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LLANDOW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Llandow Community Council held at Llandow Village Hall and via Zoom
on Thursday, 2nd March 2023 at 7.00 pm.

188/22. **PRESENT:** Mrs. C. Bray (Chairman), Mr. R. Thomas (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. A. Pattinson, Mr. D. Hackett, Ms. J. Shaw, Mrs. S. Brewer and Mrs. K. Walters.

189/22. **IN ATTENDANCE:** County Borough Councillor C. Cave and Mr. D-L. Jones (Clerk)

190/22. **APOLOGIES:** Mr. A. Clarke, Mr. M. Walker and PCSO A. Stone

191/22. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST, ETC:**

Cllrs. K. Walters, A. Pattinson and D. Hackett declared an interest in all matters concerning the planning application for Ashbrook, Llandow.

Mr. D-L. Jones declared an interest in all matters concerning the grant application of Holy Trinity Church, Llandow.

192/22 **CO-OPTIONS:**

Council noted there is a vacancy for a Community Council in the Llysworney Ward.

193/22. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

It was agreed to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2023, proposed by Cllr. D. Hackett and seconded by Cllr. J. Shaw.

194/22. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Moat Farm: Cllr. J. Shaw and the Clerk reported that the Vale of Glamorgan Planning Department had included Council's responses and correspondence regarding planning matters on the planning website, together with those of other consultees.

Wall of Sigingstone brook: It was reported a section of the wall had collapsed; the Clerk had reported this to the VGCBC but, to date, no work seems to have been undertaken. The Clerk will report this again.

Tree near plane crash memorial: Cllr. S. Brewer reported the fallen tree near the plane crash memorial had been removed.

Network Rail: Cllr. D. Hackett reported that the issues with Network Rail seem to have abated following Council's communication.

195/22 **POLICE REPORT:**

PCSO A Stone reported, via email, the following crimes had been reported in the preceding month:

Theft of goods – Llandow Industrial Estate area

Theft from vehicle – Llandow Industrial Estate area.

196/22. **FINANCE:**

a)	Business a/c	£51.52	
	Current a/c	<u>£6,115.81</u>	
		£6,167.33	
b)	Outgoings for March 2023:		
	Clerk's salary @ S.P. 24- Feb '23:		£420.16
	HMRC:		£105.00
	Mr. D. Hackett: Meta Portal:		£130.01
	Transact Pensions (<i>by direct debit</i>):		£95.36
c)	Financial Statement February 2023 (Appendix 1): Council noted the financial statement.		

197/22. **STRONG COMMUNITIES GRANT FUND:** *There were no applications.*

198/22. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND:**

The Clerk declared a personal interest due to his role as a trustee of the Cowbridge Ministry Area (Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge) and withdrew for the discussion of this item.

Holy Trinity Llandow:

Report for the minutes prepared by the Chairman:

The application was deemed to be ineligible as the expenses to be incurred are 'normal running expenses' which are specifically excluded in the guidance notes for the Community Council Fund.

Further, the Council considered the amount requested was not affordable as it represents more than half of the total annual budget which supports three villages.

The Council was unanimous in refusing the application.

The Council wondered whether there were other funding sources available to the applicant e.g. The Welsh Church Act.

199/22. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:

- 1) Vale of Glamorgan Community Liaison Committee: Cllr. R. Thomas reported that the next meeting is scheduled for 23rd March.

200/22. CORRESPONDENCE (*Council noted the following correspondence*):

- 1) Clerks & Councils Direct
- 2) The Clerk

201/22. PLANNING:

Applications:

Cllrs. K. Walters, A. Pattinson and D. Hackett withdrew for the discussion of this item.

- 1) Mr. H. Walters, Ashbrook, Llandow: Replacement of existing hardwood windows and entrance door with aluminium windows and hardwood door; in conservation area.

Approvals:

- 1) Mr. G. Turley, Stourbridge House, Llysworney: Proposed granny annex and alterations to outbuilding.

202/22 RLDP: Growth and Spatial Options Survey:

Council considered its response to the Planning Authority's consultation (February 2023) on the Vale of Glamorgan Replacement Development Plan (RDLP) – Spatial Strategy and concluded that Option 3 – Focussed Growth fully accords with 'Planning Policy Wales' (PPW) and the 'National Development Framework – Future Wales' to target development towards sustainable areas near town centres, well-served by public transport and community facilities. Council also asked the following observations to be taken in to account:

Council notes that the strategy recommended in the Briefing Note to VGCBC Council Members is Option 4 – Sustainable Transport Oriented Growth. This strategy is coincident with Option 3 in emphasising the importance of areas served by the South Wales Metro. Option 4, however, also seeks to "maximise opportunities" along the Vale of Glamorgan Line, indicating that growth will be considered according to the "capacity of each settlement to accommodate additional development" rather than being based on their position in the settlement hierarchy.

