

MINUTES OF THE EWENNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2022
HELD AT VALE CRICKET CLUB - 7:00 PM

Present: Councillor J. Pegg (Chair)
Councillor H. Baker
Councillor M. Robson
Councillor A. Jenkins
Councillor J. Radcliffe
Councillor W. Bailey
County Councillor Cave

455. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor A. P. Baker (Vice Chair) and Councillor A. V. Jenkins

456. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

457. **POLICE MATTERS**

The Clerk has not yet received the crime figures.

458. **READING OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED: Councillor A. Jenkins moved that the Minutes from 9th February 2022, be confirmed as a true record. Councillor H. Baker seconded.

MATTERS ARISING

NOISY PUMP/GENERATOR ON ABBEY ROAD

The Clerk followed this up with Natural Resources Wales.

RESOLVED: The Clerk received the following email from Natural Resources Wales on 25th February 2022:

I'm sorry I haven't got back to you sooner to update you on the situation with the pumping station. I have visited the site and met with representatives from Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water and undertaken a compliance assessment against the permit which they hold to discharge sewage under storm conditions or in an Emergency for the pumping station off Priory Road, Ewenny (the permit reference is BM0004402). Sewage should only be discharged to the river following rainfall unless there is an emergency, although as said before this seems to be happening too frequently.

I have asked Dŵr Cymru to provide me with some data and information to enable us to investigate this further and require a long term solution to the operation, I have asked them to provide this information to me by mid-May, so can update you further following that submission.

Apologies for not providing this information in time for the last council meeting, I hope this is ok for your next meeting, if you have any queries please let me know.

MEADOWS PLAY AREA

Councillor W. Bailey has received 2 quotes from Dragon Play and Sports. The Clerk circulated the 2 quotes to members so that they could look at them.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that Councillor W. Bailey contacted Dragon Play and Sports to advise them that we wish to proceed with the quotation for £10,710.00 (Exc VAT). Councillor Bailey will also contact Adam Sargeant at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

It was agreed that we would apply for the grant every year going forward so that more play equipment could be added and that the matting be installed once the whole play area is complete.

Councillor W. Bailey advised members that Mrs Potts who lives in the meadows will store items to keep the costs down. Councillor J. Pegg asked Councillor Bailey to give thanks to Mrs Potts on behalf of the Community Council.

It was suggested that a grand unveiling take place at the play area and a family picnic held to raise funds.

The Clerk asked Councillor Bailey to ask Dragon Play and Sports to email her the invoice for the works so that she has a paper trail.

The Clerk to look into how much money was raised by Becky Sarion for the Meadows project.

461. **CLEARING OF THE NANT**

The Clerk has emailed Colin Cheeseman to ask what dates he is available to meet with Members late May to walk around the parish. The Clerk has not received a response as yet.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to follow this up and email Members with the dates.

462. **OVERGROWN GREEN LANE CONNECTING WICK ROAD TO LLAMPHA**

RESOLVED: Councillor H. Baker advised the Clerk that she hadn't been down the lane due to the weather but that a resident had cut this back herself as it was impassable. Clerk to follow this up with the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

463. **THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS - 2ND JUNE 2022**

RESOLVED: Councillor J. Pegg advised Members that she had looked into the jubilee lottery funding stream for the garden party, which is due to be held on 4th June at the Priory, but that the applications had closed. Councillor J. Pegg has advised Helen Morgan of this.

464. **ROAD MARKINGS AT THE JUNCTION OF EWENNY ROAD, WICK ROAD AND ST BRIDES ROAD**

RESOLVED: It was agreed to leave this on until a programme of works schedule is sent to the Clerk from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

465. **FOOTPATH ACROSS THE MOORS**

The Clerk has emailed BCBC and copied Bridgend Town Council into the email advising them that the path is open but that there is one part that is difficult to traverse. It is along the area that has fencing on either side and there are two gates allowing the land owner to cross the path. It is really cut up and the ruts are deep.

RESOLVED: The Clerk has not received a response and will follow this up.

