

MINUTES OF THE ST ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 6th OCTOBER 2020 IN THE OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTRE AND VIA TEAMS
VIDEO CONFERENCEING

PRESENT	Councillor J Lynch -Wilson Councillor B Acott Councillor A Barnaby Councillor D Crompton Councillor R Eustace Councillor S Haines Councillor H Ibsule Councillor J Lougher County Councillor J Thomas Councillor D Willmot	Chairman
APOLOGIES	Councillor K Smith Councillor J Angove	Vice-Chairman

MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION
1878.	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> Library: Cllr D Crompton, Cllr D Willmot and Cllr R Eustace.	
1879.	<u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</u> PROPOSED By: Cllr J Lougher SECONDED By: Cllr H Ibsule That the minutes of the General Meeting held on the 1 st September 2020 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.	CARRIED
1880.	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> MIN 1851 - CENTRE HIRERS ACCESS TO FREE WIFI Cllr S Haines confirmed that there are no security issues linked to hirers of the community hall, having access to the council router. MIN 1863 - LIBRARY County Cllr J Thomas confirmed this item is ongoing. MIN 1864 - SIGNPOST Cllr S Haines confirmed this item is on going	

<p>1880 Cont.</p>	<p>MIN 1865 - VEHICLE - PARKING, SPEEDING & USE OF ONE-WAY SYSTEM County Cllr J Thomas reported that appropriate new road traffic signs are to be installed at the entrance to the village along with zig zag white lines to be painted on road by Londis shop.</p> <p>MIN 1875 SENIOR CITIZENS XMAS PARTY Cancellation of the Christmas has been promulgated on the council website.</p>	
<p>1881.</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>Playgroup Reopening Email from Mrs V Dixon playgroup leader, complained that the Community Centre was not open for playgroup use following the summer school break.</p> <p>The delay in opening the community centre (by 1 week) was due to the decorating contractor being off sick. The centre reopened Monday 14th September, in line with strict COVID 19 safety measures.</p> <p>Playgroup Financial Assistance Letter from Mrs V Dixon playgroup leader, requesting financial assistance from the St Athan Council to enable the Playgroup to continue. The business is currently running at a loss.</p> <p>It was the council view that as the Playgroup is a private business, requests for funding could not be supported from public money and that the playgroup should contact other agencies in the first instance for financial guidance/support and that the council would not be taking any action.</p> <p>Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) Via Website, Mr Hawkins raised concerns over the number of HGVs travelling though St Athan and not using the Northern Access Road.</p> <p>Council clerk Confirm this issue has been raised with Vale of Glamorgan Council.</p> <p>Annual Audit Email from Grant Thornton UK raised the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Imbalance in the Accounting Statement 2019 and 2020 2. Re-approval Section, being incorrectly signed by the Chairman 3. Issues Raised in the 2017-18 Audit. 	

