

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Council Meeting held at
St Hilary Village Hall
On Thursday, 6th March 2025 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
PCSO Stephen Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillors Julian Hitchcock, Mary Llewellyn, Ray Simkiss and Shaun Trigg.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
None.

Item 3: Community Police Matters.
PCSO Davies gave Members a thorough report on recent activity:
St Hilary – Report of out-of-control dogs.
Outcome: Police attended and spoke to all parties – Warning letter issued to dog owner control measures implemented to avoid repeat incidents.

Rural Crime within the Vale has increased significantly with criminals travelling to the area from England in vehicles fitted with false plates. Significant damage is occurring at farms, both to livestock and crops and property, such as gates etc.
Hare coursing activity is using dogs to catch hares and criminals are betting on which dog will catch the hare. This is being live streamed via the internet. Dogs are being trained on common land in the Vale.

Members were urged to report items to Police via google @southwalespolice
PCSO Davies advised that ‘The Bush’ is a member of the local ‘Pub Watch’.
The Members thanked PCSO Davies for attending the meeting.

Item 4: To consider and approve the minutes of the Meeting held 6th February 2025.
Proposed by Councillor Bonnar, seconded by Councillor McIlveen and **resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th February 2025 be approved. Councillor Teague signed the Minutes.

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

5.1 Councillor Bonnar reported that the damaged ‘Give Way’ sign has been replaced at ‘Pig Lane’, St Mary Church.

5.2 It was noted that the St Mary Church ‘fingerpost’ in St Hilary, which has been reported to Highways, has been missing for some time. The Clerk will report again.

Item 6: Chairperson's Report.
No items to report.

Item 7: Vale of Glamorgan Councillor's Report.
No Vale Councillor present.

Members expressed their disappointment at the lack of attendance and asked that it is reported to George Carroll, Leader of the Vale Conservatives.

Item 8: Clerk's Report
8.1 Finances.

Bank balance was noted at **£5,145.51** (Current Account £2,216.94 and Business Reserve Account £2,928.57).

Payments made since 6th February 2025 are:

Clerk's Salary (February) - £199.48;

HMRC Tax (February) - £49.80;

HCI Data Ltd (disc space utilised by e-mail/website) - £24.00;

J Griffin (Reimbursement of Zoom Fees for September to December 2024) - £62.36;

J Griffin (Reimbursement of payment for The Poppy Appeal) - £20.

J Griffin (Backpay from April 2024 to January 2024 *as agreed at January meeting minutes item 10*) - £100.80.

Payments due to be made are:

Clerk's Salary (March) - £199.48;

HMRC Tax (March) - £49.80;

J Griffin (Petty Cash for year 2024/25) - £44.70;

HCI Data (Disk Space – 31.1.25 – 24.2.25) - £17.28;

St Hilary Village Hall (January meeting cancellation) - £30;

St Hilary Village Hall (March meeting) - £45.

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

Receipts:

None.

Item 9: To update on incidents of HGV issues in St Hilary Village.

9.1 In Llandough, the hedges have been cut by the land owner but debris has been left on the highway. This is also an issue in Pig Lane, St Mary Church. The Clerk to report to the Vale Council.

Item 10: To remind Councillors to claim for Allowances for year 2024/2025.

The Clerk reminded Councillors to claim their allowances for the year before the 31st March. If they do not wish to claim, the Clerk needs to be advised by 31st March by completing the proforma or advising the Clerk by e-mail.

- Item 11: To consider renewal of Membership of One Voice Wales for a further 12 months.**
Members discussed whether to continue their membership of One Voice Wales. The cost for the next twelve months is £111 (an increase of £7 from last year).
Proposed by Councillor Loch, seconded by Councillor Teague and **resolved** that the membership should continue for the next twelve months enabling the Council to benefit from gaining advice and attending courses and meetings.
- Item 12: Reports of Representatives.**
No meetings.
Councillor Loch referred to the Public Services Board and that she has not been notified of any recent meetings. The Clerk will 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 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2025.
Payments same as previous year.
- 13.2 VGC (Vale of Glamorgan Council) – Business Support Newsletter 7th and 21st February 2025.
- 13.3 Planning Aid Wales – Latest News March 2025.
- 13.4 Royal British Legion Industries – Flag for VE Day 80.
- 13.5 Councillor Loch referred to an e-mail, forwarded to the Clerk, advising of a public consultation regarding the redevelopment of Cowbridge Old Hall, on Thursday 13th March, between 10.00 and 20.00. At the consultation the proposed plans will be on display.
- All items were forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting and were noted.***
- Item 14: Correspondence from Residents.**
None.
- Item 15: Planning Applications.**
- 15.1 Decisions on recent planning applications:
- (i) Planning Application No. **2023/01245/FUL** – Conversion of redundant agricultural building into dwelling at Henywen, Llandough – **Refused.**
- (ii) Planning Application No. **2024/01056/FUL** – Proposed creation of 2 new wildlife ponds at Coed Hills Rural Artspace – **Approved with 8 conditions.**
- (iii) Planning Application No. **2024/01229/FUL** – Installation of mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at 1,2,3,4,5 and 8 Thaw Close, St Mary Church – **Approved with 3 conditions.**
- (iv) Planning Application No. **2025/00008/FUL** – New single storey extension to garden elevation to provide increased family kitchen/dining area plus new canopy porch to main entrance at 3 Cwrt Llanfair, St Mary Church – **Approved with 4 conditions.**

Item 16: Place, Date and Time of Next Meeting
Thursday, 3rd April 2025, 7.00pm at Llanfair Primary School.

..... Chairman.

Date: 3rd April 2025.