

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

PRESENT.

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

APOLOGIES.

Councillor R Eustace	Councillor S Haines
Councillor Mrs J Lougher	

1590. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

NIL..

1591. MINUTES.

1. Cllr D Crompton PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings
SECONDED : Cllr Mrs G Phillips CARRIED.

1592. MATTERS ARISING.

NIL.

1593. STANDING ORDERS.

Cllr D Willmot PROPOSED : that STANDING ORDERS be suspended to permit the Community Police Officer to address the meeting,
SECONDED : Cllr J Cullinane CARRIED.

PC Roger Howell who has replaced PC Stuart Elson introduced himself, and gave a brief report on the crime figures for the month of September & October which he said had been very quiet, there had been one callout to an incident on Halloween night, but no callouts on bonfire night. A number of other events were discussed especially youth annoyance. The Chairman thanked PC Howell for attending the meeting.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED.

1594. CORRESPONDENCE.

- .1) Letter, from RWE regarding grant for Christmas lights, they have confirmed that they will assist. NOTED.
- 2) Letter from the VGC Monitoring Officer regarding application for dispensation NOTED
- 3) E-mail from VGC Housing services regarding “Vale Housing / Community Investment Introduction. Invite to give presentation in new year.
- 4) VGC Planning department regarding a Site Visit to Land at Higher End. NOTED

1595 CHAIRMAN’S ACTIONS.

NIL.

1596. INVOICES.

Clerks Wages		329 – 97
Inland Revenue	(PAYE)	85 – 00
Caretakers Wages		376 – 76
BT	(Telephone/ Internet (60 – 43
Welsh Water	(Water rates)	75 – 27
National Pen	(Calendars)	146 – 94
Livingstone G. M.	(Grass Cutting)	2171 – 50
SWALEC	(Feeder Pillars)	8 – 38
Blachere Illumination	(Re-con Xmas Lights)	889 – 20
Clerks Expenses		46 – 82
PROPOSED :	Cllr D Crompton	
SECONDED :	Cllr J Cullinane	CARRIED.

1597. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Planning Application No 2018/01089?FUL – 48 Glyndwr Avenue, St Athan – Two storey dwelling with minor amendments to existing dwelling.
PROPOSED : Cllr D Willmot . that St Athan Community Council would like to make the following comments on this application, that the proposed development, leaves very little amenities space for the tenants of the property.
SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby CARRIED.
2. Planning Application No 2018 – Land at “Cartref” Gileston, - Construction of new dwelling.
PROPOSED : Cllr D Willmot : that council would like to make the following comments which are not an objection : that the entrance to the proposed property is off a very narrow road, and vehicles exiting from the property would have no visual play.
SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton. CARRIED

3. Planning Application No 2018/01176/ADV – Co-Operative Food , Gileston Road, St Athan, - 2xSets of none illuminated “Welcome To” text – 1xInternally illuminated CO_OP logo- 1x none illuminated wall mounted flat aluminium panel- 6x none illuminated post mounted flat aluminium panels – and 1x internally illuminated 3.5m totum.

PROPOSED : Cllr D Crompton : No Objections.

SECONDED : Cllr J Cullinane

CARRIED.

1598. REPORTS.

1. Cllr Ms A Barnaby gave a report on the VGC Community Liaison Committee meeting which she recently attended. A copy of her report is at ANNEX A to these minutes.
2. Cllr D Willmot gave a brief report on a meeting with MOD St Athan on work being carried out on the airfield to bring it up to civilian standards. The Chairman and the Clerk also attended.

1599. QUARTALLY BUDGET REVIEW.

A statement of account from 1 April to 30 October 2018 along with a copy of the budget figures for F/Y 2018/19 were presented and a review of budget spending was reviewed

Cllr Ms A Barnaby PROPOSED :: that the budget review and statement of account were on course for this period of the financial year.

SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton

CARRIED.

1600.

FESTIVE LIGHTING.

Two refurbished Christmas light frames have been purchase, and the lights are scheduled to be erected during the 3rd week of November.

1601. FINANCIAL APPEALS.

NIL.

1602. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

NIL.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8-30 pm, there were no members of the public present.

Report on Liaison Committee Meeting 17th October 2018

The main agenda items were as follows:-

- 1) **Police Matters** - We were presented with a overview on Police initiatives and crime in the Vale. Some items that may be of interest: The police mentioned they would be helping with Remembrance Day traffic flows.
- 2) **Timebanking** – a presentation was given on this initiative for encouraging volunteering among Council Tenants, in the first 6 months roll out there has been a great response, currently mainly the offer is mainly in Barry, but there are plans to extend out including to St Athan. Volunteers take part in various activities organised by the community including litter picking, leafleting, and gardening, in return for vouchers that can be redeemed in local attractions that have signed up including Sports, days out. While there are concerns were raised that it could have a negative effect to other volunteers who do not qualify, overall the project has had a significant positive impact on those that have taken part.
- 3) Maria Battle of the **University Health Board**, gave an excellent report on the Boards activities, what was new in our local Health Service, what was in the pipeline.
- 4) **Town & Community Council Charter** – recent workshops have been held for Clerks and representatives of Town and Community Councils, items raised included:
 - a) Consultation processes are not always satisfactory, and responses did not appear to be fully considered.
 - b) Planning Issues – general consensus that Officers appear to not take the ‘local’ knowledge of the representative Town/Community Council to account.
- 5) Llantwit Major Town Council had asked for an agenda item on **condition of pavements and roads** in the Llantwit Major Area. A representative from Highways was in attendance, and presented a report covering this item. The report mainly covered the roads, whereas the question related mainly to the pavements. However, during questions, he did confirm that pavements are surveyed at the same time of the roads. I raised the concerns previously raised at past Liaison meetings that there appears to be a significant increase of parking on pavements, and that the Police had said the Vale of Glamorgan Traffic Officers where responsible for taking action. It was confirmed that this issue was significant and that currently there is little legislation that can be applied, but that new legislation is in the pipeline to give more powers. Highways however, felt that in some cases it was preferable to keep highways clear, although I pointed out that in quite a few cases wheelchair or pushchair users are forced into the road which cannot be safe, also that this issue should be passed to the Planning Officers as we recently had an application where planning was granted where the parking provision was inadequate for the property, and against the Vale of Glamorgan’s own planning guidelines – this was noted.

Cllr Ann Barnaby