1881 Cont.	All the above queries have been resolved. The auditors will now start a review of the council accounts.													
1882.	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS</u></p> <p>Allotment A letter has been sent to the new Commanding Officer, No 4 School of Technical Training, MOD St Athan, welcoming him to the village and to enquire about utilising the land adjacent to CLIVES ROAD for the purpose of resident's allotments.</p> <p>No response received.</p> <p>St Athan Railway Station A letter has been sent to Mr K Skates expressing the council's disappointment over the decision not to consider a new railway stations at St Athan and to request support for any future new railway station assessments.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of receipt of the above letter has been received. Formal reply to follow.</p> <p>Light Aircraft Forced Landing Letter has been sent to Air Investigations Branch, Farnborough and the Civil Aviation Authority, requesting information regarding the forced landing of light aircraft Piper PA-28 at the St Athan golf course on 28th August 2020.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of receipt of the above letter has been received. Formal reply to follow.</p>													
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1884.	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Approved Planning Application No: 2020/00054/FUL Location: Ty Carreg, West Aberthaw Proposal: Construction of new stone boundary wall ● Approved Planning: Application No: 2020/00482/FUL Location: Gileston Farm Proposal: Development of existing barn to house 2. Construction of new drying barn for drying of grain and wood chip. ● Planning Application No: 2020/00922/FUL Location: Brook Cottage, St Johns Hill Proposal: Raised decking in rear garden. PROPOSED By: Cllr B Acott SECONDED By: Cllr H Ibsule That No Objections are raised to the Vale of Glamorgan Council. ● Planning Application No: 2020/00950 Location: Flemingston Court Proposal: New horse accommodation building PROPOSED By: Cllr R Eustace SECONDED By: Cllr H Ibsule That No Objections are raised to the Vale of Glamorgan Council. ● Planning Application No: 2020/01034/Full Location: 5 Ash Lane, St Athan Proposal: Two storey side extension and loft conversion PROPOSED By: Cllr S Haines SECONDED By: Cllr J Lougher That No Objections are raised to the Vale of Glamorgan Council. ● Public & Consultation (PAC) Notice. Erect new cattle shed and feed store	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
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	<p>PROPOSED By: Cllr R Eustace SECONDED By: Cllr S Haines</p> <p>That No Objections are raised to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Development Northfield Suggested site name and road names have been forwarded to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for consideration. Aircraft names in English, is the councils preferred option for road names. 	CARRIED
1885.	<p><u>REPORTS</u></p> <p>Cllr D Crompton informed the meeting that he attended the last meeting of Llantwit Major Town Council.</p> <p>Cllr B Acott briefed the meeting on progress made to the closing down of the Power Station.</p> <p>Cllr B Acott attended the Bro Tathan Local Council Liaison Committee meeting.</p> <p>Cllr A Barnaby attended the Community Liaison Meeting. Both Police and Fire service briefed on the difficulties being faced due to the COVID 19 pandemic.</p>	<p>See Annex A</p> <p>See Annex B</p> <p>See Annex B</p> <p>See Annex C</p>
1886.	<p><u>2020-21 NATIONAL SALARY AWARDS</u></p> <p>Due to COVID 19 pandemic, official notification of the 2020-21 national pay awards was delayed. A copy of the awards has now been received and held by the Council Clerk. The appropriate 'Back Pay' has been added to September 2020 salary payments.</p>	
1887.	<p><u>REMEMBRANCE DAY CHURCH SERVICE</u></p> <p>Due to COVID 19 safety measures, the annual Remembrance Church Service is cancelled.</p>	CARRIED
1888.	<p><u>CHRISTMAS FESTIVE LIGHTING</u></p> <p>PROPOSED By: Cllr D Crompton SECONDED By: Cllr R Eustace</p> <p>That subject to the contractor having appropriate Public Liability Insurance and being available for 'call out' should the lights fail, the quote from Floodlighting & Electrical Services be accepted.</p>	CARRIED

	<p><u>WINDOW & GUTTER CLEANING</u></p> <p>PROPOSED By: Cllr S Haines SECONDED By: Cllr R Eustace</p> <p>That the quote from CCMs Wales Ltd be accepted.</p> <p><u>CURTAINS</u></p> <p>PROPOSED By: Cllr R Eustace SECONDED By: Cllr D Crompton</p> <p>That the quote from Lloyds Contracts Ltd be accepted.</p>	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
1889.	<p><u>CHRISTMAS FESTIVE LIGHTING – SWITCH ON</u></p> <p>Due to COVID 19 safety restriction, the 2020 festive light switch on event is cancelled.</p>	
1890.	<p><u>FIRE CHECK</u></p> <p>A safety check in respect of all fire extinguishers held in council premises will be carried out on Friday 9th October 20120.</p>	
1891.	<p><u>FINANCE MEETING</u></p> <p>The Council Finance Committee Meeting will be convened on Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 7:30pm, to set the council budget and precept for FY 2021/22.</p>	
1892.	<p><u>COAT OF ARMS/LOGO</u></p> <p>The need for new coat of arms was discussed. Cllr A Barnaby agreed to circulate a copy of the current coat of arms to members in the first instance.</p>	
1893.	<p><u>VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL MEETING</u></p> <p>The Vale of Glamorgan Council Meeting took place on Monday 21st September. Copies of the Minutes are held by the Council Clerk.</p>	
1894.	<p><u>INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION for WALES ANNUAL DRAFT REPORT 2021/2022</u></p> <p>A copy of the report had been sent to all Councillors prior to this meeting. The council raised 'No Comment'.</p>	

1895.	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Cllr J Lougher raised concerns over aircraft and helicopters flying low over St Athan Ward.</p> <p>Cllr A Barnaby asked that a 'Link' for video conferencing be sent to all attendees 15minutes prior to the start council meetings.</p> <p>Cllr S Haines asked that the council clerk investigates when the councillor's annual remuneration payments are to be made.</p> <p>Cllr B Acott let it be known, that staff from the local pharmacy have been particularly helpful in delivering medication to local residents during the COVID pandemic. The Chairman seconded this.</p>	
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There were no members of the public present.