The Llandow Community Council area is made up of the three villages of Llandow, Llysworney and Sigingstone, all of which are "minor rural settlements" in the RLDP hierarchy. Each village has a rural character, contributing significantly to the landscape pattern of the Rural Vale, and each is subject to considerable environmental constraints. The Vale of Glamorgan Line runs through the Rural Vale and Llandow Village lies adjacent to it. Council is, therefore, extremely concerned that the adoption of Option 4 would leave the door open to significant development in Llandow. This would be contrary to the RLDP's Placemaking objective to protect the character of existing communities by respecting local distinctiveness and their existing setting.

The Welsh Government has already raised concerns about development in the Vale's minor settlements under the current LDP. Option 3 both conforms to national policy and the Council's own RDLP objectives, and explicitly avoids the potential for ambiguity and future unscrupulous exploitation. Council, therefore, urges the VGCBC to proceed with Option 3.

203/22 COMMUNITY REVIEW:

Council considered the report of Cllr. C. Bray regarding the review of Town and Community Council Boundaries in the VGCBC. Since the previous meeting Members had considered the potential impact, both positive and negative, on their individual wards and had fed back their views which were captured in the report:

- As things stand, provision of effective and convenient local government.
- Amalgamation with other communities may potentially mean that existing villages would lose their identities as the priorities of larger areas would take precedence.
- Amalgamation of the existing three wards risks the loss of representation from each distinct community, with the inevitable loss of in-depth local knowledge.
- The need for a group that is large enough to have a diverse skill set.
- The need for a sufficient number of Members to meet mandatory quorum requirements, as well as cover for holidays, sickness, and casual vacancies, without placing excessive pressure on volunteers.
- The large industrial area within Council's area creates a significant increase in the volume of matters for consideration by Council.

It was unanimously agreed, for the reasons above, the present composition of Llandow Community Council should be maintained.

204/22. LLANDOW:

Pot Holes: It was reported that there are potholes at Llandow Air Field near the go- karting track and at the entrance to the village where there is also a sunken drain. The Clerk will report these issues to the VGCBC.

Hedge near Place for Homes: Cllr. D. Hackett reported that the hedge near 'The Place for Homes' was causing an obstruction and had caused damage to motor vehicles. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the landowner requesting that the hedge is cut back.

Civic Amenity Site: Following the decision not to proceed with a new recycling centre at the preferred site, Cllr C. Cave reported she had received notification that the VGCBC is now considering a location near 'The Place for Homes'. Cllr. Cave expressed concern that this location is particularly undesirable given its proximity to Llandow Village, the very poor road network, limited access to the site and the consequent increase in traffic movement in narrow lanes. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Mr. M. Punter and Mr. C. Smith at the VGCBC to express Council's significant concerns.

205/22. LLYSWORNEY:

Speed Watch: It was reported that Speed Watch had recently recommenced with PCSO A. Stone in attendance.

20 mph speed limit roll out: Cllr. J. Shaw reported that we still await a decision regarding the inclusion or exclusion of the B4268 through Llysworney.

206/22. SIGINGSTONE:

Racetrack Noise: Cllr. S. Brewer reported that there had been instances of noise reported. Residents continue to keep a diary of these occurrences.

207/22. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT:

Council noted the report of Cllr. C. Cave.

Flooding at Llandow: Cllr. C. Cave reported that she would call a meeting with all stakeholders to try and move this matter forward and hoped to have an update by the next meeting.

Recycling Centre: Cllr. C. Cave reported that there are no plans to discontinue the present booking system at the Recycling Centre, despite requests from several residents asking for it to be removed in favour of the previous open system now that Covid restrictions had come to an end in most places.

208/22. OTHER BUSINESS:

Llandow Village Hall Hire Fees: Cllr. D. Hackett reported that he had been in contact with the Llandow Village Hall Treasurer regarding the resumption of meetings at the Hall. A fee of £250 for the year, payable in arrears, had been suggested which all agreed was acceptable.

Llandow Playground: It was reported that the play area is looking very tired with moss, dead leaves and general detritus covering most of the area. Cllr. A. Pattinson agreed to contact Mr. W. Hughes at the VGCBC to request the usual spring clean-up at this time of year.

209/22. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Thursday, 6th April 2023 at 7pm at Llandow Village Hall and via Zoom.

Thursday, 4th May 2023 directly following the AGM at 7pm at Llandow Village Hall and via Zoom.

Signed..... Dated.....