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LLANDOW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Llandow Community Council held at Sigingstone Village Hall, Sigingstone on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 7.30 pm.

52/18. PRESENT: Mr. C. Cornelius (Chairman), Mr. A. Cave, Mr. P. Bryant, Mrs. A. Pattinson, Mr. A. Clarke, Mr. T. Phillips, Mrs. C. Bray, Mr. R. Thomas (Vice Chairman), Ms. J. Shaw, County Borough Councillor G. Cox, County Borough Councillor C. Cave and Mr. D-L. Jones (Clerk).

53/18. APOLOGIES: Mr. R. Finucane, Ms. E. Reed and PCSO Angela Stone.

54/18. COUNCILLOR G. COX:

The Chairman welcomed County Borough Councillor G. Cox, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport, and thanked him for making the space in his very busy diary to attend the meeting.

The Chairman introduced the ongoing problems that Council was experiencing with VGCBC in terms of communication and the resolution of issues. They had been outlined in the list the Clerk had prepared, with no response forthcoming for several months.

Cllr. Cox apologised for the lack of response which is regrettable and understands that Ms. E. Reed is taking the matter forward with the Officers concerned. Cllr. Cox made it clear that the issues being experienced are due to the extremely difficult financial constraints on VGCBC with regard to staffing and capital works. The ongoing problem with road repairs is countywide and this is addressed in the 2018/19 Budget; a significant rise in the amount available for highway repairs and additional funding from the Welsh Government, aimed specifically at tackling the problem, have increased the budget allocation to £2.43 million. Cllr. Cox stated that whilst this is a considerable improvement in the VGCBC's investment in highway infrastructure, it should be seen against the real costs of works - approx. £16 per m² for resurfacing and £5 per m² for surface dressing. Furthermore, Cllr. Cox has written to all Town and Community Councils to ask them to select three roads they believe are in the most urgent need of repair (*see AOB 69/18*).

Cllr. T. Phillips raised Council's concern regarding the removal of the street light near Maes-y-Felin, Llandow. Cllr. Cox responded that there is no statutory obligation on the principal authority to provide street lighting and given the current financial constraints, it is highly unlikely that a replacement would be installed.

The Chairman reported that household refuse collections had been very haphazard over the previous few months. Cllr. G. Cox responded that the severe weather and vehicle breakdowns had caused problems, however, VGCBC were doing their best to get back on track.

Cllr. G. Cox reported that VGCBC would be moving to a new 'kerbside' recycling/waste collection system to replace the current 'co-mingled' system and this would be rolled out across the Vale in the forthcoming year. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Cox for attending the meeting.

55/18. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST, ETC: there were no declarations made.

Members' Code of Conduct Training: The Clerk reported that he and Cllr's A. Pattinson, R. Thomas and C. Bray had recently attended a training session, organised by One Voice Wales, concerning the Members' Code of Conduct. Everyone who had attended agreed that it had been informative and very beneficial, and recommended that other Members undertake the training when another session is arranged.

Member's Register of Interests: The Clerk reported that he would be updating the Members' Register of Interests for publication on the website and asked that all Members who needed to do so would complete their declaration form by the next meeting.

Membership of One Voice Wales: It was unanimously agreed to become a member of One Voice Wales for the year 2018/19.

56/18. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 8TH MARCH 2018:

Proposed by Cllr. A. Pattinson, seconded by Cllr. C. Bray.

57/18. MATTERS ARISING:

BT Openreach: Cllr. C. Cave reported that, to her knowledge, no response had been received from BT Openreach regarding the issues raised with them by Cllr. J. Bird at his recent meeting.

141 & 143/17: Issues with infrastructure: See item 54/18 above.

16/18 2: *The Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council Budget Consultation*: The Clerk reported that he had written to Mark Drakeford AM, Finance Minister at the Welsh Government, highlighting Council's concerns. An acknowledgement has been received and a response is anticipated in due course. Cllr. C. Cave thanked Council for writing to Mr. Drakeford and asked if she might circulate the letter to other interested parties, to which Council agreed.

58/18. CO-OPTION OF A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR:

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr. A. Cave to the Office of Community Councillor. The Chairman welcomed Cllr. A. Cave and wished him every success in his new role.

59/18. FINANCE:

a)	Business a/c	£51.22	
	Current a/c	£2,618.67	
b)	Outgoings for April 2018:		
	Clerk's salary @ S.P. 27- March '17:		£326.56
	HMRC:		£81.60
	Transact Pensions (<i>by direct debit</i>):		£81.64
	Membership of One Voice Wales 2018/19:		£44.50

60/18. BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND:

Cllr. C. Bray reported that her recent application to this fund for 'Making Music in Llysworney' had been successful and she had received a grant of £269.00.

61/18. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND:

The Clerk reported that an application had been received from Sigingstone Village Hall for funding for a skip for the village clean-up. It was agreed to award a grant of £234. It was noted that Sigingstone Village Hall does not have a constitution at present, but the Clerk will ask that a copy be supplied in due course.

