs S Williams

CARRIED.

1581. REPORTS.

1. Cllr B Acott Gave a report on the following :-
 - a) The Eglwys Brewis Church Steering Group meeting which he recently attended. His report can be read at ANNEX A to these minutes
 - b) Footpath Forum meeting at Llantwit Major Town Council : His report is at ANNEX B to these minutes.
 - c) Aberthaw Power Station Local Liaison Committee meeting. His report is at ANNEX C to these minutes.

2. Cllr S Haines gave a report on the One Voice Wales Conference and AGM which he attended at Llanelwedd, Builth Wells on Saturday 29th September 2018

1582. AUDITORS REPORT

The Chairman presented the Auditors report for the Financial year 2017-18 noting the observation which required the Councils attention but do not effect the auditors opinion.

The observations have been noted and will be put to effect in the 2018/19 financial year.

Cllr Ms A Barnaby : PROPOSED that the Auditors Report be accepted and that all items duly noted.

SECONDED : Cllr Mrs G Phillips : CARRIED

1583. REMEMBRANCE DAY CHURCH SERVICE.

It was Agreed that a Remembrance Service be held on Sunday 11th November 2018 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 S Haines PROPOSED : that the sum of £100-00 be allocated to cover the cost of a wreath and a donation to the Royal British Legion.

SECONDED : Cllr D Willmot CARRIED.

1584. SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Cllr Mrs S Williams PROPOSED : that a Senior Citizens Christmas Party be held on Friday 7th December 2018, and the sum of £2000-00 be allocated as agreed in the 2018/19 finance budget.

SECONDED : Cllr J Cullinane CARRIED.

1585. FESTIVE LIGHTING.

a) An estimate from Centregreat, Unit 11-12 Wyndham Close Brackla., Bridge End. to erect and take down the Christmas lights was presented.

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : that the estimate of £3,146-50 excl VAT be accepted, and funded by monies allocated in the 2018/19 budget.

The Christmas Festive Lights will be “Switched ON” on Sunday 2nd of December 2018.

SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby

CARRIED

b) Cllr J Cullinane Proposed : that two refurbished Xmas light frames be purchased to replace two unserviceable frames cost not to exceed £1000 excluding vat..

SECONDED : Cllr D Willmot

CARRIED.

1586. 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 Ms A Barnaby PROPOSED : that the request for the sum of £1000-00 be granted and that insurance costs be paid by the council. Monies to be funded from money allocated in the 2018/19 budget.

SECONDED : Cllr Mrs G Phillips

CARRIED.

1587 DATE & TIME OF FINANCE MEETING.

It was Agreed that the finance committee meeting to set the budget and precept for the financial year 2019/20 be held on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 7-30pm

PROPOSED : Cllr D Crompton

SECONDED : Cllr S Haines.

CARRIED.

1588. FINANCIAL APPEALS.

NIL.

1589. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chairman wishes to put on record his and the councils congratulations and thanks to Lisa Austin and her committee for the excellent job they have achieved in creating the “New Children’s Playground”.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8-50pm, there was one member of the public present.

ANNEX A

Report by B Acott

THE EGLWYS BREWIS CHURCH STEERING GROUP

The above meeting was held on Friday 28th September, the following points are of interest to St Athan.

1. Jane Hutt AM stated that, Determination of the future uses for the Church Farmhouse and Barn would produce extensive benefits to the 750 employees of Aston Martin and there will be benefits to tourism by these buildings historic and cultural importance.

2. The important aspects of this meeting are that;

a. Aston Martin are interested in the Farmhouse (for the purpose of training and accommodation) Negotiations for their acquisition of this could encompass their benevolent concern for the use and presentation of the Church and adjacent barn.

b. It is understood that the appropriate Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary has given his preliminary approval for the recommendation to dispose of these buildings

c The Executive Committee of the Friends of Friendless Churches confirmed that they wished to take on ownership of the Church.

d. The MOD had met last week and given that the Friends of Friendless Churches clearly meet MOD requirements for a “responsible owner” the recommendation is, that the Church could be disposed of free of charge, as seen and without any preliminary refurbishment.

e. Friends of Friendless Churches are to set up a trust, it is important that the Trustees are local people, individuals who are not currently represented at these meetings but who may well come forward as the project is promoted and gathers pace.

2. This Steering Group has many “sub-groups” dealing in research for funding, transfer of the assets from, the MOD and Welsh Government, restoring the building etc, the minutes of the meeting are extensive if you would like to read them in full please contact B Acott .

ANNEX B

Report by B Acott

FOOTPATH FORUM LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL

The above meeting was held on Monday 1st October, the following points are of interest to St Athan pending the publishing of the full minutes.

1. The Rights of Way Officer Vale of Glamorgan Council gave updates on:

a. Of the maintenance on footpaths in our area, (Llantwit, Llanmaes and St Athan), the detailed list is available to view from B Acott

b. The progress to modify the Definitive Map re. Footpath 55 along Mill Road was discussed together with the case compiled by Llantwit Town Council. It was explained that this is a long process and may take two or more years to achieve.

2. Information on The Vale Half Marathon held in Llantwit on the 10th November was updated.
3. The details of the next meeting are 1830hrs 14th January 2019.

ANNEX C

Report by B Acott

ABERTHAW POWER STATION LOCAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

The above meeting was held on Tuesday 25 September, the following points are of interest to St Athan pending the publishing of the full minutes.

1. Their excellent safety record was spoilt recently when an employee suffered a crushed hand.
2. During the Cold weather in March (The Beast from the East) Aberthaw supplied the National Grid with all three units for full period.
3. They missed out in the Capacity Market auction for 2021-2022 but will submit a bid for the 2023-2024 Capacity market.
4. The markets are tough for coal powered stations but Aberthaw will put up a good case.
5. This year they will provide generation, as required, from October to April 2019.
6. Coal is purchased from the World market, mainly Russia, with coal delivery trains to the site now at less than 10 per week.
7. The expected end of coal powered station is 2025, but the country may well still need coal powered stations, Aberthaw is safe to the end of 2021.
8. Aberthaw is the subject of the BBC TV program "HIDDEN WALES" to be broadcast in December.