



**MINUTES OF THE ST ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL REMOTE
GENERAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 6th APRIL 2021**

PRESENT	Councillor J Lynch-Wilson Councillor R Eustace Councillor B Acott Councillor J Angove Councillor A Barnaby Councillor D Willmot Councillor S Williams	Chairman Vice-Chairman
APOLOGIES	Councillor S Haines Councillor J Lougher	

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1983	<p><u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>None</p>	
1984	<p><u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</u></p> <p>PROPOSED By: Cllr R Eustace SECONDED By: Cllr A Barnaby</p> <p>That the minutes of the Full General Meeting held on the 2nd March 2021 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	CARRIED
1985	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>a. <u>MIN 1882 - Allotment</u> A request for information regarding the use of MoD land for public allotments was sent to Annington Property Ltd on 29th March 2021</p> <p>b. <u>MIN 1882 – Light Aircraft Forced Landing</u> The Mandatory Occurrence Report (MOR) submitted by the pilot (in addition to the original submitted by Air Traffic Control) has now been received by the Civil Aviation Authority. It appears that correct action was taken by the pilot in command of the aircraft following the engine failure which resulted in the forced landing, as such no further action will be taken.</p> <p>c. <u>MIN 1910 - Website Accessibility</u> Investigations into required modification of the council website are ongoing.</p> <p>d. <u>MIN 1982 – BOYS VILLAGE</u> The area needs tidying up. County Cllr J Thomas agreed to raise this matter with Vale of Glamorgan Health & Safety</p>	<p>ONGOING</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>ON GOING</p> <p>ON GOING</p>

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1985 Cont...	<p>e. <u>MIN 1982 WASTE BIN</u> County Cllr J Thomas agreed to liaise with the Vale of Glamorgan council over the reinstatement of the bin.</p> <p>f. <u>MIN 1981 – BRO TATHAN BAOC 747</u> Cllr B Acott has written to Mrs Jane Hutt AM requesting support for the retention of disused Boeing 747 located at BRO TATHAN. In turn, a copy has been sent to Mr Ken Skates, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport</p> <p>BRO TATHAN are also keen on briefing the Council on current issues and will attend a Council meeting.</p> <p>g. The telephone box in Flemingston needs refurbishment.</p>	<p>ON GOING</p> <p>ONGOING</p>
1986	<p><u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</u></p> <p>The Chairman presented a Financial Statement of Accounts as at the 31st March 2021. Summary of accounts is at Annex A</p> <p>PROPOSED By: Cllr R Eustace SECONDED By: Cllr J Angove</p> <p>That the presented statement be accepted as a true record of council financial accounts.</p>	<p>CARRIED</p>
1987	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>a. Summary of key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Council Sector.</p> <p>PROPOSED By; Cllr R Eustace SECONDED By: Cllr B Acott</p> <p>That the provisions stated in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 be adopted.</p> <p>b. Electoral Form Newsletter. c. Partnership for Wales. d. Email via Council website from local resident, that he had been verbally abused, while walking his dog. e. Damage to Flemingston Road. f. Membership of One Voice wales 2021-22</p> <p>PROPOSED By; Cllr R Eustace SECONDED By: Cllr B Acott</p> <p>That the annual subscription payment of £581.00 be paid to One Voice wales.</p>	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
1988	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS</u></p> <p>None.</p>	

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1990	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>a. Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended) Application No: 2021/00007/FUL Location: 1, Sunnyside Cottage, Beggars Pound, St. Athan Proposal: Construction of a two-storey side extension and single storey extension. APPROVED 3RD March 2021.</p> <p>b. Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended) Planning Application No. 2021/00174/FUL (CJ) Location: 17, Newbarn Holdings, St. Athan Road, Flemingston Proposal: Two storey side extension with Juliet balcony to the rear, to provide living accommodation for an ailing dependent. Demolition of existing garage and stables and construction of new horse stables and tack room.</p> <p>PROPOSED By: Cllr R Eustace SECONDED By: Cllr J Lynch-Wilson</p> <p>That the St Athan Community Council raise NO OBJECTIONS in respect of Planning Application No: 2021/00174/FUL (CJ)</p> <p>c. Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended) Planning Application No. 2021/00345/FUL (CR) Location : Gileston Manor, Gileston Road, Gileston Proposal : Variation of Condition 13 of Planning Permission 2018/00382/FUL relating to the use of the site only as a wedding and conference venue.</p> <p>PROPOSED By: Cllr J Angove SECONDED By: Cllr R Eustace</p> <p>That the St Athan Community Council raise NO OBJECTIONS in respect of Planning Application No: 2021/00345/FUL (CR) and makes the following comments on the application:</p>	CARRIED																