466. **CATTLE GRID - ST BRIDES ROAD**

Councillor J. Radcliffe stated that during heavy rainfall there is still a large amount of water gathering at the cattle grid.

RESOLVED: Clerk to follow this up with the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

467. **ROTA FOR CHECKING THE VILLAGE HALL**

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Clerk would produce a new rota from 1st April 2022 onwards and would circulate to Members.

468. **SCHEDULE OF ITEMS AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

RESOLVED: Councillor J. Pegg had met with the Clerk on 11th February at 10:00 am at the hall, to go through the files in the cabinet. Any documents that needed to be kept have been retained in the cabinet and some papers were to be shredded and any rubbish was taken to the tip. 2 cabinets from the hall will be stored at the cricket club.

Clerk had a quotation for a 10 foot shipping container and it would be approximately £2000 plus VAT.

Gareth at the Cricket club had emailed to advise that a store 10' x 8' to accommodate the table and chairs would cost between £850 and £1000. He had said if the cricket club were to pay for forming a base for the shed would ECC be able to fund the shed to make a contribution towards it.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Community Council do not have the funding available at present to put towards the shed and that Councillor Bailey would try and sell the items from the hall on facebook marketplace. It was agreed that several members would meet at the hall on Sunday morning at 10:30 am to gather all items in the main hall ready for Councillor Bailey to photograph and sell.

Councillor Pegg stated that the following items have been donated to the cricket club from the hall:

- cleaning materials, emergency torches, white plastic square tables and rectangular tables.

469. **RURAL ROADS POLICY**

The Clerk emailed County Councillor Cave for an update. County Councillor Cave emailed the Clerk, as follows:

At the January meeting of the regeneration and environment scrutiny committee the issue of the rural roads policy was discussed by members and a presentation was provided by Mr. Clogg. Cllr Peter King was also in attendance. This is not a committee that I attend but I did speak to several committee members in advance of the meeting to make them aware of our concerns. It was decided that:

If a separate Policy was not possible, then perhaps the current Policy could be reviewed, based on the concerns of communities in the rural Vale. This was accepted by the Scrutiny Committee.

Subsequently, it was

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Cabinet be requested to revisit their decision not to implement a separate Rural Roads Policy or for the current Policy to be reviewed to reflect road safety concerns raised by residents in the rural Vale.

Reason for recommendation

Following views expressed to the Scrutiny Committee regarding road safety in rural parts of Vale relating to the poor condition of parts of the network, the need for better road signage and the importance of addressing high speeds and the impact of heavy vehicles.

RESOLVED: County Councillor Cave advised Members that she had written to Peter King and Cabinet at the weekend.

470.

VANDALISM OF EWENNY PLAYGROUND

RESOLVED: The Clerk advised Members that she had written to Adam Sargeant to thank his team for the prompt action in clearing up the park. The Clerk copied County Councillor Cave into the email

471.

WAR MEMORIAL ASSET TRANSFER

RESOLVED: The Clerk is awaiting a copy of the lease and will follow this up.

Councillor J. Pegg stated that we would look at a maintenance schedule once the lease documents have been sent.

472.

DRAGON CLAY/HERMITAGE WOOD SHOOTING

The Clerk received an email from Chloe at the Vale of Glamorgan Council Planning Department advising that she had just returned from leave and only just found out that her Line Manager had a few queries that needed addressing in terms of the content of the application submission. Therefore, the application had missed the February committee deadline, as reports needed to be published on Monday.

Chloe advised that it will most certainly be reported to the March committee (which she believes is the 28th). She will email the Clerk to confirm this.

The Clerk emailed the Vale of Glamorgan Council to follow up when this would be going to the Planning Committee.

The Clerk received an email advising that it is likely to be reported to the planning committee this month, providing the Line Manager finds no further information.

County Councillor Cave advised the Clerk that the Planning Committee is due to be held on 30th March.

RESOLVED: Clerk to clarify with Chloe that the meeting is being held on 30th March and to ensure Chloe has the chronology that the Clerk had previously emailed.

