

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Council Meeting held at
St Hilary Village Hall,
On Thursday, 3rd October 2024 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairperson: Councillor Jim Teague (*arrived Item item 8*).
Councillors : Steph Bonnar, Mary Llewellyn, Liz Loch, Ray Simkiss
and Shaun Trigg.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Steph Bonnar.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillors Julian Hitchcock and Tim Mcilveen.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
None declared.

Item 3: Community Police Matters.
PCSO Davies had forwarded the incident figures cover for the last 2 months:
27/08/2024 (St Mary's Church)
Report of an assault.
Outcome: Police attended subjects have left the area no vehicle registration,
no subjects identified. Damage caused to reporting person vehicle additional
patrols occurrence finalised.

21/09/2024 (St Mary's Church)
Report of Hare coursing/lamping
Outcome: Police attended, no CCTV, no subjects or vehicles identified
occurrence finalised.

25/09/2024 (St Hilary)
Report of erratic driving.
Outcome: Police attended driver arrested, further investigations.

26/09/2024 (St Mary's Church)
Report of Hare coursing/lamping
Outcome: Police attended, no CCTV, no subjects or vehicles identified
occurrence finalised.

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

Chairperson's Initials.....

Item 5: Matters arising from the Minutes, which are not included in this Agenda.

- 5.1 Item 5.2 – Road Sweeper in Llandough.
Councillor Simkiss was pleased to report that the road had now been cleaned in Llandough. The Clerk advised that thanks had been expressed to the Officers involved.
- 5.2 Item 5.1 – ‘Drop Kerbs’ Request for St Hilary.
Councillor Loch advised that following a request, ‘drop kerbs’ have now been installed both ends of the pavement at Church Crescent. The Residents are delighted.
- 5.3 Councillor Llewellyn mentioned a problem which was first discussed a few months ago. The triangle of land at the approach to St Hilary from the A48 is continuing to be used as a ‘dumping ground’ with fly tipping of garden waste and other rubbish being left on the ground. A resident had contacted Councillor Llewellyn expressing her concerns and asking for Council’s help. The land is Council owned and the Vale Council used to maintain it. Clerk will contact the Vale Council to ask if they can assist with the problem.

Item 6: Chairperson’s Report.

No report.

Item 7: Vale of Glamorgan Councillor’s Report.

No Vale Councillor present.
Councillor Bonnar mentioned that there is an issue with contacting the Vale Council to report the non-collection of garden waste. If a phone call is made on the day of when the waste should be collected, a repeat phone call has to be made the following day thereby duplicating the work. The Clerk confirmed that she would point this out to the Vale Council.

Item 8: Clerk’s Report

8.1 Finances.

Bank balance was noted at **£5,501.17** (Current Account £4,585.53 and Business Reserve Account £915.64).

Payments made since 2024 are:

Clerk’s Salary (September) - £191.40;
HMRC Tax (September) - £47.80;
St Hilary Village Hall (hire for September meeting) - £30;
J Griffin (Reimbursement of Zoom Fees April – August 2024) – £77.95;
J Griffin (Reimbursement for Councillor Planning Training Course) - £40;
Audit Wales (Audit Fees 2021/2022) - £255.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk’s Salary (October) - £191.40;
HMRC Tax (October) - £47.80.

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

Receipts:

No monies received.

