



**MINUTES OF THE ST ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2023 IN THE COUNCIL HALL**

PRESENT

Councillor R Eustace (Chairman)	Projects Committee General Maintenance Committee Merger Council Building / Library Bro Tathan Local Council Liaison Committee Cardiff Airport Liaison Committee Conservation Area Planning - Flemingston
County Councillor J Lynch-Wilson (Vice-Chairman)	Projects Committee St Athan Community Association
Councillor G Berrill	Projects Committee St Athan Community Association
Councillor R Christian	Power Station Liaison Committee Llantwit Major Town Public Footpaths Forum Conservation Area Planning – Gileston Media Outlet Committee
Councillor S Harries	One Voice Wales Vale of Glamorgan Council, Community Liaison Committee Media Outlet Committee (Lead)
Councillor S Hignell	
Councillor M Levett	Friends of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast
Councillor S Toker	Projects Committee One Voice Wales Vale of Glamorgan Council, Community Liaison Committee Media Outlet Committee
Councillor D Willmott	General Maintenance Committee Aberthaw Cement Works C.L.C. School Governors
County Councillor S Haines	Vale of Glamorgan Council

MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION
2647	<u>WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed those attending	
2648	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> None.	
2649	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND NATURE OF INTEREST</u> Grant of Dispensation: Cllr D Willmott, speak only on matters relating to St Athan Community Council Hub and Library Trustee.	

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2649 Cont	Cllr J Lynch-Wilson, speak and vote on topics related to the VOG Council's Reshaping Program and as Chairman to the PLCC.																	
2650	<p><u>CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES</u></p> <p>PROPOSED by: Councillor R Christian SECONDED by: Councillor J Lynch-Wilson</p> <p>That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 7th November 2023 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	Carried.																
2651	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING</u></p> <p>The following matters were discussed:</p> <p>Min 2531 - Ward parking issues. Cty Councillor S Haines confirmed the Vale Council had insufficient funds to address this issue.</p> <p>Min 2548 (a) - Street litter, signage. Cty Councillor S Haines confirmed the Vale Council had insufficient funds to address this issue.</p> <p>Min 2582 - Councillors' Email Address. Councillor S Harries confirmed individual Councillor email address will be available within the next few weeks.</p> <p>Min 2633 - Street Lighting Active Travel Route. Cty Councillor S Haines explained the Vale Council have no intension of improving current lighting along the new Active Travel Route. Councillor M Levett stated only 1 in 4 solar lights work. Councillor S Toker agreed to provide photos of lights not working.</p> <p>Min 2639 - Library Merger Councillor D Willmot agreed to chase up 3rd party for confirmation that there will be no fee for the provision of construction costs.</p>	<p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Cty Cllr Haines to pursue repairs to lights with Vale Council.</p> <p>Cllr D Willmot to progress.</p>																
2652	<p><u>STANDING ORDERS SUSPENSION</u></p> <p>In the absence of SWP being present, Standing Orders were not suspended. St Athan crime statistics for November 2023 are:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Violence Without Injury</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Violence with Injury</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vehicle Offences</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All Other Theft Offences</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Road/Traffic</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anti-Social Behaviour</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </table>	Violence Without Injury	9	Violence with Injury	1	Vehicle Offences	1	All Other Theft Offences	1	Criminal Damage	3	Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	2	Road/Traffic	4	Anti-Social Behaviour	3	
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2653	<p><u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</u></p> <p>PROPOSED by: Councillor S Toker SECONDED by: Councillor S Harries</p> <p>That the presented financial statement as of 30th November 2023 be accepted as a true record of council financial accounts. Details at Annex A.</p>	Carried.
2654	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>Welsh Government 09/11/23 - Road Safety Strategy Consultation. 13/11/23 - Feedback on proposal for St Athan / Rural Food pantry action. 18/11/23 - GVS Health Social Care & Wellbeing ebulletin 17.11.2023. 22/11/23 - Vacancy: Senior Anti-racist Wales Action Plan (ArWAP) Regional Forum Convenor. 22/11/23 - Vacancy: Head of Escalation and Enforcement. 24/11/23 - GVS Health Social Care & Wellbeing ebulletin 27.11.2023. 27/11/23 - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2024.</p> <p>Vale of Glamorgan Council 14/11/23 - Standards Committee - Applications for dispensation. 15/11/23 - Special Council Meetings - 20 November 2023. 20/11/23 - Planning Committee - 30 November 2023 - Agenda and Reports. 28/11/23 - Vale Council Meeting Agenda - 4th December 2023 30/11/23 - Upcoming Adder Training, practical volunteering sessions and Job opportunity.</p> <p>One Voice Wales 09/11/23 - One Voice Wales Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale Area meeting. 10/11/23 - Training Dates by Module - November & December. 16/11/23 - One Voice Wales Cost of Living Crisis Team. 28/11/23 - One Voice Wales News Bulletin. 28/11/23 - One Voice Wales National Awards Conference 27/03/2024.</p> <p>Other 14/11/23 - Cymru Can – Future Generations Cymru Strategy. 15/11/23 - Fairtrade meeting - 21st November in Barry. 16/11/23 - Invite to 10KV Community Event. 18/11/23 - Latest training from Planning Aid Wales. 24/11/23 - Third Sector Small Grants Scheme Community Action. 27/11/23 - Invitation to Carols in the Barn.</p>	

