



**ST ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**  
**IN THE PAUL LEWIS COMMUNITY CENTRE**



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<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor R Eustace	Chairman
	Councillor A Barnaby	Vice-Chairman
	Councillor D Crompton	Community Councillor
	Councillor D White	Community Councillor
	Councillor S Williams	Community Councillor
	Councillor J Lynch-Wilson	Community Councillor
	Councillor J Thomas	County Councillor
	Mr D Patterson	Council Clerk
	Police Inspector G Morgan	South Wales Police
	Mr G Williams	South Wales Police
	Cllr A Brown	St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council.
	Mr A Parkhouse	Local Resident
	Mrs J Parkhouse	Local Resident
	Mrs C Maclver	Local Resident
	Mr T Bowring	Local Resident
	Mrs S Dodd-Clark	Local Resident
	Mr L Clerk	Local Resident
	Mrs S Toker	Local Resident
	Mrs J Birch	Local Resident
	Mrs B Goodwin	Local Resident
	Mr B Mills	Local Resident
	Mr T Williams	Local Resident
	Mr B Dickens	Local Resident
	Mrs G Dickens	Local Resident
	Mr S Griffiths	Local Resident
	Mr A Hughes	Local Resident
	Mr G Morgan	Local Resident
	Mrs L Beech	Local Resident
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Councillor B Acott	Community Councillor
	Councillor J Angove	Community Councillor
	Councillor D Willmot	Community Councillor
	Councillor S Haines	Community Councillor
	Councillor J Lougher	Community Councillor
	Mrs C Oliver	Local Resident

### **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their continued support in dealing with 'Road Safety' issues within the St. Athan Ward.

### **THE ISSUE**

The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting and highlighted public concerns over the speed at which vehicles travel along St Athan roads and the new road layout at the War Memorial, Junction Gileston road/B4265.

### **COUNCIL ACTION TODATE**

The Chairman summarised action taken by the Community Council to date:

- 06/07/2021 - Road safety discussed at the St Athan Community Council General Meeting. Guest speaker Mrs Emma Reed , from the Vale Council, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport.
- 09/07/2021 – The Council Chairman Cllr Roger Eustace, Cllr Julie Lynch-Wilson & Council Clerk Mr David Patterson attended a ‘Road Safety’ meeting with Mrs Jane Hutt MS, members of the public and the Police at the War Memorial to better understand the issue.
- 22/07/2021 - The Council Chairman & Council Clerk attended a remote ‘Road Safety’ meeting with Mrs Jane Hutt MS, Inspector Gareth Morgan from South Wales Police, Cllr Peter King & Mr Mike Clogg from Barry Council and representatives from other local Councils.

### **PUBLIC CONCERNS**

1. The volume of road traffic has increased in the last four years due to building of new homes and the development of Bro Tathan Business Park. The number of new homes will increase still further in the coming years, leading to an estimated additional 1500 -2000 vehicles using St Athan roads.
2. Difficult to see oncoming traffic when turning left out of Gileston Road towards Barry on the B4265.
3. Vulnerable people feel unsafe when attempting to cross the B4265, due to vehicles passing at high speed
4. The refuge island and the monument junction and on the B4265 offer little pedestrian protection, due to:
  - Insufficient safe standing space for both wheelchair users and mothers with prams and children.
  - Both refuge islands have low curbs, giving no protection to people, should a vehicle mount the curb.
5. A number of vehicles turning into the village from the B4265 are doing so on the wrong side of the road.
6. Construction works near to Eglwys-Brewis have resulted in a roundabout being installed at the junction of St Athan Road, Cowbridge Road and Eglwys-Brewis Road. The issue:
  - The chevron and arrow signs on the roundabout are not visible until you get to the junction. Moving the chevron signs more to the right would make them easier to be seen.
  - The layout of the roundabout means it is irregular in shape. Because of this, the other side of the roundabout cannot be seen, causing the junction to be mistaken for a ‘T’ junction.

- HGV seen going the wrong way around the roundabout. The design of the roundabout does not allow large HGV's to negotiate it without making an illegal move. This situation will be made worse when the development at Beggars Pound MoD hangers goes ahead.
  - Overgrown vegetation and tree branches, makes it difficult to see road signs when travelling along the coast road towards Llantwit.
7. Cyclists are being 'cut up' by overtaking vehicles around the Eglwys-Brewis/Bro Tathan site.
  8. Vehicle constantly parking on 'zig zag' white lines in the vicinity of the village Post Office.
  9. Drivers ignoring the 'One way' sign at Rock Road.

### POLICE ADVICE

Inspector Gareth Morgan from the South Wales Polices suggested the following:

1. Cyclist could use helmet or bike cameras to record incidents.
2. Members of the public can upload footage/photos of illegal traffic incidents via the South Wales Police website, using the link to Operation Snap, or by calling non-emergency – 101.
3. Children from the local primary school could design a poster regarding road safety.

Mr Gary Williams, Communities and Casualty Reduction (CCR) Officer, South Wales Police spoke on the following:

4. The role of a CCR Officer.
5. The criteria used to determine how speed vehicle camera vehicles are deployed.
6. The process by which Community Speed Watch Groups are formed.

### ACTION TO BE TAKEN

In summing up, the Chairman asked that:

- Residents wishing to form a Community Speed Watch Group are to inform the Council Clerk and the Community Council will support this initiative. The group would observe and report on vehicle speed monitoring and undertake a census of road traffic.
- Traffic violations, such as: speeding, parking, going the wrong way along 'One Way' road, driving on the wrong side of the road at the monument junction and near misses be reported to the Council Clerk via e-mail [st.athan@btconnect.com](mailto:st.athan@btconnect.com) who will maintain a formal record for future reference.
- County Councillor John Thomas agreed to;
  - Forward details of the School Liaison Officer to Inspector Gareth Morgan
  - Investigate with the Vale Highways, when a review and Level 3 audit will be made at the memorial junction.

- Contact Mrs Emma Reed, (Vale Council) for an update, relating to the securing money from the school 'Safe Route' fund to be used to make necessary safety improvement to the War Memorial junction.
- The local primary school be approached in the new term, to consider running a competition to design a suitable road safety poster and that a prize be presented to the winner.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9pm.

Next 'Road Safety Meeting' will be in September 2021.