

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Council Meeting held at
St Hilary Village Hall,
On Thursday, 9th May 2024 at 7.15pm.

Present: Chairperson: Councillor Jim Teague
Councillors : Steph Bonnar, Mary Llewellyn, Liz Loch, Tim McIlveen and Shaun Trigg.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor R Fisher.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillors Julian Hitchcock and Ray Simkiss.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
Councillor Bonnar – Item 18.1 - Planning Application **2024/00328/FUL** -
(*Councillor Bonnar owns adjacent property*).

Item 3: To consider the applications for co-option to the Community Council.
Left on agenda in error.

Item 4: Community Police Matters.
PCSO Davies forwarded the following incidents to the Clerk:
21/04/2024 (St Mary Church)
Report to Police 4 tyres on reporting person has been slashed overnight.
Outcome: Police attended; NO CCTV & NO suspect identified.

Item 5: To consider and approve the minutes of the Meeting held 4th April 2024.
Proposed by Councillor Loch, seconded by Councillor Bonnar and **resolved**
that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th April 2024 be approved.
Councillor Teague signed the Minutes.

Item 6: Matters arising from the Minutes, which are not included in this Agenda.

6.1 Councillor Bonnar referred to Item 13 and reported that there had been an issue in St Mary Church where an HGV hit a pillar at the Spinney.

6.2 Item 6.2 - Councillor Llewellyn reported that the road sign in St Hilary, directing traffic to St Mary Church, is yet to be repaired. The Clerk to report to the Vale of Glamorgan Council again.

6.3 Temporary road signs indicating a road closure are still in situ, although the road has been repaired. The Clerk to report to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Item 7: Chairperson's Report.
No report.

- Item 8: Vale of Glamorgan Councillor’s Report.**
- 8.1 Councillor Fisher advised that the Annual Meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Council has taken place. Councillor Elliot Penn was appointed as Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan for the ensuing year with Councillor Naomi Marshalsea appointed as Vice Mayor.
- 8.2 The stretch of road from Howe Mill to Abernant on the St Athan Road was discussed. The Clerk had already reported this to the Highways Department. Councillor Fisher spoke of his concerns at the chronic state of the road plus the bridge over the River Thaw which currently has a 7.5 tonne weight limit but HGVs are still using the road. Councillor Fisher will take up both issues with the Highways Department.

Item 9: Clerk’s Report
9.1 Finances.

Bank balance was noted at **£5,619.77** (Current Account £4,707.48 and Business Reserve Account £912.29).

Payments made since 4th April 2024 are:

- Clerk’s Salary (April) - £191.40;
- HMRC Tax (April) - £47.80;
- St Hilary Village Hall (hire for April and March meetings) - £60;
- J Griffin (Reimbursement for Zoom Fees for January, February and March) - £46.77;
- One Voice Wales (Annual Membership 2024/25) - £104.

Payments due to be made are:

- Clerk’s Salary (May) - £191.40;
- HMRC Tax (May) - £47.80;
- H Embling (Internal Auditor for 2023/2024) - £100;
- St Hilary Village Hall (hire for this meeting) - £30.

Proposed by Councillor Bonnar, seconded by Councillor Llewellyn and **resolved** that all payments due be made.

Receipts – First Precept payment for 2024/2025

Received via Vale Glamorgan Council - £1,948.00.

Item 10: To consider and approve the Annual Accounts and the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The Clerk had forwarded all relevant documents prior to the meeting. **Proposed** by Councillor Bonnar, seconded by Councillor McIlveen and **resolved** that the Annual Accounts and the Annual Return be approved. Councillor Teague signed the Annual Return ready to forward to Audit Wales.

Item 11: To discuss the renewal of the Council’s Insurance Policy.

The Clerk referred to the Council’s Annual Insurance which is due for renewal on 1st June 2024. Last year the premium was £305.71. Zurich Municipal had quoted £323.75 for the next year but if the Council took a package which would give the Council the same cover, the cost would be £241.

Resolved that the Council changes the insurance to the dedicated package at a cost of £241.

Item 12: **To discuss the final recommendations from the Boundary Commission on the Vale of Glamorgan Town and Community Councils Boundary Review.**
The final recommendations had been published. The recommendation is for a 'cluster' of Llandow, Llanfair and Llanmaes Community Councils should be formed and not for Llanfair Community Council to be merged with Cowbridge Town Council. This would give the Council a representation of 5 Councillors as opposed to 3 Councillors which would have been the result of a merger with Cowbridge Town Council. The recommendations are now subject to a 6-week consultation prior to agreement by the Welsh Government. The Members are pleased with the recommendation and will discuss advising the residents at the next meeting.

Item 13: **To update on incidents of HGV issues in St Hilary Village.**
It was reported that following the closure of the A48 on 3rd May, traffic was redirected through the lanes and this resulted in an HGV getting 'stuck' in St Hilary but details of the vehicle are not known.

Item 14: **To discuss occurrences of 'fly-tipping' in St Hilary Village.**
Members discussed the incidents of fly-tipping of garden refuse on the small triangle of land on the way out of St Hilary towards the A48. The residents are monitoring the situation but have asked that the Vale Council strims the area, which is Vale Council owned, when they cut the Village Green. The Clerk will request that the Vale Council cuts the grass there which will, hopefully, stop the fly-tipping occurrences.

