



MINUTES OF THE ST ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 14th JUNE 2022
REMOTELY AND IN THE COMMUNITY 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 B Acott	Aberthaw Power Station Local Liaison Committee Bro Tathan Local Council Liaison Committee Friends of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Llantwit Major Public Footpaths Committee.
Councillor S Toker	Projects Committee One Voice Wales Vale of Glamorgan Council, Community Liaison Committee
Councillor D White	Projects Committee
Councillor D Willmot	General Maintenance Committee Aberthaw Cement Works C.L.C. School Governors

APOLOGIES

Councillor J Angove	Merger Council Building / Library Bro Tathan Local Council Liaison Committee
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MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION
2244.	<u>WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.	
2245.	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> Councillor D Willmot - Library	
2246.	<u>CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES</u> PROPOSED By: Councillor B Acott SECONDED By: Councillor D White That the minutes of the General Meeting held on the 10 th May 2022 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.	CARRIED
2247.	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE GENERAL MEETING</u> The following matters remain on going: a. Allotment – Councillor S Toker is pursuing this issue with MoD St Athan.	

<p>2247 Cont...</p>	<p>b. Telephone Box Flemington – Vegetation around the box has been cleared and the RAF Cadets have agreed to prepare and paint the box over the summer as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.</p> <p>c. Pollinator Project – Councillor D White confirmed:</p> <p>(1) Edenvale Ltd have been shown which areas of council land are to be left uncut to enable wildflowers to grow and then to be cut back in September.</p> <p>(2) The Council are supporting the Brownies to develop a small garden area at The Gathering Place.</p> <p>(3) As part of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the Council planted Rowan tree near to the War Memorial.</p> <p>d. Website Accessibility – This issue will be addressed with the new web hosting company.</p> <p>e. War Memorial – Councillor D White confirmed poppy seeds and wildflower seeds have been sown around the memorial and bus shelter. The RAF Cadets have agreed to paint the bench, memorial railings and bus shelter over the summer period, as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.</p> <p>f. Community Working Group - Renamed Community Activities Working Group, inaugural meeting to be held on 12th July 2022. Invites have been sent to local businesses and community representatives.</p>	
<p>2248.</p>	<p><u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</u></p> <p>The Chairman presented a Financial Statement of Accounts as at the 31st May 2022. Copy at Annex A.</p> <p>PROPOSED By: Councillor J Lynch-Wilson SECONDED By: Councillor S Toker</p> <p>That the presented financial statement be accepted as a true record of council financial accounts and that ad hoc audits of Council financial accounts, by Councillors should take place on a regular basis.</p>	<p>CARRIED</p>
<p>2249.</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>Vale of Glamorgan Council</p> <p>a. Development Plans Community Guide Edition 2. b. Church Lane Plan (Merger Council Hall & Library). c. Planning Committee – 08 June 2022 – Agenda and Reports. d. Monitoring Officer Meeting with Clerks of Town Community Councils. e. Town & Community Councils Update Information 2022-23. f. Annual Meeting – 23 May 2022 – Agenda and Reports. g. Standards Committee - Applications for dispensation.</p> <p>One Voice Wales</p> <p>h. Training dates for June 2022. i. Finance & Government Toolkit – Thank you letter to Council. j. Code of Conduct training.</p>	

