

Minutes of a general meeting of the St Athan Community Council, held on Tuesday 4th February 2020, in the Old School Hall Community Centre, Church Lane, St Athan, at 7-30pm

PRESENT.

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

APOLOGIES.

Councillor J Cullinane	Councillor Mrs J Lougher
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1788. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

.NIL.

1789. MINUTES.

1. Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings
SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton CARRIED.

1790. MATTERS ARISING.

Minute 1782 (3) Annex A not attached, will be sent to all members asap..

1791. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter from Electoral Services requesting hire of the Centre for the Police & Crime Commissioner Elections on the 7th May 2020. NOTED.
2. Letter from VGC Legal services regarding the Provision of Legal Services to Town & Community Councils. NOTED.
3. Letter from St Athan Community Hub & Library Trustees Thanking the Council for the Grant of £1500 NOTED.
4. E-mail from the Training Officer of the RAF Cadets at St Athan offering assistance with litter Picking also to clean and paint the railings around the War Memorial Clerk to make contact

1792 CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.

NIL.

1793. INVOICES.

Clerks Wages		345 – 40
Inland Revenue	(PAYE)	154 – 60
Caretakers Wages		321– 60
BT	(Telephone/ Internet (65 – 11
SWALEC	(Feeder Pillar)	40 – 80
SWALEC	(Feeder Pillar)	39 – 04
Centregreat	(Festive Lights)	3,936 – 00
Londis Stores	(Xmas party)	260 – 39
Whitehill Direct	(New Notice Board)	517 – 08
Cllr J Lougher	(Xmas party gifts)	335 – 00
Clerks Expenses		44 – 40

: PROPOSED : Cllr B Acott
SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby CARRIED.

1794. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Planning Application No 2019/01245/FUL – 1 St Johns View, St Athan – Alteration of single dwelling to create two dwelling units.

Cllr B Acott PROPOSED : No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace CARRIED.

2. Planning Application No 2019/o1121/FUL – Dwelling in Garden of 48 Glyndwr Avenue, St Athan, - Proposed two storey dwelling with minor amendments to existing dwelling.

Cllr D Willmot PROPOSED : Objections on the grounds of : over development in a residential area, would create lack of amenities space for occupants, cause a further restricted view for traffic exiting Glyndwr Avenue on to Llantwit Road.

SECONDED : Cllr B Acott CARRIED.

3. Planning Application No 2019/01101/SG! – Land to the East of Aston Martin and West of Cowbridge road, Bro Tathan, St Athan – Environmental impact assessment , request for screening opinion.

Cllr B Acott PROPOSED : No Objections

SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton

1795. REPORTS.

1. Cllr R Eustace gave a brief report on a meeting of the Community Hub & Library Trustees Meeting.
2. Cllr D Crompton gave a brief report on a Llantwit Major and district Public Footpaths committee meeting which he and Cllr Acott recently attended.
3. Cllr B Acott presented a report on a meeting with Bro Tathan Representatives which was attended by Members of St Athan, Llanmaes, and Llantwit Major. Town Council, A copy of his report is attached to these minutes as ANNEX A
4. Cllr Ms A Barnaby presented a report on the VGC Community Liaison committee which she recently attended. A copy of her report is attached as ANNEX B

1796. FORMATION OF BRO TATHAN LIAISON COMMITTEE

Cllr B Acott was asked at the BroTathan meeting to organise a Liaison committee from the three councils, Llantwit Major, St Athan and Llanmaes, each council to have 2 representatives. Representatives for St Athan were selected as Cllr S Haines, and Cllr B Acott. Cllr Acott asked that this liaison committee be added to the list of Outside Committees.

1797. FINANCIAL APPEALS.

1. Letter from Marie Curie requesting Financial assistance
Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED; £25 be donated
SECONDED : Cllr D Willmot CARRIED
2. Request from Noah's Ark for financial assistance
Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that £25 be donated.
SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton CARRIED.
3. Request from Wales Air Ambulance for financial assistance
Cllr Ms A Barnaby PROPOSED : that £50 be donated
SECONDED : Cllr B Acott CARRIED.

