

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL LLANDOW
LLANDOW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Llandow Community Council held at Sigingstone Village Hall, Sigingstone on
Thursday 1st February 2018 at 7.30 pm**

- 18/18. PRESENT:** Mr. C. Cornelius (Chairman), Mr. R. Thomas (Vice Chairman), Mr. T. Phillips, Mrs. C. Bray, Ms. J. Shaw, County Borough Councillor C. Cave, PCSO Angela Stone and Mr. D-L. Jones (Clerk).
- 19/18. APOLOGIES:** Mr. R. Finucane, Mr. P. Bryant, Mrs. A. Pattinson and Mr. A. Clarke.
- 20/18. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST, ETC:** there were no declarations made.
- 21/18. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 4th JANUARY 2018:**
Proposed by Cllr. R. Thomas, seconded by Cllr. J. Shaw.
- 15/18. POLICE REPORT:**
PCSO A. Stone reported that two crimes had been reported since the January meeting:
11/12/2017 – Theft of building materials – Llandow Industrial Estate – enquiries ongoing.
25/12/2017 – Theft of horse rugs – Llandow/Nash area – enquiries ongoing.
PCSO. A. Stone reported that PC Mark Goulding (Wildlife Officer) was investigating the ongoing theft of horse rugs from across the rural Vale as this had recently become a widespread problem.
PCSO A. Stone reported that ‘Rural Watch’ was being rolled out across the Vale; literature packs are available which PCSO Stone would be happy to supply. Mr. T. Phillips received a copy.
PCSO reported that she continues to hold ‘Coffee & Chat’ drop-in sessions for residents at The Victoria Inn, Sigingstone, every other month.
The Chairman thanked PCSO Stone for attending the meeting in her own time and for the comprehensive and informative report she had made.
- 22/18. MATTERS ARISING:**
159/17: BT / Openreach: The Chairman reported that he had been in touch with Openreach about their incorrect assertion regarding the location of his property and had received an apology.
141 & 143/17: Issues with infrastructure: Cllr. C. Cave offered Cllr. G. Cox’s apologies as he had several other commitments that evening, but hoped to attend the March meeting. Cllr. C. Cave reported that she had arranged a meeting with Emma Reed (VGCBC Head of Service) to discuss this Council’s concerns and that it would be useful if the Clerk could provide details of the outstanding issues in a Table format. It was agreed the Clerk would provide a table detailing the issues to Cllr. Cave to inform their discussion. There was a discussion about some of the ongoing issues and how the VGCBC criteria seemed to favour the urban Vale in comparison to the rural Vale. Cllr. Cave stated that she was aware of this and always did her best to make the case for the rural Vale, adding that a review of the criteria is something she would/and does support. Cllr. J. Shaw commented that it would be helpful to know exactly what the VGCBC legal obligations are regarding the maintenance of highways which would hopefully inform further discussions.
16/18 2: Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council Budget Consultation: Cllr. C. Cave reported that the Cabinet had recently been in discussions regarding the 2018/19 budget; this would be presented to full Council in March. The VGCBC has the lowest financial settlement of all the unitary authorities in Wales and this is an ongoing cause of concern for the Vale Council. Cllr. Cave suggested that the Members of the Community Council express their view in this matter directly to the Welsh Government and reiterated how difficult it was to fix the budget when set against the Vale Council’s current financial settlement.
- 23/18. FINANCE:**
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| a) | Business a/c | £51.19 |
| | Current a/c | £4,056.56 |
| b) | Outgoings for February 2018: | |
| | Clerk’s salary @ S.P. 27- December ‘17: | £326.56 |
| | HMRC: | £81.60 |
| | Transact Pensions (<i>by direct debit</i>): | £81.64 |
| | Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council: Election costs 2017: | £158.29 |

24/18. BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND:

Cllr. C. Cave reported that the deadline for submission of grant applications for this financial year was the 8th February. The VGCBC are looking for innovative ideas and partnership working which will strengthen communities and make them more resilient. Cllr. J. Shaw commented that it was difficult for the community of Llysworney to apply for funding as they did not have a village hall, like other communities, to act as a focus for activities.

25/18. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND:

The Clerk circulated a draft application form and guidance notes. It was agreed that this was a useful working document and that it would be reviewed at the March meeting.

26/18. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:

Cllr. R. Thomas reported that he would be attending the next meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee.

27/18. CORRESPONDENCE: *(Council noted the following correspondence)*

- 1) Clerks & Councils Direct.
- 2) Andrew R. T. Davies – Calendar.

28/18. PLANNING:

Siteserve: Cllr. C. Cave reported that she had recently attended an inspection at Siteserve with the VGCBC Planning Enforcement Officer and an Officer from Natural Resources Wales. At present the recycling of plastics and paper is all that takes place there and they seem to be operating within the terms of their planning permission and licences. It is hoped that with regular inspections, operations will continue without further incident. Cllr. C. Cave reported that an invitation had been extended to Members of this and other Community Council in the Llandow/Ewenny ward to visit Siteserve if they wish. A period of 24 hours is required prior to visits and these should be arranged via the Clerk.

Cllr. C. Cave reported that Siteserve are starting to clear the site of their previous operation that burned down. This process is being rigorously monitored to ensure that water courses are not polluted and no further damage to the environment occurs.

29/18. LLANDOW: Cllr. T. Phillips reported that Llandow Village had flooded in the recent heavy rain, however he did not believe that water had entered any properties on that occasion. The flood happened on a Sunday afternoon when it had been very difficult to get in touch with any of the statutory service providers. This highlights the need for regular maintenance of the drainage system by Network Rail, Natural Resources Wales and the VGCBC if the danger of flooding is to be minimised. Cllr. C. Cave reported that several of the fields have had their hedges removed and this is causing water to fall into Grove Road and cause difficulties with the amount of water already gathering in this area.

30/18. LLYSWORNEY: There were no issues to report.

31/18. SIGINGSTONE: There were no issues to report.

32/18. COUNCIL DECISIONS: No report.

33/18. OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

34/18. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 1st March 2018, 7.30 pm, at Llandow Village Hall.

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