



MINUTES OF THE ST ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 2nd MAY 2023 IN THE COUNCIL HALL

PRESENT

Councillor R Eustace (RE) (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 (JLW) (Vice-Chairman)	Projects Committee St Athan Community Association
Councillor G Berrill (GB)	Projects Committee St Athan Community Association
Councillor R Christian (RC)	Friends of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Llantwit Major Town Public Footpaths Forum. Conservation Area Planning - Gileston
Councillor S Harries (SH)	One Voice Wales Vale of Glamorgan Council, Community Liaison Committee
Councillor S Toker (ST)	Projects Committee One Voice Wales Vale of Glamorgan Council, Community Liaison Committee
Councillor D White (DW)	Projects Committee
Councillor D Willmot (DW)	General Maintenance Committee Aberthaw Cement Works C.L.C. School Governors

MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION
2496.	<u>WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.	
2497.	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> County Councillor S Haines	
2498	<u>MR JOHN HASWELL</u> A minutes silence was held out of respect for Mr John Haswell former Clerk to St Athan Community Council, who passed away on 5 th April 2023. Funeral to be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Friday 12 th May at 11am. A wake will be held at the Three Horseshoes, St Athan after the service.	

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2499.	<u>COUCILLOR RESIGNATION</u> Councillor James Angove has resigned from serving on the St Athan Community Council.	
2500.	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> Grant of Dispensation: Cllr D Willmott, speak only on matters relating to St Athan community Council Hub and Library. Cllr J Lynch-Wilson, speak and vote on topics related to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's reshaping Program. Mr D Patterson Clerk/RFO to the Council - Chairman of the PLCC.	
2501.	<u>CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES</u> PROPOSED By: Councillor S Toker SECONDED By: Councillor D Willmot That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 4 th April 2023 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.	CARRIED.
2502.	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING</u> The following matters were discussed and remain ongoing: a. Min 2401 Footpath No 7. No further action required. Closed. b. Min 2415 Chat & Cuppa Post Hospital Discharge. No further action required. Closed. c. Min 2415 Take Your Litter Home Sign On going. d. Min 2426 Litter/dog feces and dog poo bags. On going. e. Min 2495 Mounted Maps. On going. f. Min 2495 Insurance review. On going.	CLOSED CLOSED JLW - Progress DW - Engage with Enforcement Officer, Vale Council JLW - Provide VoG contact details to the Chairman ST - Secure Crown Copy rights. RE – Review quote
2503.	<u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</u> Prior to the meeting Councillors G Brill and S Toker audited the accounts and found no abnormalities. The Chairman presented a Financial Statement of Accounts as of 31 st March 2023. Copy at Annex A.	NOTED.

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2503. Cont.	PROPOSED By: Councillor G Berrill SECONDED By: Councillor D White That the presented financial statement be accepted as a true record of council financial accounts.	CARRIED.
2504.	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>Welsh Government</p> <p>Vale Council 15/04/23 Observation Visit by Independent Member of Standards Committee 15/04/23 TCC rep on Standards Committee appointments Panel 19/04/23 Council - 24 April 2023 - Agenda and Reports 21/04/23 Planning Committee - 27 April 2023 - Agenda and Reports</p> <p>One Voice Wales 06/04/23 2023 Training Dates 06/04/23 Virtual Allotment Officers Forum 07/04/23 Vacancy - Disabled People's Employment Champion 07/04/23 Consultation - Penn Review response (Local Authority Ethical Standards Framework and Code of Conduct) 04/04/23 Model Standing Orders 18/04/23 Newly appointed Communications Officer with One Voice Wales 18/04/23 Emergency Alerts 26/04/23 April & May 2023 Training Dates 20/04/23 Nature Wise - Eco Literacy Course 26/04/23 Job Vacancy - Pencoed Town Council</p> <p>Other 06/04/23 Road to Net Zero 06/04/23 Invitation to join Webinar -Vision for nature introducing Motion for Ocean 07/04/23 GVS Health Social Care & Wellbeing ebulletin 6.4.2023 14/04/23 NDCWales Dance for Parkinson's classes 20/04/23 Training from Planning Aid Wales 24/04/23 Friends of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Association Meetings</p>	