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1990 Cont...	<p>(1) That most of the planning applications had been made retrospectively, this application was to regularise the breach of conditions which have taken place for most of 2020.</p> <p>(2) This Council expect due consideration is given towards the mitigation of any noise or other relating issues.</p> <p>d. Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended) Planning Application No. 2021/00367/FUL (TP) Location : Seren Wyb, Cowbridge Road, St. Athan Proposal : Proposed new lean to store shed to side of property and new front porch.</p> <p>PROPOSED By: Cllr J Lynch-Wilson SECONDED By: Cllr S Williams</p> <p>That the St Athan Community Council raise NO OBJECTIONS in respect of Planning Application No: 2021/00367/FUL (TP)</p>	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
1991	<p><u>REPORTS</u></p> <p>a. Aberthaw Power Station Cllr S Williams reported on the progress made in respect of the closure of power station. Full details at Annex B.</p> <p>b. Council Fete The Clerk gave a brief on progress made to the planning of the village summer fete. Next fete committee meeting will be held on 13th April 2021 at 7.30pm</p> <p>c. Ward Audit. A total of 67 issues have been brought to the attention of the Vale of Glamorgan Council. 9 issues have been closed, leaving a balance of 58 outstanding issues.</p>	
1992	<p><u>CASUAL VACANCY</u> The Vale of Glamorgan Electoral Officer has authorised the advertisement of a Councillor vacancy. Applications have been received and interviews conducted, prior to the April Full General Council Meeting. Mrs Denise White was accepted for the role of Co-opted Community Councillor.</p>	
1993	<p><u>COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION</u></p> <p>Cllr Mr H Ibsule has formerly resigned from being a Community Councillor.</p>	
1994	<p><u>AGM</u></p> <p>The Council AGM will be held prior to the Full Council Meeting on 4th May 2021 7pm.</p>	

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1995	<p><u>DISASTER PLAN</u></p> <p>A discussion took place over the need for a Council disaster plan. A draft plan is to be reviewed / approved at the next Council meeting.</p>	
1996	<p><u>STANDING ORDERS</u></p> <p>A review of current Council Standing orders is to be carried out.</p>	
1997	<p><u>WAR MEMORIAL</u></p> <p>A Pre Grant Application for the cleaning of the St Athan, Flemingston, Gileston and Eglwys Brewis War Memorial and metal fencing has been submitted to War Memorials Trust.</p> <p>Reinstatement cost valuation to be sought from the War Memorial trust.</p>	
1998	<p><u>ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (RTA)</u></p> <p>The Council discussed the recent RTA at Rectory Road, involving an elderly lady and a van. No action to be taken by the Council.</p>	
1999	<p><u>GRASS CUTTING & FLOWERS</u></p> <p>Quotes for grass cutting and lamp flower baskets are to be reviewed at the next Council meeting.</p>	
2000	<p><u>NEWSLETTER</u></p> <p>17 May - Submissions in 19 to 21 May - Review content 24 May - Go to print 29 to 31 May - Out to residents</p>	
2001	<p><u>LITTER PICK</u></p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Cllr A Barnaby SECONDED BY: Cllr J Lynch-Wilson</p> <p>That the Council host a Spring Litter Pick on Saturday 22nd May 2021. All equipment will be provided, with refreshments in the Council hall following the event.</p>	
2002	<p><u>FINANCIAL APPEAL</u></p> <p>a. Urdd At the March Community Council meeting, it was agreed to revisit a request for a donation to Urdd Gobaith Cymru.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Cllr J Lynch-Wilson SECONDED BY: Cllr S Williams</p> <p>That a donation of £50.00 be made to help support this youth organisation, who provide opportunities for children and young</p>	

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2002 Cont...	<p>people to make a positive contribution to their communities,</p> <p>b. National Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Children. (NSPCC). It was agreed not to donate public money to this charity.</p>	
2003	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Cllr A Barnaby – Queried if the appropriate planning permission had been obtained for the change of use from a paddock to the scaping of vehicles behind 10 New Barn holdings.</p> <p>Cllr B Acott – Residents have complained over the closure of Cowbridge Roads and damage caused to grass verges in Flemingston following traffic diversion. It is believed further road works are planned but no notice has been received from the Highways Authority. Cllr B Acott agreed to obtain a copy of notice of any works/road closure, to be uploaded to the Council website & noticeboard.</p>	

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 09.22pm. There were no members of the public present.