Item 15: **Reports of Representatives.**
Councillor Bonnar reported on the meeting of the Community Liaison meeting on 18th April:
Police
Inspector Childs delivered an update:

- A resident recently arrested for breach of a Criminal Behaviour Order banning him from keeping horses. He was caught in a small holding in the area, found in charge of 16 horses. Currently on bail until 20th April and likely to receive a custodial sentence.
- The What 3 Words initiative is in force along the coast with 25 sites now having signage up and supporting the coast guard and all emergency services in quickly locating those in need of help.
- A significant number of arrests have been made for drug trafficking and supply offences with large quantities of drugs seized; street robbery; dangerous driving; damage to property; breach of bail conditions; domestic violence and knife crime, mainly in Barry and a number in St Athan.
- Operation Dursley has recently targeted the supply of crystal meth and GBL.
- The police have been made aware of public protests which potentially may happen on 27th April in St Athan East Camp. This follows a post by Patriotic Wales regarding the Afghan refugees currently placed there. The post was subsequently withdrawn as the group are pro military and now understand the refugees helped the British forces during the war.

- Peaceful protests have been taking place weekly on a Thursday outside AAlun Cairns MP surgeries in Barry with approximately 12 attending. However this week graffiti has appeared there stating “help stop genocide” so the police are monitoring the situation.
- There is a public meeting this evening in St Athan explaining what is happening with the Afghan refugees and the Superintendent will be in attendance.
- St Athan and Llanfair councillors raised concern at lack of PCSO attendance at Community Council meetings. Whilst this can’t happen monthly the Inspector will chase attendance at least quarterly with reports being sent for absent months.
- All were encouraged to register for ‘South Wales Listens’ to communicate with the police and advise them of concerns locally. The link to the site is:

[Home Page - De Cymru yn Gwranddo \(southwaleslistens.co.uk\)](http://southwaleslistens.co.uk)

Fire & Rescue

John Treherne advised a decrease has been seen in fires from 239 to 149. Surge seen in deliberate fires with many relating to fly tipping as they are now setting fire to waste dumped to avoid it being examined and culprit being identified.

Weather over Easter has delayed start of people setting fire to grasslands, but with this then happening in May half term the grasses will have grown significantly so may be harder to tackle. Fire service have been working with Natural Resources Wales to have fire breaks built into land.

False alarms are down, but good intent false alarms are up. This is due to increase in elderly wearing personal alarms.

The fire service has supported 10 bariatric cases with the ambulance service. There have been 4 water rescues and more water awareness training is being rolled out advising of cold water shock risks and the dangers of tomb stoning. There have been no attacks on staff in the last quarter.

Local Transport Provision

Kyle Phillips, who heads up the Vale Council Transport team, presented a report on the bus network. He explained that many bus services were scheduled to be cut in recent months due to budget constraints. However the Welsh Government has provided £2.1m of funding until March 2025 to maintain the majority of routes including the X2 Porthcawl to Cardiff and the 304 Llantwit to Cardiff. They are currently looking at franchise schemes and how they maintain beyond March 25. Councillor from Penarth raised concerns regarding Cardiff Bus lack of response and removal of services to Llandough hospital. He also requested more consultation with the communities on how there can be better support for services.

Reshaping

Tom Bowring talked about the next phase of transformation and how they are working to make communities more self-sustaining. He advised that £59m has been saved over the last 3 years and 5 community libraries and Food Share have been established with the help of Lottery funding. This has also created warm hubs through the winter months.

- Item 16: Correspondence and Publications which do not necessarily require discussion. i.e for noting only – *previously sent out by e-mail.***
- 16.1 Vale of Glamorgan Council (VGC) – Business Support Newsletters – 19th April & 3rd May 2024.
- 16.2 One Voice Wales (OVW) – News Bulletin April 2024.
- 16.3 VGC – Useful link for ‘South Wales Listens’. It was suggested that all Councillors register as this enables items to be reported to South Wales Police as an alternative to 101.
- 16.4 Clerks and Councils Direct – May 2024.
- 16.5 Via OVW – Ceredigion Nature Newsflash – Hedgerow Week.
- 16.6 OVW – Training Sessions in May and June and information on some free courses.
- 16.7 OVW – Preparation and Publication of Annual Reports.
- 16.8 OVW – Biodiversity Event.
- 16.9 OVW – News Bulletin April 2024.

All items were forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting and were noted.

- Item 17: To consider a suitable location for the framed photograph of HM The King.**
It was reported that Llanfair Primary School would take receipt of the photograph. The Clerk will bring along to the June meeting.

Item 18: Planning Applications.

*Councillor Bonnar declared an interest in the planning application and took no part in the Council’s debate, however Councillor Bonnar used her right, **as a resident**, to speak to the Members with regard to the planning application.*

- 18.1 Planning Application No. **2024/00328/FUL**
Location: 2 Talbot Terrace, St Mary Church
Proposal: Proposed two storey rear extension to rear to provide kitchen/dining room to the ground floor and bedroom to the first floor.

Members discussed the possible effects of the application on neighbouring properties including:

- Nuisance and disruption that maybe caused to the neighbours and local residents, by the delivery of building materials as the property is ‘landlocked’ on both room to the ground floor and bedroom to the first floor.

- 18.2 Planning Application No. **2024/00272/FUL**
Location: Llandough House, Llandough
Proposal: The creation of a series of 3 wildlife ponds in the floodplain adjacent to the River Thaw but not connected to the Thaw river.

No objection.

18.3 Planning Application No. **2024/00372/FUL**
Location: Kninkin, St Hilary
Proposal: Erection of double garage.
No objection.

Item 19: Place, Date and Time of Next Meeting
Thursday, 6th June 2024, 7.00pm at St Hilary Village Hall.

..... Chairman.
Date : 6th June 2024.