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2505.	<u>CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS</u> 05/04/23 Attended Age Friendly meeting 11/04/23 Attended CAWG meeting	
2506.	<u>INVOICES (April 2023)</u> Income Scouts 40.00 Vale Council 23,534.00 Women's Institute 110.00 Total <u>23,684.00</u> Expenditure Admin Clerk Salary 1667.41 Councillor Remuneration 160.00 Councillor Training 35.00 HMRC 689.66 Refreshments (Proj & Age Friendly Mtgs) 31.10 Microsoft License 13.27 Office Equipment 84.00 Stationery & Postage 56.20 Telephone & Broadband 52.52 Vale Solicitors 180.00 Total <u>2,969.16</u> Council Building Council Tax 221.18 Caretaker Salary 361.33 Cleaning Supplies 5.00 Electric 318.65 Maintenance – (3T Restoration) 162.00 Window Cleaning 70.00 Total <u>1,138.16</u> Donation Flemingston Church 200.00 Gileston Coronation 100.00 <u>300.00</u> St Athan Ward Fete 300.00 Feeder Pillar x2 9.00 Grass Tenders (Incl cutting tree crown) 260.00 Total <u>569.00</u> Project Library Merger <u>1050.00</u>	

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2506. Cont.	PROPOSED By: Councillor J Lynch-Wilson SECONDED By: Councillor R Christian That the above income and expenditure payments for April 2023 are accepted as correct.	CARRIED.																																																
2507.	<u>PLANNING APPLICATION(S)</u> a. Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended) Application No. 2023/00171/FUL Location: Greenfield, Flemingston Road, Flemingston Proposal : Porch extension, attic conversion and side link extension connecting house and garage – Approved 19th April 2023																																																	
2508.	<u>REPORTS</u> Councillor R Christian attended the Aberthaw Power Station Liaison Meeting held on 6 th April 2023 and Friends of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Association Meeting held on 30 th April 2023. Details at Annex B & C. Councillor S Toker Sandra attended One Voice Wales Meeting on 24 th April 2023. Details at Annex D. Councillor D Willmot reported the planned Cement Works Liaison Meeting for 27 th April was cancelled. Councillor D Willmot attended the School Governors Meeting held on 2 nd May 2023.																																																	
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2509. Cont.	May			
	02 Tue	19.00 - 21.00	AGM - Community Council Meeting	Council Hall
	07 Sun	15.00 -16.00	Coronation Café	St Tathan Church
	07 Sun	15.00 -	Coronation Street Party	Flemingston
	07 Sun	15.00 -	Coronation Activities	Gileston
	08 Mon	14.00 - 20.00	Coronation Games Picnic Disco / Karaoke	PLCC
	13 Sat	14.00 - 16.00	Spring Community Litter Pick	PLCC
	14 Sun	11.00 - 16.00	Council Civic Event	St Tathan Church/PLCC
	27 Sat - 31 Wed		Community Council Newsletter (Distributed)	Community Council
	28 Sun	14.00 -	St Athan Walk	Walking Gp Valeways
	30 Tue	19.00 - 20.00	AGM - Paul Lewis Community Centre	PLCC
	June			
	03 Sat	14.00 - 17.00	Craft Fair	PLCC
	03 Sat – 11 Sun		Church Unlocked	St Tathan Church
	06 Tue	19.00 - 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall
	17 Sat		Craft Fair	St Tathan Church
	17 Sat	19.00 – 23.59	Disco/Karaoke Night	PLCC
	July			
	04 Tue	19.00 - 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall
	11 Tue	14.00 - 15.00	CAWG Meeting	Three Horseshoes
	29 Sat	19.00 - 23.59	Race Night or Quiz Night	PLCC
	September			
	02 Sat	12.00 - 19.00	Community Council Summer Fete/Party in the Park	Sports Field
	03 Sun	14.00 - 16.00	Community Autumn Litter Pick	PLCC
	05 Tue	19.00 - 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall
	19 Tue	19.00 - 21.00	Community Public Meeting	PLCC
	October			
	03 Tue	19.00 - 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall
	14 Sat	19.00 - 23.59	Oktober Fest	PLCC
	28 Sat		Craft Fair	St Tathan Church
	29 Sun	15.00 - 18.00	Children's Halloween Party	PLCC
	31 Tue	17.00	The Real Meaning of Halloween	St Tathan Church
November				
01 Wed	19.00 - 21.00	Lamp Post Poppies Up	RAF Cadets	
07 Tue	19.00 - 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall	
12 Sun	10.00 - 11.30	Remembrance Sunday Service	St Tathan Church	
12 Sun	11.30 - 13.00	Remembrance Day Refreshments	PLCC	
21 Tue	19.00 - 21.00	Community Council Finance Meeting	Council Hall	
22 Wed	19.00 - 21.00	Lamp Post Poppies Down	RAF Cadets	