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2654	30/11/23 - Public Services Ombudsman for Wales press release - Equality and Human Rights Casebook.																																																	
2655	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS</u></p> <p>17/11/23 - Displayed Casual Vacancy Notice – Co-Opted Member. 14/11/23 - Attended 160 Brigade King's Gun Salute. 26/11/23 - Attended Christmas Market in PLCC 26/11/23 - Attended Christmas Lights Switch On event. 27/11/23 - Applied for funding from the National Lottery. 29/11/23 - Attended presentation from CCR Energy, Aberthaw site. 29/11/23 - Attended RLDP Preferred Strategy Meeting.</p>																																																	
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2657 Cont	That 'an objection to this application is to be submitted to the Vale Council. On the grounds that the proposed rear raised decking would be intrusive to surrounding properties.	Carried. Proper Officer to progress
2658	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>Councillor R Christian spoke on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gileston Village Meeting, Full report at Annex B b. Aberthaw Power Station Local Liaison Group (LLG) Meeting 9th November 2023, 5 - 6:30pm. Full report at Annex C. Cty Councillor S Haines informed members there is an intension to open 2nd entrance to the site via East Aberthaw. <p>Councillor M Levett spoke about Planning Enforcement Training and confirmed it was a course well worth attending. Full details at Annex D.</p> <p>Councillor R Eustace spoke on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rustic Routes Ltd (RRL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Options for Lease and Commercial Lease almost ready to go to solicitors. (2) RRL agreed to provide those items to be used for the sole purpose of the business. ((fire blanket, additional fire extinguisher). (3) Care Inspection Wales (CIW) will visit the proposed area to be used by RRL on 14th January 2024. (4) Works to be completed before opening of RRL. <p>PAT Testing £200.00. 4 x Fire Exit signs £30. Heat/smoke detector for toilet & kitchen area £320.</p> <p>PROPOSED by: Councillor G Berrill SECONDED by: Councillor S Hignell</p> <p>That the undermentioned Health & Safety items/issues are purchase/actioned at a total cost of £550.00 + VAT</p> b. CCR Energy at Aberthaw. Liaison with Nicola Somerville, Operations Manager of CCR. Site meeting for Community Councillors and others to be arranged in January 2024 to better understand the development, to be followed by a public meeting in March 2024. 	Carried.

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2659	<u>COUNCIL & WARD DIARY</u>		
	<u>2023</u>		
	Date	Time	Activity
			Location
	December		
	05 Tue	1900 - 2100	Community Council Meeting
	13 Wed		W.I. Christmas meal
	17 Sun	1400 - 1600	Santa Visits St Athan
	21 Thu	1030 - 1130	St Athan Strollers
	2024		
	January		
	03 Wed	1400 -	Panto -Beauty and the Beast
	08 Mon		Cheese and wine, Speed gaming
	09 Tue	1900 - 2100	Community Council Meeting
	17 Wed	1400 - 1500	Community Activity Working Group
	February		
	06 Tue	1900 - 2100	Community Council Meeting
	16 Fri	1800-2100	Variety Show-CANCELLED
	17 Sat	1600	Night Photo Shoot
	March		
	05 Tue	1900 - 2100	Community Council Meeting
	April		
	02 April	1900 - 2100	Community Council Meeting
	June		
	08 Sat	1400 - 1600	Community Litter Pick
	09 Sun	11.00 - 1500	Civic Ceremony
	July		
	02 Tue	1900 - 2100	Community Council Meeting
	10 Wed	1400 - 1500	Community Activities Working Group Meeting
	TBC	1000 - 1300	Community Information and Social Event
	TBC	1000 - 1500	Craft Fair
	16 Tue	1900	Council Project Committee Meeting
	September		
	07 Sat	1200 - 1900	Fete/Music in the Park
	08 Sun	1400 - 1600	Community Litter Pick