It was agreed that the Clerk would email the link about speaking at a planning committee and the date of the Planning committee to any residents that had previously emailed the Clerk about the noise.

Clerk to email members once she confirms the date of the Planning Committee.

473.

TRAFFIC ISSUES

RESOLVED: There were no issues to report.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE

RESOLVED: Councillor J. Pegg advised Members that monitoring had been undertaken early in the morning. Once it goes dark the speed gun does not work.

Councillor J. Radcliffe stated that he has seen a speedwatch van around 5:00/6:00 pm, and that there has definitely been more of a presence in the last 18 months.

Councillor J. Pegg advised Members that there were 3 new members on the Speed Watch team who had all been trained. There are now 7 members on the Speed Watch Team with another 3 joining once their vetting is complete.

474.

VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk had drafted an email and a budget projection and had emailed this to Councillor A. Baker to check before the Clerk had sent the information to the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Clerk had asked the Vale of the Glamorgan Council for the terms and interest rates of the loan.

RESOLVED: The Clerk received an email from the Vale of Glamorgan Council Finance Department confirming that they are happy to loan the £7668.00 to be repaid over the financial year. As it will be repaid within the financial year, no interest or charges will be made. The Clerk had emailed Members to advise them and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Solicitor to ask them to contact Cooke and Arkwright to ask them to surrender the lease on 1st April 2022.

The Clerk received an email from the Solicitor advising that she would contact Cooke and Arkwright to ask for the surrender documents to review and confirm payment of £7668.00 can be made from 1st April 2022.

The Solicitor advised that the Vale of Glamorgan Council will need to enter into a loan agreement with the Community Council to set out the terms of repayment etc. The Solicitor is advising us on the surrender and one of her colleagues will be responsible for the drafting of this agreement and will be in touch regarding this in due course.

The Solicitor advised the Clerk that she would let her know once she receives the necessary surrender documents.

The Clerk received an email on 8th March 2022 from the Solicitor to say that they had contacted the Solicitor at Cooke and Arkwright and that they had asked our Solicitor for a copy of the lease which she had sent to them. Cooke and Arkwright advised our solicitor that they would come back to her once they had taken instructions.

475. **NEWSLETTER**

Councillor J. Pegg had finalised the newsletter and emailed it to Members. Members agreed that the newsletter was fine for printing. Councillor J. Pegg stated that we would include the article from Ewenny Arts Festival but that we would review our decision in the Autumn with regards to who could include articles in the newsletter.

RESOLVED: Councillor J. Pegg asked the Clerk to obtain a quote for printing from Parc Prison. The Clerk stated that she would also obtain a quote from Kallkwik who we have used in the past. The Clerk will contact Councillor Pegg to authorise the quote and the Clerk will arrange for the newsletters to be printed and she will bring them to the April meeting.

476. **PLANNING**

There were NO New Planning Applications for consideration.

The following Planning Application was APPROVED on 3rd March 2022:

Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended)

Application No. 2021/01729/FUL

Location : Bridge Farm Bungalow, St. Brides Road, Ewenny

Proposal : Removal of Condition 1 of planning permission 53/81/541

CORRESPONDENCE

477. Email from Vale Cricket Club

The Clerk received an email from Gareth at the Cricket club to say that they would like to offer Ewenny Community Council free use of the cricket club for its monthly meetings. The Clerk had circulated the email to Members.

RESOLVED: Members discussed the email and agreed that it was a very generous offer. It was agreed that the Community Council are struggling this year with finances due to surrendering the lease on the hall , that we would thank Gareth for his generous offer and agreed that we would review our finances at the beginning of the next financial year. Councillor J. Pegg will email Gareth.

478. **Email from Committee Member at the Vale United Club based in the pavilion, Corntown**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

It was agreed that the Clerk email them to advise that if they drop the letter to communicate that they are looking for sponsors to the village shop, that Councillor W. Bailey would advertise this in the shop for them. Councillor Pegg advised the Clerk to let them know they should keep in touch as we will be doing an Autumn newsletter.

