

The Minutes of a general meeting of the St Athan Community Council, held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019, in the Old School Hall Community Centre, Church Lane, St Athan, at 7-30pm

PRESENT.

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

APOLOGIES.

NIL.

1652. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

NIL.

1653. MINUTES.

1. Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2019 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings
SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby CARRIED.

1654. MATTERS ARISING.

NIL.

1654. STANDING ORDERS>

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : Suspend STANDING ORDERS to permit the Community Police Officer to address the meeting.
SCONDED : Cllr D Crompton CARRIED.

PC Roger Howell gave a brief report on the crime figures for the month of March which he said had been reasonably quiet, there had been one particular incident of five offences involving the same family . A number of other events were discussed especially vehicles parking on junctions and youth annoyance. The Chairman thanked PC Howell for attending the meeting.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED.

1655. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter from Wales Air Ambulance thanking the council for the kind donation
NOTED.
2. Letter from the Vale Council regarding the rateable value of the Old School Hall.
NOTED.
3. Letter from the Electoral Commission regarding a “Presentation on the review of the electoral arrangements for the County of the Vale of Glamorgan
NOTED.
4. Letter from Head of Neighbourhood Services And Transport, regarding the proposal to withdraw discretionary funding for fare paying school transport services.
NOTED.

1656 CHAIRMAN’S ACTIONS.

NIL.

1657. INVOICES.

Clerks Wages		329 – 97
Inland Revenue	(PAYE)	84 – 80
Caretakers Wages		376 – 76
BT	(Telephone/ Internet (55 – 35
SWALEC	(Centre Electric Bill)	1,524 – 12
SWALEC	(Feeder Pillar)	29 – 07
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: PROPOSED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby
SECONDED : Cllr D Willmot CARRIED.

1658. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Planning Application No 2019/00217/FUL – 60 Glebeland Crescent, St Athan, - Single Storey front extension and single storey/two storey extension and other alterations to property.
Cllr D Willmot PROPOSED : No Objections
SECONDED : Cllr B Acott CARRIED.
2. Planning Application No 2019/00239/FUL – Cartref, Gileston Road, Gileston, - New detached double garage, with holiday tourist accommodation (2persons) to front garden, garage for use by Cartrf.
Cllr D Crompton PROPOSED : No Objections
SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace CARRIED

3. Planning Application No 2019/00146/FUL, - Pump House Road, West Aberthaw, - Install a new modular building to provide office accommodation for the engineers on site. The building will also have a meeting room, small kitchen and male and female WC.

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton

CARRIED

4. Planning Application Number 2019/00276/LBC – Gileston Manor Gileston Road, Gileston – Proposed alterations to listed wall and summer house.

Cllr D Willmot PROPOSED : Objections to the alterations of the Listed wall and Summer House, as these are part of the village heritage.

SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace.

CARRIED.

5. Planning Application No 2018/00382/FUL – Gileston Manner , Gileston Road, Gileston. – Amended Proposal – Retention of Marquee Kitchen/ Toilet, marquee and garden temple for use as wedding and conference venue , alterations to access, creation of car parking areas, ancillary works and landscaping.

Cllr B Acott PROPOSED : No Decision could be made

SECONDED : Cllr D Willmot

CARRIED.

At a general meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019, this council discussed the subject planning application, numerous objections had been received regarding the application, copies have allegedly been forwarded to the VGC Planning Department . These objections were discussed at great length and objectively, however on the determination of the matter the vote was equal and no decisive decision could be made.

Cllr Mrs S Williams declared an interest and left the council chamber.

1659. PUBLIC FOOTPATH DIVERSION - PF 11 STATHAN.

1. Letter from the Public Rights of Way Officer, regarding the Diversion of Public Footpath No 11 St Athan. Ordnance Survey Grid Ref 302779 167382.

Cllr B Acott PROPOSED : No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr D Willmot

1660. REPORTS.

1. Cllr J Cullinane gave a brief report on the Vale of Glamorgan Community Liaison Committee meeting which he recently attended. Minutes of the meeting will be sent to members when received.

1661. ONE VOICE WALES ANNUAL FEES.

Membership fees for One Voice Wales are now due, the amount for year 2018/19 is £529-00

Cllr S Haines PROPOSED : that membership of One Voice Wales be continued and fees of £529-00 be paid as allocated in the finance budget.

SECONDED : Cllr J Cullinane

CARRIED.

1663. WELSH COMMUNITY SOLAR POWER

A visit was made by a Egni Co-op representative to survey the Old School Hall building for suitability, no further contact has been made as yet.

1664. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION FOR WALES – ANNUAL REPORT

The content of the Independent Remuneration Panel Report regarding the remuneration of Town & Community Councillors, Chapter 13, Pages 40 to 48 were debated at length. Each of the “Determinations 40 to 48” listed were debated and voted on individually.as follows :

Determination 40 : All Community and Town Councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses

APPROVED.

41. Community and Town councils in Group A must make available an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses

N / A

Determination 42:

This Determination has been updated
Community and town councils in Groups B or C
can make an annual payment of up to £500 each
to up to 5 members in recognition of specific
responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150
payment for costs and expenses.

NOT APPROVED.

43. Community and Town councils can make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties. 10 Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowances as below:

- 45p per mile up to 10,000 miles in the year.
- 25p per mile over 10,000 miles.
- 5p per mile per passenger carried on authority business.
- 24p per mile for private motor cycles.
- 20p per mile for bicycles.

APPROVED.

44.

If a Community or Town council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members at the maximum rates set out below on the basis of receipted claims:

- £28 per 24-hour period allowance for meals, including breakfast where not provided.

- £200 – London overnight.
- £95 – elsewhere overnight.
- £30 – staying with friends and/or family overnight.

APPROVED.

45. Community and Town councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties as follows:

- Up to £54.00 for each period not exceeding 4 hours.
- Up to £108.00 for each period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours.

APPROVED

46. All Community and Town councils must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement must be for the additional costs incurred by members in order for them to carry out their approved duties. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.

APPROVED.

47. Community and Town councils can provide a Civic Head payment to the mayor/chair of the council up to a maximum of £1,500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed.

NOT APPROVED.

48. Community and Town councils can provide a Deputy Civic Head payment to the deputy mayor/deputy chair of the council up to a maximum of £500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed.

NOT APPROVED

The above remunerations to St Athan community Councillors will be on the Annual General Meeting Agenda for Approval and Adoption to the Constitution of the Council

1665. FINANCIAL APPEALS.

1. Letter from Marie Curie requesting financial support, the request was discussed and dealt with on merit

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that £50 be donated

SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby

CARRIED.

1666. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1. Matters for County Cllr J w Thomas :-

a) Cllr D Willmot reported that there was an increase in heavy vehicles using “Sea View road (Bridge) to gain access to MOD St Athan

- b) Cllr D Patterson reported that most of the drains on Rock road were full of sand
 - c) Cllr S Williams the road from Four Cross to Gileston many “potholes”
 - d) Cllr S Haines Rectory Drive “mud & obstructions” from development.
- Cllr Thomas said he would look into each of the matters and get back to each of the individual Cllr’s.

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