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2659 Cont	Regular Club Activities			
	Day	Activity	Timings	Location
	Mon	3 rd Monday in month – Cuppa with a Copper	12.00 - 13.00	The Three Horseshoes
		Kick Boxing	TBC	PLCC
		Learn & play Toddlers	09.00 - 11.00	The Gathering Place
		Work Club	10.00 - 12.00	The Gathering Place
		Ladies What Dance	10.00 - 12.00	Council Hall
		Cuppa with a Copper 3 rd Mon/Month	12.00 - 13.00	The Three Horseshoes
		Rainbows, Brownies, Guides	17.30 - 19.30	The Gathering Place
		Line Dancing	19.30 - 20.30	The Gathering Place
		Women’s Institute 1 st Mon/Month	TBC	Council Hall
		Vale Support Hub	12.30 – 14.30	The Gathering Place
	Tue	Library open	09.30 - 11.30	Behind the Post Office
		Zumba Gold	11.00 - 12.00	The Gathering Place
		Irish Dancing for Kids	16.30 - 18.30	The Gathering Place
		Zumba	TBC	PLCC
	Wed	Every Wed – V Pod Bus (Youth club)	TBC	PLCC
		Creative Writing Group	10.00 - 13.00	The Gathering Place
		Gardening Club	10.30 - 12.30	The Gathering Place
		Coffee Morning, 2 nd Wed/Month	10.30 - 12.30	The Gathering Place
		Karate	17.30 - 19.00	The Gathering Place
		On Stage Theatre Company (Age 6 to 16)	17.00 - 19.00	PLCC
		CAOS - Total CAOS (Junior Group Age 6 to 16)	18.00 - 19.30	PLCC
	Thu	CAOS - Adult Choir and Acting Group)	19.30 - 21.30	PLCC
		Linda’s LBTs	10.30 - 11.30	The Gathering Place
		Library open	14.00 - 16.30	Behind the Post Office
		Dance Steps with Sue	17.00 - 21.00	The Gathering Place
		Scouts	19.00 - 21.00	Council Hall
	Fri	Bingo	20.00 - 10.30	PLCC
		Ladies What Dance	10.00 - 12.00	Council Hall
		Ju-Jitsu	18.00 - 21.00	PLCC
		Karate	17.30 - 19.00	The Gathering Place
	Sat	Slimming World	07.30 - 10.30	The Gathering Place
		Library open	09.30 - 11.30	Behind the Post Office
	Sun	Worship	10.00 - 12.00	The Gathering Place
	2660	<p><u>PLACE MAKING</u></p> <p>County Councillor S Haines explained that under the RDLP St Athan Ward is classed as a Primary Settlement. As it is not identified as a ‘Service Centre’ by Vale Council, there is no entitlement for this Ward to be included in any consultation process.</p> <p>This council will write to the Vale Council questioning why ‘Place Making’ did not take place as part of the RLDP consultation process for St Athan.</p>	<p>Proper Officer to progress</p>	