2250 Cont...	<p>k. Age friendly communities' partnership webnair 29th June 2022.</p> <p>l. Pethau Bychain – Nature Hub.</p> <p>m. Call out for good practice in response to global warming & climate change.</p> <p>n. Welsh Government and National Lottery Heritage Fund – Grants.</p> <p>o. National Forest for Wales funding announcement.</p> <p>Other</p> <p>p. Public Sector Executive - Driving tech value & sustainability webnair – 14th June 2022.</p> <p>q. Other – Along the Green Brick Road to Carbon Neutrality.</p> <p>r. Public Sector Executive – Guide to the EV Revolution.</p> <p>s. Welsh Water – St Athan drinking water issue.</p> <p>t. ITV News – Water situation.</p> <p>u. National Resources Wales – NRW Board Recruitment.</p>																																					
2251.	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS</u></p> <p>a. Letter of Thanks sent to Ex-County Councillor John Thomas.</p> <p>b. Invite sent to Welsh Government, Bro Tathan to attend Council meeting on 5th July 2022.</p> <p>c. Reported engine block left at Church Lane to Vale Council (Ref no VOG-423321859).</p> <p>d. Informed PCSO 57209 Richard Mills of councillors contact details.</p> <p>e. Arranged collection and install of flower baskets.</p> <p>f. Council Sub Committee list sent to all Councillors.</p> <p>g. Requested Mr J Thomas, Gileston Farm to stop cutting hedge row running from the village of Gileston to the Leys beach.</p> <p>h. Confirmation of remuneration payment sent to Mr S Haines, Mrs S Williams, Mr D Crompton and Mrs J Lougher.</p> <p>i. Bid for funding for summer fete/party in the park.</p> <p>j. Requested quotes for solar panel installation.</p> <p>k. Arranged collection of Fete ToW Rope and PA System.</p> <p>l. Notified St. Athan Library of Community Ownership Fund.</p>																																					
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2255.	<p><u>COUNCILLOR ROLES</u></p> <p>It was agreed to divide the ward into areas with dedicated Councillors, who would be responsible to pass on issues to the clerk for action, things like; broken pavement, excessive weeds, fly tipping etc.</p>	
2256.	<p><u>TOOLKIT - POLICY DOCUMENTS</u></p> <p>PROPOSED by: Councillor B Acott SECONDED by: Councillor J Lynch-Wilson</p> <p>That the undermentioned documents be adopted and put into practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. General Data Protection Regulation. b. H&S Policy. c. Risk Management Register (Financial). 	CARRIED
2257.	<p><u>FETE & PARTY IN THE PARK</u></p> <p>PROPOSED by: Councillor D White SECONDED by: Councillor S Toker</p> <p>That the undermentioned items are purchased in support of the community fete and party in the park event to be held on Saturday 2nd July 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plastic fencing - £47.84 b. LED Lighting - £62.99 c. Cable ties - £1.99 	CARRIED
2258.	<p><u>WEBSITE HOSTING</u></p> <p>PROPOSED By: Councillor J Lynch-Wilson SECONDED By: Councillor D Willmot</p> <p>That TL Computer Systems Ltd is engaged to maintain and update the Council website following the retirement of Ex-Councillor A Barnaby at cost not to exceed £120 + VAT during FY 2022-23.</p>	CARRIED
2259.	<p><u>FINANCIAL APPEALS</u></p> <p>PROPOSED by: Councillor D White SECONDED by: Councillor B Acott</p> <p>That a donation of £200 be made to St Michael's Church Flemingston to assist with the upkeep of the churchyard.</p>	CARRIED
2260.	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>County Councillor J Lynch-Wilson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The damaged wall at the Co-Op is due to be repaired on 21st June 2022. b. Two trees located at the 'dip', Cowbridge Road have Ash Dieback disease and are to be taken down. c. The Active Travel Route meeting was cancelled. 	

2260 Cont...	<p>Councillor R Eustace</p> <p>a. The Council is actively seeking quotes for the supply and installation of solar panels.</p> <p>County Councillor S Haines</p> <p>a. Gave an update on the explosion at Bro Tathan in 2021.</p> <p>b. Regular meetings with Bro Tathan management should be conducted. The chairman confirmed Mr David George from the Welsh Government, Bro Tathan, is to give a briefing to this Council on 5th July 2022, about current and future development plans for the site going forward.</p>	
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There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.41pm.

Next General Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7:30pm.