- 8.2 **Response from One Voice Wales regarding the Town and Community Council Boundary Review in the Vale of Glamorgan.**
 The Clerk advised that she had received the following response from One Voice Wales in regard to the Council’s request to press the Welsh Government for their final decision on the recommendations for changes to the Town and Community Councils Boundary Review in the Vale of Glamorgan:
“As reviews are complex and changes not being implemented until the next Election, we also have to wait for Welsh Governments decision. Due to previous reviews, One Voice Wales have a process and presentation in place which will be shared with councils at the appropriate time. We hope that this helps”.
 Members were disappointed with the response but not surprised.
- 8.3 **Payments to Members of the Community Council – 2023/2024.**
 The Clerk advised Members that the payments made to Councillors are to be reported to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales by 30th September each year.
 This has been reported and will be posted on the Community Council’s website.
- 8.4 **Bank Account Interest.**
 To benefit from better bank interest rates, the Clerk suggested that £2,000 be transferred into the Council’s Savings Account.
Proposed by Councillor Bonnar, seconded by Councillor Llewellyn and **resolved** that £2,000 is transferred from the Current account to the Savings account.
- 8.5 **Meeting Date for April 2025.**
 The Clerk advised that all dates required for meeting at Llanfair Primary School every other month have been booked with the exception of April 3rd which is diarised by the school as parents evening. It was agreed that the April meeting should be held on 10th April.
- Item 9:** **To report Conclusion of Audit for the financial year ended 31st March 2024.**
 The papers relating to the Audit had been circulated to Members. Audit Wales have marked the audit for the year ended 31st March 2024 as unqualified (a pass).
 Councillor Bonnar expressed a ‘vote of thanks’ to the Clerk for the completion of the Audit for 31st March 2024.
- Item 10:** **To update on incidents of HGV issues in St Hilary Village.**
 Members discussed a few minor issues with regard to traffic in the village.
- Item 11:** **To discuss the cutting of grass verges.**
 Councillor Simkiss expressed concern that the grass verges between the Mill and Lake Farm have not been cut this year and this is making it very difficult for motorists negotiating the stretch of road. Clerk to report to the Vale Council.

Councillor Bonnar mentioned some overhanging branches/shrubs at 'the Rocky' making visibility difficult for motorists. Clerk to report to the Vale Council.

Item 12: Reports of Representatives.

- 12.1 Councillor Bonnar reported that the next Community Liaison meeting is scheduled for 10th October and therefore she will report back at the November meeting.
- 12.2 Councillor Loch advised that she has not been contacted about any upcoming meetings of the Public Services Board. Clerk to make enquiries.

Item 13: Correspondence and Publications which do not necessarily require discussion. i.e for noting only – *previously sent out by e-mail.*

- 13.1 OVW (One Voice Wales) – Training Dates for September to December 2024.
- 13.2 VGC – Vale of Glamorgan Council Cost of Living 2024/25 Grant Fund.
- 13.3 OVW - Cost of Living Crisis Support Team - Autumn Update.
- 13.4 VGC – Vale 50+ Strategy Forum AGM – 17.10.2024.
- 13.5 OVW - Consultation: Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025-26.
- 13.6 OVW – Funding from Vale Nature Partnership.
- 13.7 Planning Aid Wales Newsletter – October 2024.
- 13.8 Clerks and Councils Direct – September 2024.
- 13.9 OVW – Invitation to participate in the Rural Housing Action Guide for Wales Project Online Survey.
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- 13.11 E-mail from a resident concerned about recent drone activity in the Flemingston, St Mary Church and St Hilary farmland which, it is stated, is connected to private companies surveying land for solar panel developments. It is felt that this activity is motivated by financial gain rather than the best interests of the environment and local communities. The writer feels that the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Welsh Government should focus more on supporting Welsh farming rather than commissioning giant PLC's to 'degrade the land'. The e-mail states that Lightsource BP has confirmed that the surveying is intended for additional solar panel installations in the area. Members discussed the e-mail and understand the concerns of the local community. As a Council, the Members can only make observations on such activity when planning applications are received for any solar panel installations. The Clerk to respond advising the resident of that and suggesting that the concerns are taken to the local MP; Vale of Glamorgan Council and the local MSs.

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

Suggestion made that an item entitled 'Correspondence from Residents' is listed on the agenda.

Item 14: Planning Applications.

14.1 Result of recent Planning Applications:

- (i) Planning Application No. **2024/00272/FUL** – Proposal to create a series of 3 wildlife ponds in the floodplain adjacent to the River Thaw but not connected to the Thaw at Llandough House, Llandough – **Grants permission with 4 conditions.**

Noted.

Item 15: Place, Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 7th November 2024, 7.00pm at St Hilary Village Hall.

..... Chairman.

Date : 7th November 2024.

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