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2661	<p><u>CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG LESSONS LEARNT</u></p> <p>Public feedback confirms the event was a great success. Areas for improvement have been noted and will be incorporated into planning for 2024 events.</p> <p>PROPOSED by: Councillor S Toker SECONDED by: Councillor G Berrill</p> <p>That due to an increase in the number of carols to be sung, Allen's Printers Ltd be paid a total of £137.00 in respect of the production and delivery of the Christmas Sing-along booklet.</p>	Carried.
2262	<p><u>RLDP COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION</u></p> <p>8-week consultation started 20 Nov.</p> <p>Public Consultation Events (online)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Town & Community Council Online Briefing Session: 29th November 2023</u> • Online Public Information Session 1 (Barry and Wenvoe): Mon 11th December 2023 • Online Public Information Session 2 (Penarth, Dinas Powys, Llandough and Sully): Thu 14th December 2023 • Online Public Information Session 3 (Western Vale, Peterston-super-Ely, and St. Nicholas and Llancarfan): Mon 18th December 2023 <p>In-person sessions are planned for the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Athan – Paul Lewis Community Centre: Tue 16th January 2024 14:30-18:30 <p>Cty Councillor S Haines agreed to request an extension to this event to 8pm.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold a public meeting to discuss the RLDP on 10th January 2024 in the PLCC, Glyndwr Avenue, CF62 4PP starting at 7pm.</p>	<p>Cty Cllr Haines to progress.</p> <p>Proper Officer to arrange</p>
2263	<p><u>ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT</u></p> <p>PROPOSED by: Councillor G Berrill SECONDED by: Councillor D Willmot</p> <p>That a qualified trade person is engaged to produce a detailed Asbestos Report highlighting any areas for concern and that £500 be earmarked for this purpose.</p>	Carried.

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2664	<u>CHANGE STATUS TO TOWN</u> A public meeting is to be held on 10 th January 2024 in the PLCC to discuss this matter, covering both pros and cons.	Proper Officer to progress
2665	<u>CCR ENERGY LIAISON COMMITTEE</u> This council will form a new committee called the CCR Energy Liaison Committee, the purpose being to ensure residents' interests are at the heart of any decision making by CCR Energy. Committee Members will include: The Chairman Vice-Chairman Gileston member Additional member	
2667	<u>REVIEW CLEANER/CARETAKER JOB DESCRIPTION (JD)</u> As part of a review process, Community Council employee JD(s) are to be reviewed.	Chair/Proper Office to progress
2668	<u>FINANCIAL APPEALS</u> PROPOSED by: Councillor G Berrill SECONDED by: Councillor M Levett That a donation of £50 be made to Wales Air ambulance Charity.	Carried.
2669	<u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u> Cty Councillor J Lynch-Wilson a. Informed members that the Children's Christmas Party held on Saturday 2 nd December 2023 was a great success. 83 children aged 3 years+ attended this event. b. Asked if Council facilities could be made available to club/groups who would normally use the PLCC on 10 th January, but due to the Public Meeting being held an alternative venue is required. Councillor S Toker updated member on gift to be given to children when meeting Santa on Sunday 17 th December 2023. Councillor G Berrill spoke on the following: a. Attempts would be made to put in place council fundraising options in accordance with any legal restraints placed upon Community Council. b. New Noticeboard costs are £689.59 per board.	Concerned clubs/groups should contact the Proper Officer to arrange access to council facilities.

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2669 Cont	<p>PROPOSED By: Councillor S Toker SECONDED By: Councillor G Berrill</p> <p>That £2,794.36 be paid in instalments to Newport & District Group Association for the production of 4 x noticeboards to be installed in Flemington, Gileston, St Athan and PLCC.</p> <p>Councillor S Harries advised members that rubbish generated by Barratt’s contractor working on the new housing estate is failing to remove such waste and living it in situ.</p> <p>Cty Councillor S Haines agreed to investigate this matter and report back to council.</p> <p>Councillor M Levett informed members there is dip in the road near to the new housing development site at Eglwys Brewis, which when filled with rainwater is a danger to drivers. Cty Councillor J Lynch-Wilson agreed to investigate this issues and report back to council.</p> <p>Councillor R Eustace spoke on the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bridge damaged at Three Words location ‘FLEET, COPE, STEADIER’ Higher End overgrown hedging. Attending Cty Councillors agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the Vale Council. 	<p>Carried.</p> <p>Cty Cllr Haines to progress.</p> <p>Cty Cllr Lynch-Wilson to progress.</p> <p>Cty Cllrs Haines & Lynch-Wilson to progress.</p>

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.03pm.

The next General Community Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7pm in the Council Hall.