479. **Calendar of Meetings 2022/23**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

480. **Last night, Labour and Vale Independent councillors voted to put up council tax in the Vale by 2.9%**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

481. **GVS e-Bulletin Service (07/03/22)**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

482. **Vale Health Social Care & Wellbeing ebuletin 3.3.2022**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

483. **Standards Committee 17th March 2022**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

484. **Vale of Glamorgan Council - 07 March 2022 - Agenda**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

485. **Community Conversations in the Vale of Glamorgan**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

486. **Vale Health Social Care & Wellbeing ebulletin 23.2.2022**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

487. **Planning Committee - 2nd March 2022**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

488. **GVS e-Bulletin Service (17/02/22)**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

489. **Vale Health Social Care & Wellbeing ebulletin 17.2.2022**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

490. **Vale Health Social Care & Wellbeing ebulletin 10.2.2022**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

491. **Invitation Vale Public Services Board/Town and Community Council Exchange Meeting 8th March 6-7.30pm**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

492. **Model Members' Code of Conduct update**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

493.

The following emails were forwarded to members from One Voice Wales:

- Welcome to your Vote Campaign - Thursday 10 March
- Vacancy -Clerk and RFO at Peterston Super Ely Community Council
- Cardiff and Vale UHB - CEO Connects
- Pentyrch Community Council Vacancy
- Holiadur OECD Questionnaire - Help build the future of Wales!
- The Big Jubilee Lunch
- Older People's Commissioner's Newsletter
- Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2022

- REMINDER - TRAINING - FEBRUARY & MARCH 2022
- Chair to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales
- Well-being Project Officer Recruitment
- Assistant Town Clerk Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
- Welsh Government Apprenticeship Scheme opening on 28th March
- Clerk Vacancy Advert - Brackla Community Council
- Nature and Us – The national conversation on the future of Wales’ natural environment has started
- Welsh Government’s 'Consultation on how to measure the inclusion of migrants in Wales
- Opportunities and Events

494.

FINANCE/AUDIT/AGREE INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Clerk has heard nothing further in relation to the audit.

The Clerk has prepared the following cheques for signing:

RESOLVED: That the following accounts submitted for payment be paid: -

- Staff Payments - £691.48
- Dwr Cymru - £50.53
- Cooke and Arkwright - £317.49

It was agreed that the Clerk advise the Solicitor at the Vale of Glamorgan Council that we are paying the rent up to the end of June 2022.

- One Voice Wales - £117.00

The Clerk advised Members that she had contacted AMV Services to appoint them as the Internal Auditor. The Clerk advised Members that she had received a letter from AMV Services advising that they were unable to undertake the audit due to work commitments.

The Clerk advised Members that she had received a quotation from GS Griffiths Accounts to undertake the internal audit for £150 plus VAT. Members agreed that the Clerk send an engagement letter to GS Griffiths to appoint them as Internal Auditor.

Utility supplies were reconfirmed to continue as previously in the next financial year. Members agreed that these will cease once the lease on the village hall has been terminated.

It was agreed that the Clerk would continue as previously in the next financial year.

The Chair asked the Clerk to forward her the information from the auditor in relation to too much money in the reserves.

It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to be paid £250 per year towards her electricity bill with effect from 1st April 2022. The Clerk will also continue to be paid monthly for her telephone line.

495.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

496.

MEMBERS ITEMS

1). Councillor J. Radcliffe stated that mugs had been given to all children in the area by Ewenny pottery for the Queen's Golden Jubilee. He wondered whether something similar could be done for the Platinum Jubilee. Councillor J. Pegg nominated Councillor A. Jenkins to speak with Councillor A.V. Jenkins to see if anything could be done for the event.

2). Councillor W. Bailey stated that some wires and glass disks had been left behind, near Wick Road park by Western Power after the last power cut. The Clerk will contact Western Power.

3). Councillor H. Baker stated that when the beacon was lit for the last jubilee that Councillor A. Glanville had arranged for a plaque to be engraved and fitted at the trig point. It was agreed that a line be added to the plaque with the date of the Platinum Jubilee. The Clerk will look through the orders to obtain the information on the plaque.