ST. ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 31ST MAY 2022

RESERVE ACCOUNT

Income	6,052.95
Expenditure	0.00
Balance	6,052.95

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Income	
Balance Brought Forward	3,227.77
Precept	16,544.00
Hall hire	404.00
VAT Refund	1812.36
St Athan Ward (Fete)	95.00
Total	22,083.13
Expenditure	
Administration	6,568.72
Chairman's Allowance	0.00
Council Property	1,672.36
Grants & Donations	0.00
St Athan Ward	2,329.80
Total	10,570.88
Balance	11,512.25

ABERTHAW POWER STATION LOCAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD REMOTELY ON WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY 2022

REPORT BY COUNCILLOR B ACOTT

PRESENT

RWE Generation Representatives

Chair: David Tate, Central Asset Management, Closed Site Manager

Mark Jemmett, Closed Site Team Leader

Severine (Sev) Poncelet, Head of Property Management and Site Development

Chrissie Matthews, Environmental Management

Ms Rachel Sansom, Community Liaison

CCR Representatives

Rhys Thomas, Chief Operating Officer

Christian Cadwallader, Aberthaw Programme Lead

Suzanne Chesterton, Head of Communications and Governance

Jack Harrison, Graduate on Aberthaw Programme

Resident Representatives

Mr Bob Dickens - East Aberthaw

Mrs Sharne Williams - Gileston

Mr Keith Neighbour - Aberthaw

Cllr Brian Acott - St Athan

Mr Tony Leakey - Natural Resources Wales

Duncan Ludlow - Reserve Manager, Wildlife Trust

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Kelly Nye, Press Officer of RWE and Mr Andrew Morris, West Aberthaw.

1. WELCOME / INTRODUCTION

Due to a technical issue and delayed start, David Tate introduced himself as the new Chair and began the meeting.

2. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Two actions were recorded.

An action to investigate a bulge on the ash mound. No information from the community was received but a topographical survey has recently been carried out and compared with previous results, with no issues found. This has been recorded in site logs.

Action to share email addresses for RWE and a contact number was completed by including them in the last minutes.

3. SALE UPDATE / SITE REDEVELOPMENT - CCR INTRODUCTION

David passed to Sev to give an update. Sev confirmed that RWE and CCR have exchanged contracts for the sale of the site. The sale is dependent on environmental permits being transferred to the new owner. This is in a transition phase. The site is in RWE ownership. RWE will withdraw from site when the permits have been transferred. RWE are working closely with CCR and technical experts for this transition. However, the permit transfer will take a bit of time. The applications have been submitted but are in a queue, it is anticipated that this will take some months. Sev advised the group will be updated when the sale is completed.

David handed over to CCR to present to the group.

The team introduced themselves to the group. Rhys and Christian made the presentation (attached) and outlined the philosophy of the redevelopment of the site. Rhys introduced the role of CCR and its vision. Christian spoke about the Aberthaw site specifically. He outlined that the last 12 months was all about due diligence and how to bring the scheme to life. He shared the indicative plan and confirmed that there are a number of different options being considered (see attached presentation) on the site. Christian advised that of the 500 acres, 200 are primarily developable while 300 would be considered for an ecological park with the potential use of ACE2 as a CCR engagement and visitor centre. He expressed a keen interest in listening to all the sectors: from the community, private and public sector. Christian said he was keen to understand any concerns of residents and would be happy to hear from them. Rhys and Christian confirmed their email addresses are on the attached presentation.

4. SITE TEAM UPDATE

David confirmed that there are seven members of RWE staff on the site. The main focus is on maintenance, particularly surface water, discharge monitoring and permit reporting. There were challenges associated with COVID restrictions and ensuring the health of the staff. Although these have been relaxed, but it is still an area of concern. The team are busy preparing documents including health and safety files as well as digital documents for the handover. Work to sever links with the water supply for St Lythan's, Ely Wells and East Aberthaw reservoir have also been carried out. The latter is included in the sale. Work has also been completed on separation from National Grid and they have been changing some fences and power supplies on the site.

David continued that there have been some health and safety issues since the last meeting. There have been some life buoys thrown into the lagoon that needed to be retrieved; an injured swan was rescued from the reserve; four incidents of net fishing on the River Thaw were reported; storm damage on the site has led to some barriers being erected; five urban explorers were reported to the police with arrests being made on the M4 following alleged thefts. Most recently, the fire brigade have carried out training exercises on the site and a potential arson attempt has been reported to the police.