ST. ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 31st August 2023

RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward	6,120.29
Income (interest)	7.29
Expenditure	0.00
Balance	<u>6,127.58</u>

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Income

Brought Forward	9434.34
Hall Hire	240
Total	<u>9674.34</u> (a)

Expenditure

Administration	2552.66
Council Property	803.22
Chairman Allowance	NIL
Grants & Donations	450
St Athan Ward	1002.45
Total	<u>4808.33</u> (b)

Balance	<u>4866.01</u> (a) – (b)
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GILESTON & WEST ABERTHAW VILLAGE MEETING HELD ON 13TH NOVEMBER 2023
REPORT BY COUNCILLOR R CHRISTIAN

Present: Rebecca Christian and 20 residents

Apologies: none

1. St Giles Church were thanked for hosting the event and thanks to Lynda for opening the Church. It was agreed that having the meeting in the summer would be better when the weather would be warmer and it would be lighter.

2. Communication routes reminder: Notice Board, new Website www.stathancommunitycouncil.co.uk, Group Email, Facebook.

3. Power Station Update

a. Demolition contract delay, work starts February next year.

b. Investigating all options including nuclear modules, barrages, not wind due to proximity of airport, battery storage. Draft Master Plan to be presented to CCRE Board Meeting 7th December.

c. Projects subject to usual planning application procedures, public can formally express objections.

d. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) monitor any ash mound activities for pollutants.

e. Wildlife trust expressed an interest to be involved with protecting the lake and SSSI to the southeast of the site.

f. Public access, River Thaw, railway line cycleway.

g. Widen the coast footpath and create a cycleway along the seafront.

h. Assets on the west side e.g., underwater welding training, white water rafting etc.

i. Vehicular access remains to the north of the site.

j. Residents were keen for the site to be opened up for public access and also public access to the River Thaw.

4. RLDP Replacement Local Development Plan

a. Assessment Methodology for Candidate Sites

b. Stage 1 - complete, look at the map.

c. Stage 2A - verification of site details, internal consultation with Council service area e.g., highways, ecology, environmental health, planning contributions arising from education, affordable housing, green infrastructure, sustainable travel. Also, assessed against Council's Integrated

Sustainability Appraisal Framework (individual and cumulative effects). Some sites will be eliminated.

d. Stage 2B - external consultees e.g., NRW, Dwr Cymru, Health Board, National Grid, Archaeological Trust, Utilities & Western Power.

e. Stage 3 - detailed site viability appraisal by site promoters.

f. Stage 4 - Final Site Selection

Stages of the RLDP: Stage 1: Delivery Agreement - Complete Stage 2: Pre-Deposit Preparation and Participation - In Progress Stage 3: Deposit Stage 4: Submission Stage 5: Independent Examination Stage 6: Inspectors Report Stage 7: Adoption

Expecting to be consulted formally Dec 23 & Jan 24.

Wed 29th Nov - VoG Preferred Strategy Briefing ahead of consultation in Dec & Jan, to give details of the consultation process & associated engagement.

All subject to planning and usual public input.

5. Manor Noise Issues - meetings throughout summer with The Manor Carys Baker, Sue Brown SRS and some residents. Quieter year.

6. Money for Greening projects: Gileston Sign, flowers, Village Green, dead tree.

a. Questions asked about who cuts the verges and hedges in Gileston. It has been confirmed today, 29/11/23, that 3 areas are cut by the Council: The Village Green next to Orchard Way, around the Village sign on entering Gileston and around the Unlimited Speed sign on the road down to the beach.

7. Footpaths Forum (Public Rights of Way) - involves all Councils adjacent to Llantwit (St Athan, Gileston, West Aberthaw, Llanmaes, St Donats & Marcross), plus Valeways & VoG representatives.

i. Residents to advise Rebecca of any footpath issues, for this Forum. ii. Or ring VoG, or email c1v@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk, or email pauljeffhawk1@gmail.com

iii. Resident raised concerns over signage for the Coastal Path, they are still directing people up into the Village rather than along the Coast.

8. St Athan Council is thinking about becoming a Town Council. More information about the pros and cons and finance implications will be provided.

a. As of 29th November 2023, six residents of Gileston email to say they do not wish to become a Town.

9. Village Litter picks to be arranged.

10. Information on Councillors, news, events: Remembrance Service, Christmas Fayre & Lights on Sunday 26th, Santa Visits, RDLP meeting soon, Fete next September on website

11. More Councillors needed. The role was explained.

12. Issues around the road markings at a junction to the east of the Village and flooding under the railway bridge near the garage. This road needs a new surface, not patching as the potholes are getting worse.

