



**MINUTES OF THE ST ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 2nd JULY 2024 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT

Chair Councillor J Lynch Wilson	Projects Committee St Athan Community Association
Vice Chair: Councillor S Toker	Projects Committee One Voice Wales Vale of Glamorgan Council, Community Liaison Committee Media Outlet Committee
Councillor R Christian	CCR Liaison Committee Llantwit Major Town Public Footpaths Forum Conservation Area Planning – Gileston Media Outlet Committee
Councillor D Willmot	General Maintenance Committee Aberthaw Cement Works C.L.C. School Governors
County Councillor Stephen Haines	County Councillor

MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION								
2802	<u>WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed those attending.									
2803	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Councillor Roger Eustace Councillor Maxine Levett									
2804	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND NATURE OF INTEREST</u> Grant of Dispensation: Cllr D Willmot, speak only on matters relating to St Athan Community Council Hub and Library Trustee. Cllr J Lynch-Wilson, speak and vote on topics related to the VOG Council's Reshaping Program and as Chair to the PLCC.									
2805	<u>CRIME STATISTICS</u> 1) No representatives from SWP were present. Crime statistics provided were recorded figures as of the end of June <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Violence without injury</td> <td align="center">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Violence with injury</td> <td align="center">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sexual offence</td> <td align="center">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rape</td> <td align="center">0</td> </tr> </table>	Violence without injury	7	Violence with injury	2	Sexual offence	1	Rape	0	
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	Residential Burglary	0	
	Business & Community Burglary	2	
	Vehicle Offences	1	
	Bicycle Theft	0	
	Shoplifting	0	
	All other theft offences	2	
	Arson	0	
	Criminal Damage	2	
	Public Order Offences	0	
	Misc. Crimes Against Society	4	
	Drug Offences	0	
	Road / Traffic	2	
	Anti-Social Behaviour	6	
2806	<p><u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING</u> <u>4th JUNE 2024</u></p> <p>That subject to agreed amendments, the minutes of the General Meeting held on 4th June 2024 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED by: Councillor Rebecca Christian</u> <u>SECONDED by: Councillor Sandra Toker</u></p>		
2807	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING</u></p> <p>The following ONGOING matters were discussed:</p> <p>(a) Min 2651d – Street lighting Active Travel Route. Ongoing.</p> <p>(b) Min 2669f – Damaged bridges Flemingston. Ongoing</p> <p>(c) Min 2685 – Noticeboards. Ongoing</p> <p>Gareth confirmed that notice board is making progress and will be completed in July. Email has been sent to confirm the exact date of completion.</p>		<p>ACTIONS:</p> <p>a) Cty Cllr Lynch-Wilson to chase Vale Council</p> <p>b) Cty Cllr Lynch-Wilson to chase Vale Council</p>
2808	<p><u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</u></p> <p>That the presented financial statement as of 30th June 2024 be accepted as a true record of the Council financial accounts. Details at Annex A. Further proposed that a monthly Cash flow be produced</p> <p><u>PROPOSED By: Councillor Derek Willmot</u> <u>SECONDED By: Councillor Rebecca Christian</u></p>		
2809	<p>It was agreed that a cost of £190 to remove the Ivy from the bus stop by entrance of St Athan after nest inspection undertaken.</p>		

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	<p><u>PROPOSED By: Councillor Sandra Toker</u> <u>SECONDED By: Councillor Rebecca Christian</u></p> <p>It was agreed a cost purchase new Pads for the defibrillator in Gileston at a cost of £400</p> <p><u>PROPOSED By: Councillor Sandra Toker</u> <u>SECONDED By: Councillor Rebecca Christian</u></p>																															
2810	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>03.06 - Planning Committee 05.06 - Proposed amendments to the Vale of Glamorgan affordable housing 05.06 - Land Surveyors 06.06 - Vale & Social care & well-being bulletin 06.06 - Vale first nature festival 7th July 10.06 - Clerk Training 10.06 - One Voice Wales – Cost of living 11.06 - Tidy Wales Awards 2024 12.06 - Keep South Wales Safe 12.06 - Multi Location meetings 12.06 - Area committee meeting 15.06 - One Voice Wales guide to Community Transport 17.06 - Llantwit Civic Service informed 18.06 - Cowbridge Civis Service 7th July 2024 19.06 - Biodiversity 19.06 - Green prescribing 26th June 2024 25.06 - Democratic meeting cancelled next meeting 10th October at 6.00pm</p>																															
2811	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS</u></p> <p>A review of the Civic ceremony took place.</p> <p>It was agreed to write a recommendations report to be used for next year's event.</p>																															
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	<p>Electricity June 296.36 Upgrade consumer unit 4998.79</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5936.89</p> <p>Grants St Athan Ward Grass Cutting 410.00 Flower baskets 487.80 Feeder Pillars x 2 47.53 Civic ceremony pamphlets 98.00 Civic ceremony photos 44.96 Civic Service flowers 51.25</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1139.54</p> <p>Total Expenditure 10098.46</p> <p>That the above income and expenditure payments for June 2024 are approved.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED By: Councillor Derek Wilmot</u> <u>SECONDED By: Councillor Rebecca Christian</u></p>	
2813	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATION(S)</u></p> <p>Planning Application 2024/00464/FUL</p> <p>Proposal: Proposal for Rural Enterprise dwelling to facilitate succession of Flemingston Court Farm.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED By: Councillor Sandra Toker That there were no Objections</u> <u>SECONDED By: Councillor Julie Lynch Wilson CARRIED</u></p>	
2814	<p><u>REPORTS</u></p> <p>Report submitted about medical centre completed by Derek Willmot</p>	Ongoing
2815	<p><u>GREEN SPACE</u></p> <p>Bench in Londis to change location</p> <p><u>War Memorial</u></p> <p>Landscaping and decorative planting around the War Memorial being considered.</p> <p>Discussions around who owns the land and whether co-opting land from the Council is an option.</p> <p>Wales and West have agreed to supply benches, planters and surface (not hard standing but grass filled grids)</p> <p>DL Contractors provided one quote kordel-Ltd.co.uk</p> <p><u>Gileston Wildflower Verge</u></p> <p>Discussions began about using a strip of verge in Gileston for wildflowers.</p>	<p>Cllrs M Levett to investigate a new bench</p> <p>Cllrs M Levett and</p> <p>Community clerk obtaining quotes for War Memorial landscaping options. ONGOING</p>