Next General Meeting Tuesday 4th May 2021, 7:30pm

ST. ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 26th FEBRUARY 2021

RESERVE ACCOUNT

Income: 11,051.37
Expenditure: 5,000.00
Balance: 6051.37

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Income: 48,028.68

Expenditure:
Administration: 17,192.24
Chairman's allowance: 225.00
Council Property: 19,610.91
Grants & Donations: 1,583.00
St Athan Ward: 5,754.91
Total: 44,366.06

Balance: 3,662.62

ABERTHAW POWER STATION
REPORT BY COUNCILLOR S WILLIAMS

Only the closed site team of 8 people remain on the site tasked with completing the remaining decommissioning works and managing the site through the sale process and subsequent demolition.

The decommissioning has progressed very well despite being disrupted by the Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions put in place with some key workstreams being significantly delayed.

The electrical supplies to the site were disconnected in November and since then the site offices, chimney lights, etc. have been supplied via a diesel generator. This diesel generator will remain until the new 11kV electrical supply to the site is installed. This is expected in the next 3 months.

Two more diesel generators are also currently required, one to supply the 275kV substation and the other to supply the decommissioning works in the CW pump house. The substation generator will remain in place until National Grid install their own alternative supply from Western Power Distribution and the Cooling Water pump house generator use will end in the next two weeks.

All the chemicals, oils, fuels and waste products have been removed as far as possible within the scope of the decommissioning project. The low level of residual hazards that remain are best dealt with as part of the demolition program.

Staff have tried to find homes for useful redundant items with donations to local schools and a charity that refurbishes IT equipment for schools in the UK and Africa.

The remaining tasks include - the final separation works from the two high voltage substations, completing the cooling water separation from the Bristol Channel and installing the new 11kV alternative electrical supply.

Subject to planning approval, two areas of the site have been identified for early demolition. These are the Ash Reprocessing Plant towards the Eastern side of the site and the Carbon Capture Plant on the Western Side. The program of works for the demolitions will extend from April through to around August. These areas are relatively small in relation to the site as a whole therefore the impact for local residents should be minimal.

Concerns from local residents continue to be addressed. One is regarding the nature reserve and the lagoon. Due to the significant rainfall during February the paths around the nature reserve were very muddy and it was suspected that the lagoon drain was blocking with silt. Whilst we believe the drain was not completely blocked, we have since removed an amount of silt from around the grids and the levels have fallen back to normal. The pathways are still muddy in places and we are looking at options for improving the drainage in the area in preparation for next winter.

Another issue that has been raised is people hunting on the ash mound. This is of grave concern to us. Any information that can be passed onto us about people trespassing on the ash mound would be greatly appreciated. Contact email address or phone number below. Increased security patrols of ash mound are in place and repairs made to the fence where it has been damaged.

Adrian Greenwood
Aberthaw Power Station Decommissioning Manager
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The permissive pathway on the Eastern side of the ash mound passes under a disused bridge which is showing signs of decay and could be a safety hazard to people walking the path. Signage and barriers have been put in place to prevent people from walking under the bridge whilst it is decided what longer term action needs to put in place. There is evidence that people are bypassing the barriers and walking under the bridge so please respect the barriers for your own safety.

Water is no longer supplied to the site from Ely Wells and discussions are taking place with Welsh Water about capping the pipework. The reservoirs at St Lythan's and East Aberthaw have also been drained.

During the heavy rains there was flooding evident at the Western side of the site. Drains from the ditches which connect to the power station drains were checked to be clear. Due to the large amount of water on the site and the inability to discharge all the time (due to tidal levels in the channel), it took some time for the levels on site to subside and start to flow again. We are making some improvements to the management of the site surface water drains which should help prevent a recurrence.

The planned formal sales process for the site has now started with the release of the sales brochure. Expressions of interest have been requested by 7th April 2021 before access to the data room can begin. The deadline for all bids is 22nd June 2021.

If a buyer for the site is found then all activities, including demolition will transfer to the new owner. If a buyer cannot be found then RWE will complete the demolition of the site and then look for options for sale or redevelopment.