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2509. Cont.	26 Sun	12.00 - 17.00	Christmas Market	PLCC
	26 Sun	17.30 - 17.15	Procession of Light	PLCC
	26 Sun	18.00	Christmas Light Switch On	Three Horseshoes
	26 Sun	18.15 - 19.00	Christingle Service	St Athan Church
December				
	02 Sat	15.00 - 18.00	Children's Christmas Party	PLCC
	05 Tue	19.00 - 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall
	17 Sun	14.00 - 16.00	Santa Visits St Athan	St Athan Ward
2024				
January				
	03 Wed	19.00 - 21.30	Panto -Beauty and the Beast	PLCC
	09 Tue	19.00 - 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall
February				
	06 Tue	19.00 - 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall
	16 Fri	18.00 - 21.00	Old Time Musical Show	PLCC
	TBC	TBC	Christingle	St Tathan Church
	TBC	TBC	Craft Fair	St Tathan Church
	TBC	TBC	Entertainment Night	PLCC
March				
	TBC		St David's Day	St Tathan Church
	TBC	19.00 - 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall
	TBC	19.00 - 23.59	Entertainment	PLCC
2510.	<u>COUNCIL CIVIC CERMONY</u> PROPOSED By: D White SECONDED By: J Lynch-Wilson That 11 x awards to be presented at the civic event, be purchased at a cost of £363.00.			CARRIED
2511.	<u>FLYING START - CHILDCARE</u> Flying Start have withdrawn their request for use of the Council Hall.			CLOSED
2512.	<u>LIBRARY EXTENSION</u> A meeting with Council representative, Library Trustees and Architects is planned for 3 rd May 2023.			
2513.	<u>COMPLAINT</u> The Council has concluded its investigation into a complaint raised against this Council.			CLOSED

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2514.	<u>REVIEW COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE</u> A review of Councillor attendance to Council meeting has been completed.	CLOSED
2515.	<u>FETE/PARTY IN THE PARK</u> PROPOSED By: Councillor S Toker SECONDED By: Councillor S Harries That £600.00 is paid to GTE Hire Ltd in respect of marque, tables and chairs, to be used at the summer fete.	CARRIED
2516.	<u>REPAIR TO HALL FLOOR</u> 3T Restoration Ltd have inspected the effected floor area and will send in a quote in due course.	Clerk – Quote to include cost of: Opening up the full length of the affected wall and required remedial ‘tanking’.
2517.	<u>FINANCIAL APPEALS</u> PROPOSED By: Councillor R Eustace SECONDED By: Councillor D Willmot That £100.00 donation is made to the RAF Benevolent Fund.	CARRIED
2518.	<u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u> Councillor J Lynch-Wilson - informed the meeting of a recent spate of incidents of anti-social behaviour by a few youths, including threatening & abusive languages and damage to plant pots & front doors. The police are investigating. Councillor Eustace – a. The telephone box in Flemingston is in the process of being painted. b. The current speed limit in Flemingston is 60mph, this should be reduced down to 20mph. Clerk – a. EdenVale Ltd have cut back over hanging branches to a tree in Flemingston. b. The Parking Enforcement Office is visiting St At Athan on Wednesday 3 rd May 2023.	NOTED JLW – Provide contact detail for relevant officer(s) from Vale Council.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 20.58 pm.

Next General Community Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 7pm.

ST. ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 29th April 2023

RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward	6,078.53
Income	0.00
Expenditure	0.00
Balance	6078.53

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Income	
Balance Brought Forward	4,679.59
Precept	23,534.00
Hall Hire	150.00
Total	28,363.59
Expenditure	
Administration	2,878.96
Council Property	1,228.36
Grants & Donations	300.00
St Athan Ward	569.00
Projects	1,050.00
Total	6,026.32
Balance	22,337.27

ABERTHAW POWER STATION LIAISON MEETING HELD ON 6TH APRIL 2023
REPORT BY COUNCILLOR R CHRISTIAN

1. Christian Cadwallader (CC) gave an update:
 - Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) have formally taken ownership of the site (16th March 2023). The acquisition process was lengthy & complex. A new company, CCR Energy, has been formed and is jointly owned by the 10 Local Authorities.
 - First major task is demolition of the site. Contractors are visiting the site and submitting tenders. It is anticipated that demolition work will begin in the summer 2023 and take 2-4 years to complete. There is a lot of asbestos to deal with. Much of the site material will be recycled.
 - Second major task is the development of a Master Plan for the site. All Renewable Energy types will be considered and ranked.
 - This will include the removal of the ash mound, particularly since it has an economic value. The ash mound is also a designated Landfill Site and needs to be removed so that the area can be developed.
 - Incinerator development will be included but will have a very low priority and is not likely to be developed on site.
 - Micro & Small Modular Nuclear Reactors will be considered for development. Nuclear Energy has recently been designated Green Energy by the Welsh Government and forms part of securing future energy supplies for Wales.
 - CCR Energy meets regularly with Bro Tathan, Wildlife Trusts & other stakeholders.