A Security team continue to work on site.. Also the electrical fences within the perimeter are there to stop people accessing the site. Mark added that there are 94 operational cameras around the site and were used to pinpoint the arson incident. David continued that there is a strong relationship with the fire brigade and the site continues to be used for training by them. Recently, rope access training was carried out. He confirmed that RWE are actively engaged with the fire brigade and they know the site well.

David handed over to Sev for an update on the North Quarry. Sev confirmed that RWE will retain the obligation to restore the Quarry and this is, currently, in the development phase. The company has appointed an expert - RPS - who will work on the design and investigation of the best possible solution. This is likely to be a revised scheme and, once finalised, will be presented to NRW, the land owner and the local authority. The aim is to do this at the end of the year with aspiration to start restoration during 2023.

5. NRW UPDATE

Tony introduced himself as the site inspector at Aberthaw for over 15 years. He confirmed he had not visited site for over two years as no requirement. He confirmed that he had been in contact with RWE as the sale proceeded and was involved in permit discussions and the process for transfer.. This, he explained, was done largely remotely. Two main applications will need to be made to transfer the two main permits. These are for the main site and the ash mound. These have been submitted by CCR and are in the queue. There is currently a three month period before these will be picked up and assessed. The first determination will be to confirm they are duly made.. This will likely take a couple of months as there may be a need for more information, with both legal entities consulted and discussions around areas such as waste discharge monitoring and environmental requirements. Another application for the end of the power station, in parallel with the others, will be completed after the transfer is finished.

Permits for the ash mound and quarry to move to closure will be a formal process and reports will need to be submitted. Tony confirmed that the quarry will need to go through a closure assessment and there will be a lot of work to be done. He added that there will be not a lot for some time yet but as the paperwork needs to be processed, it is likely to be early next year and possibly beyond before there's any conclusion. Tony will be associated with the site, along with several colleagues, as the site moved to demolition. NRW will be involved in monitoring this. There is still a lot to do at the site and Tony will be dealing with CCR when they are holding the legal duty to ensure no pollution is caused.

6. BIODIVERSITY UPDATE

Duncan introduced himself and confirmed that The Wildlife Trust are involved in discussions with CCR and RWE about the future. They have attended workshops with stakeholders about the area and are keen to be involved with supporting biodiversity plans for the possible ecology park at the site and help protect the wildlife.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS& QUESTIONS

Keith asked if he could arrange a meeting with David to discuss the private road. Keith has had major issues with visitors to the nature reserve and inconsiderate parking. This had led to an incident between a cyclist and a vehicle. Keith advised that he had discussed with a previous manager about the possibility of yellow lines being reinstated on the private road. David confirmed he would speak to Keith away from the meeting to investigate the issue. **ACTION:** David to contact Keith to arrange a review of the road.

Bob asked CCR if they had plans to improve access to the site as it is a tricky area for traffic, he asked if there were any intention to change this. Christian responded that it is too early for this level of detail but it will be noted as a consideration and thanked Bob for raising it. Christian confirmed that as part of the planning process traffic monitoring will be included.

Brian advised that the community of Gileston has written to the St Athan Community Council to raise their concerns about being kept informed. He asked CCR to consider the village and encouraged communication to the residents. Christian confirmed that they wish to have an open and honest dialogue and would welcome any opportunity to attend a local council meeting to speak to as many local people as possible.

Rachel gave her apologies for the technical issue which delayed the start of the meeting and thanked everyone for their understanding and patience.

As there was no further business, David closed the meeting by confirmed RWE will talk to CCR about the next date for the LLC and, depending on the sale process confirm who will chair the meeting. Christian added that, based on Tony's timeline, this is still like to be RWE but he looks forward to the next meeting and hopes it may be possible to meet in person. David confirmed that this may be a possibility, if they can be confident everyone can be safe.