

Minutes of a general meeting of the St Athan Community Council, held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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 J Cullinane
Councillor R Eustace	Councillor Mrs J Lougher
Councillor Mrs J Lynch-Wilson	Councillor D Patterson
Councillor D Willmot	Councillor Mrs S Williams
County Councillor J W Thomas	

**APOLOGIES.**

Councillor Mrs K Smith

**1799. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Cllr's C Crompton, R Eustace, and D Willmot declared an interest in Library business. Cllr J Lougher declared an interest in Planning.

**1800. MINUTES.**

- Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that the minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings  
SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton CARRIED.

**1801. MATTERS ARISING.**

- Minute 1796 February meeting should read Cllr B Acott and Cllr S Haines not Cllr Mrs J Lougher.

**1802. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- E-mail from Grant Thornton regarding audit fees with an explanation why the audit fees for the financial 2018/19 had increased considerably. NOTED.
- E-mail regarding the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report. NOTED.
- E-mail mail from the Auditor General regarding a Consultation on future audit arrangements for Community Councils in Wales. NOTED
- Letter from the Boundary Commission for Wales regarding a Review of Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan NOTED.

**1803 CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.**

NIL.

**1804. INVOICES.**

Clerks Wages		345 – 40
Inland Revenue	( PAYE )	154 – 60
Caretakers Wages		321– 60
BT	( Telephone/ Internet (	62 – 80
Thomas Fattorini	( Civic Chain )	1,138 – 36
Welsh Audit Office	( Audit Fees )	434 – 75

: PROPOSED : Cllr D Crompton  
SECONDED : Cllr D Patterson CARRIED.

**1805. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- Planning Application No 2020/00146/FUL Land adjacent to 16 Newbarn Holdings, St Athan road, Flemingston – Proposed Menage  
Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : No Objections  
SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton CARRIED.
- Planning Application No 2020/00055/FUL – Ty Carreg, West Aberthaw – Change of use of land to the south, west and north of the Ty Carreg Residential Home to ancillary garden, horticultural facilities for sole use of residents..  
Cllr Mrs S Williams PROPOSED : No Objections  
SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton CARRIED
- Planning Application No 2020/00054/FUL – Ty Carreg, West Aberthaw, -  
Construction of new stone boundary wall.  
Cllr B Acott PROPOSED : No Objections  
SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby CARRIED.
- Planning Application No 2020/00130/FUL – 1 , Sunnyside Cottage, Beggars Pound, St Athan – Two storey extension and garage to provide additional bedroom, kitchen space and off road parking.  
Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : Over development of a residential Dwelling.  
SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby CARRIED.

**1806. REPORTS.**

- Cllr B Acott gave a brief report on the Power Station Local Liaison Committee meeting that he and Cllr Mrs Williams attended. Minutes of that meeting have been distributed

- Cllr B Acott gave a brief report on a brief report on a Strat age Housing meeting, his report is at ANNEX A to these minutes
- Cllr D Patterson informed members that the St Athan Community Council has registered with “Keep Briton Tidy” and will take part in the Great British Spring Clean on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 . The local RAF Cadet’s will also take part.

**1807. LITTER PICKING EQUIPMENT**

Cllr D Patterson PROPOSED : that 10 x Black handy hoop ring holders be purchased to be clipped onto refuse bags at future council litter picking events. Cost not to exceed £80

SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace

CARRIED

**1808. ENVIRONMENTAL WALES ACT.**

The Chairman will investigate the requirements

**1809. NEWS LETTER.**

All means of advertising to be investigated.

**1810. VILLAGE FETE/ PARTY IN THE PARK.**

Cllr D Patterson PROPOSED : that the St Athan Community Council host a fete and party in the park event on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and that the sum of £5000 is granted from the F/Y 2020/21 budget to offset incurred costs.

Cllr Ms A Barnaby

SECONDED :

CARRIED.

**1811. OUTSIDE ENTRANCE LIGHT.**

Cllr D Patterson PROPOSED : that an outdoor wall light with motion sensor is purchased and fixed above the entrance doorway to the Centre. Cost not to exceed £150.

SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace

CARRIED.

**1812. ASSISTANT CLERK.**

The current Clerk has resigned from the post, a replacement will be recruited, the post will be advertised in the GEM and local notice boards.