It was agreed to circulate the application form to community groups and place a notice on the village noticeboards informing people about the grant.

62/18. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:

Footpaths Committee: Cllr. A. Pattinson reported that unfortunately she had not been able to represent Council at the Footpaths Committee Meeting at Cowbridge Town Hall that morning and had tendered her apologies. Cllr. Pattinson will try to attend future meetings whenever she is available to do so.

Community Liaison Committee: Cllr. R. Thomas reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Community Liaison Committee. A report had been received from the Police regarding the ongoing problem with 'county lines' where groups of organized criminals attempt to infiltrate regional communities by targeting vulnerable people and taking over their homes to use for illegal activities. South Wales Police are taking a proactive approach by raising awareness of the problem in local communities, asking people to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour.

63/18. CORRESPONDENCE: (*Council noted the following correspondence*)

- 1) Valeways: Spring walking programme & Walking Festival.
- 2) VGBCB: Special Meeting of 28th March 2018.
- 3) VGBCB: Highways resurfacing work 2018/19.
- 4) Age Cymru: request for financial support.

64/18. PLANNING:

Approvals:

- 1.) Ashbrook, Llandow: Construction of contemporary glazed orangery extension to replace existing conservatory.

Applications withdrawn:

- 1) Site Serv Recycling Ltd: Hangars A & B Llandow Trading Estate.

Applications:

- 1) Crosslands Agricultural & Stabling, Crosslands Cottage, Llandow: DIY Livery for a maximum of 10 horses and 8 stables, an outdoor exercise area and grazing. Of the 10 horses, 4 are the applicant's own.

65/18. LLANDOW: Cllr. T. Phillips reported that there are several potholes near Stembridge which he has reported to VGCBC.

Cllr. T. Phillips reported that Llandow Village nearly flooded recently due to blocked culverts that are the responsibility of Network Rail. Cllr. R. Thomas reported that there is also a similar issue near Gluepot Bridge. The Clerk will report this to Network Rail and Natural Resources Wales.

66/18. LLYSWORNEY: No issues to report.

67/18. SIGINGSTONE: No issues to report.

68/18. COUNCIL DECISIONS:

Map / grid reference system for reporting to the VGCBC: Cllr. C. Cave reported that she had asked for further information regarding the best way to report the exact location of items that need attention to VGCBC (potholes, etc). Whilst some information had been received, it wasn't quite what Cllr. Cave had been expecting so she has asked for further clarification. We await further information in due course.

Household Refuse Collections: Cllr. C. Cave reported that the ongoing problems with waste collections had been severely exacerbated by the recent heavy snowfall, with staff who normally work in 'Recycling and Waste' being seconded to other emergency duties to mitigate the effects of the very poor weather conditions. This, combined with several vehicle breakdowns, had caused disruption to the collection routine. Cllr. Cave had received assurances that VGCBC were working hard to get refuse collections back on track as fast as possible.

Colwinston Youth Club: Cllr. C. Cave reported that Colwinston Youth Club meets regularly and is well attended by over 40 children up to 18 years of age, some of whom come from the communities of Llandow, Llysworney and Sigingstone. The Youth club's funding is going to be reduced and Cllr. Cave enquired if Llandow Community Council would be willing to contribute towards the ongoing costs of running the Club. It was agreed that the Youth Club should apply for funding via the Community Council Fund. Cllr. Cave agreed to advise them of the same.

69/18. OTHER BUSINESS:

Candidate roads for resurfacing: After some discussion the following roads were agreed as Council's priorities for resurfacing:

1. Entrance to Llandow Village near Maes-y-Felin.
2. Lane from Moorshead Farm to B4270
3. Lane from the Centre of Llysworney Village via Crossways to its junction with the B4270 near the Cross Inn.

Police Report: PCSO A. Stone reported by email that three crimes had been reported in the previous month:
15/03/2018 – Shed/outbuilding burglary – Llandow area.

20/03/2018 – Theft of building materials – Llandow Industrial Estate.

22/03/2018 – Theft from outbuilding – tap/brushes – Llandow area.

Members Allowance (Category F1): The Clerk reported that Town and Community Councils with an income of up to £30,000 now have the power to make an annual payment to their Members of up to £150 per annum to cover costs and expenses. After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed that Llandow Community Council would not make these payments.

Town and Community Council Review: Cllr. A. Pattinson reported that the Welsh Government consultation regarding the role of Town and Community Councils is ongoing and suggested that a submission should be made. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a response.

Green Paper: Strengthening Local Government – Delivering for People: Cllr. C. Cave reported that the Welsh Government had recently published their Green Paper Strengthening Local Government – Delivering for People and encouraged the Community Council to make a response.

70/18. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 3rd May 2018, 7.30 pm, at Llandow Village Hall followed by the Annual General Meeting.

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