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		Cllr M Levett to progress
2816	<p><u>TOWN STATUS</u></p> <p>The pros and cons of becoming a Town are to be explored and shared with the Public via the next Newsletter and a Public Meeting to be held in due course.</p>	ACTION ONGOING Cllr R Eustace has prepared information for the Newsletter.
2817	<p><u>PROJECT COMMITTEE</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summer Fete (S. Toker) - It was confirmed the fete will now take place on 7th September at the Paul Lewis Centre from 11.00am-5.00pm 2. Memorial Service (Cllr R Eustace) - (Community Clerk) 3. Christmas Market & Switch on Lights (Cllrs S Toker & Community Clerk) <p>Newsletter – has been deferred until July. Discussions held re ‘free’ advertising for local businesses. A quotation has been received for printing at approximately £710.00.</p> <p>First draft of the Newsletter shown to council 20th July 2024</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>Project Leaders to progress an update</p> <p>ACTION ALL CLLRS</p>
2818	<p><u>EXTERNAL AUDIT</u></p> <p>Council must undertake a full audit this year. Relevant documents are being prepared for the Audit Submission.</p>	COMMUNITY CLERK
2819	<p><u>WEBSITE</u></p> <p>Cllr S Toker and Community Clerk to attend Training course</p>	COMMUNITY CLERK
2820	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There have been complaints about the noise at Gileston Manor Cllr R Christian liaising with the VoG Council. 2. Rustic Roots to confirm meter connection. 	COMMUNITY CLERK

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.45pm

No members of the public were present

The next General Community Council Meeting will be held on 3rd September 2024, at 7.00pm

Annex A

ST. ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 30th JUNE 2024

RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward	36206.82
Income (interest)	39.88
Transfer to Current a/c	(10,000.00)
Balance	26,246.70

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Brought Forward	7135.49
Rustic roots	1258.06
Reserve Funds	10,000.00

Total 18,393.55 (a)

Expenditure

Administration	3022.03
Council Property	5936.89
Chairman Allowance	0.00
Grants & Donations	0.00
St Athan Ward	1139.54
Transfer to Reserve	

Total 10098.46 (b)

Balance 8295.09 (a) – (b)

Report on visit to Medical Centre Ex MOD St Athan 24th June 2024

The visit was arranged through the MOD subsequent to the visit to DSG earlier this year. Also in attendance was Dr Peter Dickson (chair of Llantwit Major Town Council); a retired GP.

We were welcomed by the Head of the facility and Flight Sergeant from the medical team.

The unit is a single storey brick building which was constructed in approx. 1983 and has extensive facilities, including 3 Dentist surgeries, numerous consulting rooms, physiotherapy area, audiology, various stores, bathing facilities and a pharmacy and extensive office accommodation.

The building is in good order and we struggled to understand how the Welsh Government considers it not fit for purpose. The medical team advised that in their view there would only be minor things doing to bring back to an acceptable standard e.g. renew floor coverings and some sinks etc.

Since the closure of MOD East Camp, the client base has diminished considerably and all dependants are now catered for by the civilian healthcare services putting additional strain on already overstretched surgeries etc.

The MOD intends to create a new Medical Centre within Churchill Lines at a future date when this building will be redundant for their purposes. But as it is literally within a stone's throw of the boundary wire, there is a view that it should be retained and repurposed for the civilian population and the expected increase in population in St Athan and Llantwit Major where community medical facilities are already at bursting point.

Welsh Government plans are to demolish this building which seems a travesty when the local area is crying out for facilities such as this.