**1813. MONTHLY POLICE REPORT**

The Chairman will write to the Vale Superintendent for advise on the current situation

**1814. COMMUNITY LIBRARY & HUB**

Cllr R Eustace advised members of the current situation regarding keeping the library open. A meeting was held to try and recruit new librarians and only two people attended, which indicates a lack of support, and it is not feasible to keep supporting the upkeep of the library with public money. It was Agreed that this should continue in the short term, the trustees have agreed that a further volunteer recruitment event will take place in spring/summer, following which the future of the library will be reviewed and recommendations made to Council.

**1815. GRASS CUTTING.**

Quotes for grass cutting in the St Athan, Gileston & Flemingston areas were presented

- From “Grounds and Graves” Village Grounds Maintenance.  
££90 per cut Total for season April to October two cuts per month £ £5,460
- Green Future 2 cuts per month April to October Total for season £ !680 Inc VAT
- Livingston Ground Maintenance two cuts per month £131, Total for season April to October £1834, A 10% discount is offered if invoices can be summited at the end of 4months (July ) and October, this would equate £945-20 and £707 40 Total “1650-60.

Cllr R Eustace PROPOSED : that Livingstone Ground Maintenance who have done the work very satisfactorily for the past 5years, be awarded the contract.

SECONDED : Cllr D Crompton

CARRIED.

**1816. FLOWER BASKETS.**

A quotation from Livingstone Ground Maintenance for planting up 12 containers for St Athan, and six for Gileston at a cost £32 per container Total cost £540. Feeding and watering of 12 hanging baskets in St Athan and six in Gileston Total for the season £345.

Note The equipment ie container baskets, mounting brackets, and watering equipment is owned by the council, to get quotes to plant these containers and maintain them has proved negative.

Cllr B Acott PROPOSED : That Livingstone Ground Maintenance be granted the contract

SECONDED : Cllr Ms A Barnaby

CARRIED..

### **1817. FINANCIAL APPEALS**

- Letter from “The Boys & Girls Clubs of Great Britain requesting financial assistance. The request was discussed at length, the leader of the group gave a presentation to the council at an earlier meeting, and it was decided then to support this project  
Cllr D Crompton PROPOSED : that £300 be donated to help purchase equipment for the activity

SECONDED : Cllr R Eustace

CARRIED.

### **1818. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

1. Cllr D Patterson informed members that he has liaised with the St Athan Air Cadets Leader and they are willing to repaint the railings around the War Memorial when the weather improves.
2. Cllr D Crompton informed members that the Airport Liaison Committee AGM is on Thursday 12th March.
3. Actions for County Cllr J Thomas :-
  - a) Cllr Mrs S Williams Pot Holes Gileston Village.
  - b) Cllr R Eustace Heavy Vehicles using the "Lanes"
  - c) Cllr B Acott could he arrange for litter bins to be placed on the public footpath around the new development at St Johns View.
  - d) Cllr S Haines Footpaths on Rectory Drive.

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

ANNEX A.

### **REPORT -LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY PLANNING DAY**

On the 14 February I attended the Local Housing Strategy Planning Day given by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, there was representatives from a wide range of Housing Associations, experts involved in Planning, Vale Councillors and employees, with Community Councillors from most of the Vale.

We were given an overview of the 2015 to 2020 Local Housing Strategy by Head of Housing and Building Services. This was followed by Group Discussions on what worked well and what should be improved, changed, or stopped. I was able to record that it would improve relationships with Community Councils if the Vale Planners took notice of and responded to, comments made by Community Councils on local issues. I also raised the issues of the lack Tree Planting in the applications for large housing estates, the lack of infrastructure in the Rural Vale identifying roads and road junctions, Public Transport, with particular emphasis

on the provision of transport to the centres of employment and to The University of Wales and Princes of Wales Hospitals.

We were then split into small groups to discuss a variety of topics here I was able to request consideration for Solar Panels on new builds, there were some adverse comments concerning South facing and acceptance by the National grid but the point was made and recorded. There was a lot of emphasis on Council Housing, Affordable Housing and small properties on a single floor to enable downsizing by the now growing ageing population. Overall, I consider that the day was well spent and this was confirmed by the Vale Council Representatives.

Cllr B Acott