1798. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1. Cllr B Acott asked that " Allotments " be put on the March meeting Agenda
2. Cllr B Acott advised that the practice of giving Church Grants is awaiting Legal Advice.
3. Actions for County Cllr J W Thomas :
 - a) Cllr K Smith Road Signs on Rock Road
 - b) Cllr D Crompton "Pot Holes" on the road to Gigman.
 - c) Cllr D Patterson Parking on the Grass by the Forge

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

ANNEX A

BRO TATHAN REPORT

The presentation by the representatives of the Welsh Government at Bro Tathan on the 21st January was very well attended by Councillors from, St Athan Llantwit Major and Llanmaes. We were told that the plans to develop the Bro Tathan site was a 30-year project. The main focus is to gain a wide range of employment through World wide advertising and presentations of the facilities being made available on the site. Slides displayed the proposed developments. Along the old North South runway building foundations will be laid that will include all utilities to enable a business to erect a building that suites their requirements. East Camp (as we know it) is in the advanced stages of demolition and will be available for the construction of buildings to suite the requirements of customers but the area will no accommodate taxing aircraft. The South side of the site. with the Helicopter operations, has long term plans to expand over the railway with a new bridge and entrance. The boundary area along the Eglwys Brewis road will be available for small business outlets. At the new gate (now named North Gate) at the junction with the new access road, (now named **FFORDD BRO TATHAN**) there will be a Hotel. retail outlets to support the site and possible medical facility. Along Bro Tathan Way there will be two housing estates. There was also a slide showing a suggested Community Art Project at the entrance to North gate, these proposals will be disused further at later meetings.

A question was asked about the future of the MOD on the site. It is understood that The RAF will vacate the site within the next four years, the Army on the west of the site are believed to be permeant for the foreseeable future, and suggestions for another Battalion to arrive are not based on any formal plans. Llantwit Council asked for consideration to allocate an area of land adjacent to the new access road for use as a Cemetery because the existing Llantwit Cemetery has very little space available.

The meeting agreed that these Bro Tathan liaison meetings should now be arranged quarterly, and that the format of the three adjacent Community Councils be maintained. Because I kickstarted this idea it was requested that initially St Athan will take the lead for arranging the meetings. It was also suggested that this new committee would comprise of two Councillors from each of the three Councils. Councillor G John advised that he would attend as a Vale Councillor, I countered this and requested it should be two members from the Vale Council, this was agreed.

Cllr B Acott

ANNEX B

Report on Vale of Glamorgan Liaison Committee Meeting – 28th January 2020

The Agenda covered the following items:

- 1) Police Matters – Chief Inspector Anthony Williams gave an overview of police activities, which included an update on the recent stabbings and murder in Barry. Community police actions included ‘School Clubs’. I mentioned the lack of attendance at our community council meetings, over the last year, where in the past

we had police representation and a report. While we appreciated the workload on the police if at least a report could be sent each month. The Inspector asked for us to contact him directly.

- 2) Fire Service – Mr. Chris Hadfield – Group Manager, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service gave a report showing the number of fires, false alarms etc., with a briefing on the equipment held at each station. Llantwit Major was highlighted with the new doors reflecting the shared services now at this location.
- 3) An overview of Planning in the Vale of Glamorgan by Victoria Robinson. This included a details of employee structure, outline of the Committee, development plan, key policies and reference documents.

The page covering ‘planning for community infrastructure’ included a brief summary of the additional school spaces required from the development plan. However, this only covered primary school places. Regarding securing community infrastructure 106 funding was mentioned, and a suggestion to contact Charlotte Pugh.

With reference to St Athan, I queried why there was no mention of the ‘Public Services Board Well-being Plan’. Victoria responded that of course this was a key document in the planning process. I then mentioned that in relation to recent applications there were elements that did not appear to be in line with this policy, particularly as St Athan has been highlighted as a ‘deprived’ area in the Vale of Glamorgan. Victoria then mentioned that she had seen a question from this Community Council regarding school places, and although did not have figures to hand this would be covered by the Education team who would be consulted on any planning application.

A question on the current status of Enforcement Notices was asked. Victoria responded that there had been staffing problems and that although the team was back up to full complement there was a backlog to work through. While they had a larger team than other Councils, they also had a larger number of enforcement issues, especially with the big developments. It was suggested from the floor, that could not be the developers that create the most issues be ‘blacklisted’, which unfortunately they could not. Alternative suggestion was that there was a possibility of an upfront bond being paid by the developers – which currently the Vale do not implement.

In addition, I also asked a question regarding the delay in opening the new road at the Darren Farm development – Victoria said she had been in meetings that day and that they had safety issues so the Vale could not yet adopt the new road but it was nearly sorted!

- 4) Town and Community Councils Charter – a brief update on the charter was presented by the chair. Included in this was the decision not to include a previous recommendation by this Committee regarding Community and Town Councils being able to speak at site visits. However, they could speak during the planning meeting – on question if the time allowance would be extended, we were told that it would not.

Cllr Ann Barnaby