

MINUTES OF THE ST ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 7TH JULY 2020 IN THE OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTRE
AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Councillor J Lynch -Wilson	Chairman
Councillor K Smith	Vice-Chairman
Councillor A Barnaby	
Councillor D Crompton	
Councillor S Haines	
Councillor J Lougher	

APOLOGIES

Councillor B Acott
Councillor R Eustace
Councillor D Willmot
Councillor S Williams
County Councillor J Thomas

1835. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr D Crompton

1836. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

PROPOSED By: Cllr S Haines
SECONDED By: Cllr A Barnaby

1. That the minutes of the general meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2020 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

PROPOSED By: Cllr S Haines
SECONDED By: Cllr A Barnaby

2. That the minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 9th June 2020 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

1837. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr D Crompton asked that the Cardiff Airport Committee is added to the list of outside committees.

1838. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter of resignation from Cllr D Patterson.

1839. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS

NIL

1840. INVOICES

Clerks Wages	£345.40
Caretakers Wages	£322.40
Inland Revenue (PAYE)	£166.80
BT Telephone & Broadband (May & Jun)	£152.03
Zurich Municipal Insurance	£1611.09
Livingstone GM (Flower Baskets)	£576.00
Mr D Robinson (Internal Audit Fee)	£35.00
One Voice Wales (Annual Fee)	£565.00
Viking Stationery	£82.78
Bank Charges	£36.00
Mr D Patterson (Litter Pick Equipment)	£61.50

PROPOSED: Cllr S Haines

SECONDED: Cllr A Barnaby

CARRIED

1841. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

I have been ask by the St Athan Community Council to respond to the consultation documents on the proposed development at Beggars Pound. While we welcome improvements to the current site, and of course possible employment, we do have some significant concerns.

This site sits in a section just south of the end of the runway, which forms a gap between St Athan Village and our wards of East Vale and Eglwis Brewis, so sandwiched between our residential hubs. The proposed entrance is among residents properties. This former 'crash gate' was only in the last few years opened, for use of the rehabilitation unit. However, it appears from the master plan and some comments within the papers, that a 'new service road for the southern runway section' is a major part of the development plans. Some comments from the documents:

1. There appears too be only a few 'small' buildings that will be demolished, therefore a significant increase in office space on site.

2. Much is made of the NAR for access - which is obviously not logical with the geographic position.
3. Junction survey has Gileston Road X considered additional and not primary junction.
4. New layout is engineered for 16.5m artic lorries - it mentions a 'newly designed runway service road'.
5. Foul water drainage survey has not been undertaken, and flooding seems more geared toward the site itself rather than the brook that flows through housing at Beggars Pound, that has previously flooded.
6. Bus transport shows routes but not length of journey times, whereas this is included for the train and cycle routes.
7. Transport routes fail to consider that a number of employees will likely to travel from Llantrisant or Bridgend directions - where traditionally a large number of employees travelled from to the former MOD site.
8. Parking space totals 144 whereas potential employment in the offices = 350 These figures did not include the employees using hanger numbered 415 in the plans

One of our main concern's is the use of this entrance to access the wider 'southern' runway section and not just for potential 350 employees of the new offices. The WG ABP strategic plan was for a new Southern access direct from the B4265 crossing the railway near to Seaview Lane. The entrance at Beggars Pound, was not previously outlined as a suitable access point. Therefore, our major concerns with this development relate to:

1. Access routes not suitable for larger vehicles or the wider southern runway section. There will be a significant increase in traffic flowing through St Athan Village.
2. There will be a significant increase in general movements to this site with a potential of 350 employees (Excl. hanger 415) in addition access too the wider southern runway development area.
3. Transport studies do not adequately cover the 'actual' location of this development, the Gileston X Junction will see significant impact.
4. Transport studies fail to review access from the north in particular significant population area of Llantrisant.
5. Transport studies fail to highlight the unsuitable timing of buses which would be the most feasible public transport for this site.
6. Inadequate parking for 350 potential employees for which only 41% have a space on site.
7. Concerns of flooding risk for the houses at Beggars Pound.
8. Concerns of the foul water drainage which have already been a problem in this area.
9. Concerns regarding demolishing with regard to asbestos (don't see this mentioned).

For and behalf of St Athan Community Council, Cllr Ann Barnaby.

1842. REPORTS

The Bro Tathan Public Art Public rt Procurement is now at the Steering Group selection stage. I have received the final 14 Artists submissions and am in the process of reviewing them before making a report to the Welsh Government Bro Tathan evaluation panel, via a Microsoft Meeting. The final selection of Artists have agreed to contact the local Communities about their designs. I will submit a further report at the September Meeting. Cllr Brian Acott.

1843. NEW CLERKS APOINTMENT

PROPOSED By: Cllr D Compton
SECONDED By: Cllr S Haines

That Mr David Patterson be appointed as the St Athan Community Council Clerk / Finance Officer wef 1st July 2020, with a starting salary of £9102.60 as per the NALC scales LC1 (13-17) his duties as per job description.

CARRIED

1844. CASUAL VACANCIES.

St Athan Community Council now has two casual vacancies due to the resignations of Cllr J Cullinane and Cllr D Patterson, the Electoral Officer will be notified of this situation in due course.

1845. CHURCH GRANTS.

Letters from St Athan Parish Church, Gileston Church, Flemingston Church, and the Methodist Church requesting grants for Church Yard Maintenance were presented

PROPOSED By: Cllr S Haines
SECONDED By: Cllr A Barnaby

That as previously agreed, the sum of:

£400-00 to St Athan Parish Church
£300-00 to Gileston Church
£200-00 to Flemingston Church and the Methodist Church

Funds allocated in the F/Y 2019/20 budget.

CARRIED

1846. HERITAGE COAST

Membership fees for 2020/21 are now due.

PROPOSED By: Cllr Ms A Barnaby
SECONDED By: Cllr S Haines

That the membership fees of £25.00 plus a grant of £25.00 be paid from funds allocated in the 2019-20 budget.

CARRIED

1847. FINANCIAL APPEALS

NIL

1848. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1. Actions for County Cllr J Thomas

Cllr K Smith reported that a wall and vehicle garage had been built at Bindle Lane, St Athan without Planning permission.

2. Action for Cllr S Haines

Cllr S Haines suggested access to FREE WiFi should be given to activity clubs when in the council hall.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8:20pm, there were no member of the public present.