Next General Meeting Tuesday 3rd November, 7:30pm

LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL FOOTPATH FORUM

Report by: Cllr D Crompton

Meeting 5 October.

The majority of the items on the agenda covered areas outside St Athan Community Council boundary.

Up date on land ownership issues for Mill Lane footpath in Llantwit

Up date on enforcement measures to ensure crops are not planted over rights of way.

Up date on resurfacing of footpath 7 to Llantwit Beach.

Discussion on problems of footpaths adjacent to eroding cliffs.

Reported that the footpath diversion in St Athan ward over the new housing land had been approved by the Community Council

POWER STATION

Report by: Cllr B Acott

We met via phone/Skype link due, to Covid19 and social distancing measures. All the coal has now been removed from site. The decommissioning will be completed by the end of November2020, then the site will be handed over to Business development who will sill arrange Local Liaison Committee meetings to keep the community informed of the future options for the site.

The SSSI site and the lagoon are expected to remain, as is the ash mound, with the Environment Permit is still in operation.

REPORT -BRO TATHAN PUBLIC ART PROCUREMENT

Report by: Cllr B Acott

We met via Microsoft Teams, due to Covid19 and social distancing measures. The artists for the three projects have been selected and it is my understanding that the projects will now be reviewed in the light of Covid19 before we can proceed to the next stage.

REPORT ON VALE OF GLAMORGAN LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING 6TH OCTOBER 2020

Report by: Cllr A Barnaby

The Agenda covered the following items:

- 1) Police Matters – Chief Inspector Anthony Williams gave an overview of police activities, which included the demands on the force as a result of COVID-19. In a 3-month period they attended 7,500 incidents 1700 of which related to Covid. The new Llantwit Major Hub station, where all the response services are now located in one place, has been working well. The PSCO from that station had recently retired. Recently there had been a spike of incidents of ‘Rough Traders’ in the Sully, Barry and Llantwit Major areas – taking money upfront and either not delivering the work or delivering poor service.

Response to question from the floor - The information available regarding Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) on the Community Policing website was updated centrally and a request to update the information would be raised by himself following the meeting; The lack of licensed premises being open during the lockdown period in conjunction with social isolation and warm weather contributed to the public disorder incident at Ogmores-by-Sea;

- 2) Mr Christian Hadfield, Operations Manager for the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service gave a short report showing the number of fires. Refuse fires have been up, but road collisions saw a 70% drop during the lockdown period. During the period they had low levels of staff absence. The development of an online home fire risk assessment tool as one approach to reduce over the threshold prevention (domestic), protect (commercial) and education (schools) activities.
- 3) The Head of Business Policy and Transformation presented The Vale of Glamorgan Public Services report, the purpose of which was to present an overview of the second year of progress in delivering the Wellbeing Objectives and actions set by the Vale Public Service Board (PSB) in its Well-being Plan. I raised a question to Tom Bowring (it missed the chat so was raised after the meeting) in relation to what had been carried out or is planned for the St Athan Area, in view of our deprived status – his response will be read in the next meeting.
- 4) The Head of Neighbourhood Services & Transport presented the report supported by a short PowerPoint presentation to inform the Committee of the strong and

effective control and management arrangements aimed at preventing incidence of alcohol related anti-social behaviour in public spaces as considered by the Vale of Glamorgan Cabinet on 27th July 2020.

The Officer advised that the report sought approval to vary the already existing 2017 Alcohol Public Space Protection orders (control zones with added powers) in Penarth, Barry, Rhose, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge due to expire in October 2020. Following issues of antisocial behaviour over the Summer 2020, the following areas had been added for consultation; Cosmeston Country Park, Porthkerry Country Park, Penarth Pier and Esplanade, Ogmores Beach area, Llantwit Major Beach and Rhose Point.

The consultation was started in August 2020 and due to its popularity had been 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.