13. Nic Osgood introduced the Foodshare Pantry scheme in the Gathering Place. They are looking for volunteers and offers of non-perishable foods.

ABERTHAW POWER STATION LOCAL LIAISON GROUP (LLG) MEETING**9TH NOVEMBER 2023, 5 - 6:30PM****REPORT BY COUNCILLOR R CHRISTIAN**

Attendees: CCRE: Nicola Somerville – Head of Operations, Ynyr Clwyd – Project Officer, Jack Harrison – Business / Finance Support
 Tony Leakey (NRW), Duncan Ludlow (Wildlife Trust)
 Gwyn Jones (Cty Cllr), Rebecca Christian (Com Cllr)
 Sharne Williams (resident (Res) Gileston), Andrew Morris (Res West Aberthaw), Keith Neighbour (Res East Aberthaw), Alison Hughes (Res Rhoose), Bob Dickens (Res Rhoose), Gary Dunford (Res Llancadle)

Apologies: Christian Cadwallader (CCRE), Steve Haines (Cty Cllr)

1. Group changed name to CCR Energy Local Liaison Group (CCRE LLG)
2. Terms of Reference for the group discussed:
 - a. Invitation only.
 - b. Attendees from wards adjacent to the Aberthaw site.
 - c. Communications forum between Aberthaw site and local community.
 - d. Allows the community to raise questions and issues about the project.
 - e. Not a decision-making body and no voting rights.
 - f. Membership takes responsibility to inform the community they represent.
 - g. 3 meetings per year, minutes to be distributed within one month.
3. The Demolition Contractor will have their own meetings and communication plan. This may include newsletters, mailshots and a FaceBook page.
4. Delay to awarding Demolition contract due to a legal matter. Mid-October the suspension of communication with the preferred contractor was lifted. January demolition contractor to move on site. Demolition work to begin February.
5. Master Plan for site being prepared, all renewable energy options being considered. Including modular nuclear, battery storage, solar, sea turbines, wind (unlikely due to proximity of airport), ash mound re-use, etc. Draft Master Plan to be presented to CCRE Board Meeting 7th December.
6. Any building work will be subject to usual planning application procedures. The public will have the opportunity to formally express any issues/ objections then.
7. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) will monitor any ash mound activities for pollutants.
8. Members expressed concerns about opening up the site for public access, not just to the site but also the River Thaw. CCRE said that it would depend on what types of renewable energy projects were commissioned. Members stated that if public access was planned for early, then they will not interfere with any building work.
9. Views were also expressed about using the old railway line for a cycle way.
10. CCRE said that there was a definite intention to widen the coast footpath and create a cycleway along the seafront.
11. CCRE explained that some of the assets on the west side of the site might be suitable for public access e.g., underwater welding training, white water rafting etc.

12. Residents do not want the west side entrance opened to vehicular traffic. This would not be acceptable and would put walkers using the beach road and the centre of the village at risk. CCRE said there was no intention to do this. The vehicular access would remain where it is currently, to the north of the site.
13. Wildlife trust expressed an interest to be involved with protecting the lake and SSSI to the southeast of the site.
14. CCRE has no involvement with the Restore the Thaw Project currently.

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT
REPORT BY COUNCILLOR M LEVETT

A really interesting training session from Planning Aid Wales again. Aimed at Community and Town Councils.

Main issues- Planners enable planning to go ahead unless there is harm such as traffic, pollution, too high when in close proximity to neighbours, unsafe, access difficulties, risk of flooding, unacceptable design, overlooking neighbours garden or living space.

Building something is not in itself illegal, however if there are issues as above, an enforcement notice may be issued, and this is legally binding and needs to be taken into account.

If you have built something, and it does no harm then planning may consider it appropriate and not intervene.

Uses incidental to the enjoyment of the property are taken into account.

Permitted development such as building a shed in the garden or a temporary structure (as in it can be removed easily) can occur without planning unless it is in close proximity to neighbours. 1.5 metres is acceptable, if 2 meters may be asked to remove or apply for retrospective planning permission.

Planners do not wish to intervene unless necessary and will support reasonable builds that are safe and do not harm public interest.

Planners do have a duty to investigate concerns raised.

Enforcement can last 2-4 years if it is appealed.