2. Cllr Rebecca Christian will be the Community Council representative.
3. Local residents would like a Village meeting.

CC said that he would hold a village meeting but that at the moment they are in the planning stage. When he has more information to share, he will hold a village meeting. Meanwhile, there is a Community Liaison Committee who meet regularly and notes from these meetings will be available on the Community Council website.
4. Dog fouling footpath #7 (in front of the Power Station).

Cllr Rebecca Christian explained that there is a serious dog fouling issue on the concrete path in front of the power station (footpath number 7). The Community Council wants to install a bin and Cllr Rebecca will empty it weekly. The hope being that the Vale of Glamorgan council will see evidence of the need and take over emptying the bin in the future.

CC was very sympathetic to the issue but was uncomfortable with Cllr Rebecca emptying the bin on health and safety grounds. He said he would think about how to address the issue and arrange for the path to be cleaned. He also said he would check the CCTV along the path to see if individuals can be identified. He said that signage will be installed stating that CCTV was in operation for the purpose of identifying dog foulers.

FRIENDS OF GLAMORGAN HERITAGE COAST ASSOCIATION
AGM & COMMITTEE MEETING 30TH APRIL 2023
REPORT BY CLLR REBECCA CHRISTIAN

Recently, this Association has been under threat of closure due to lack of committee members and illness.

I am pleased to report that a new Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and committee members have been appointed. I have agreed to become a committee member. It was agreed that younger members should be encouraged to join the committee. In addition, new Trustees have also been appointed.

It was agreed to adopt the 1996 Constitution.

Finance Report. There is a balance of around £32,000. It was agreed that this was too large and monies should be spent. The Ranger, Paul, suggested a new information board at St Donat's (approximately £2500) and new recycled plastic picnic tables with plaques stating that the Association had paid for them (approximately £8,000). The current membership fee of £5 is to be increased to £10. At the next meeting, I will ask for an information board at Gileston beach. Both the one at St Donat's and Gileston will be similar to the one at Llantwit Major. The Dunraven Estate to be contacted to ask for their regular donations to be re-started.

The SeaWatch Centre, Mill Lane, Boverton. This is owned by the Association and they are selling it to the Bristol Women's Workshop Group. The process is well underway. Land Registry are waiting for information about the Trustees and there is also an issue around moving the public footpath. The Bristol Group were advised that they could pursue moving the footpath themselves. Paul advised that the Vale of Glamorgan Council would waive the £4,000 fee because the path needs 'rolling back' inland anyway, due to safety concerns. There is also an issue around identifying who the Trustees are for the SeaWatch Centre.

The membership form is to be updated to include email addresses. All data to be stored on a secure digital platform ('The Cloud') and to comply with GDPR rules.

Four committee meetings per year.

It was agreed to send a card and letter to Brian Acott, to thank him for all his dedicated work for the Association.

The Association will send a representative to the VoG Council Advisory Committee for the Heritage Coast.

The Association needs to be advised of relevant planning applications affecting the Heritage Coast.

Mel Stewart, Porthkerry Ranger, Vale of Glamorgan Council, advised there is a new project called 'Restore the Thaw Landscape' which will be starting soon, funded by the National Lottery. Its aim is to increase biodiversity along the River Thaw through public engagement projects. It will include the SSSI in East Aberthaw beach. There may well be opportunities for the project to enhance the area in front of the Power Station and Gileston Beach.

The next Committee Meeting is Sunday June 4th, 2:30 pm, Heritage Centre. Projects for discussion will include: a new launch event for members, Christmas event, Raffle, advertising on social media, local

Councils, VoG Twitter & Facebook, Newsletter, Geological information. In 2025 the VoG council will be organising 50 years of the Heritage Coast celebrations.

Annex D

ONE VOICE WALES MEETING HELD 24TH APRIL 2023
REPORT BY COUNCILOR S TOKER

Unfortunately, the arranged guest speaker Ian Robinson was unable to attend – to be rescheduled for the next meeting July.

Cllr Alec Trousdell gave an update from the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Group – Maintenance Programme continues due to coastal erosion Anti-Social Behaviour/ Parking issues continue.

Investigation work continues into the viability of a Bisto/ Visitors Centre at Colwinston.

Cllr Richard Cox gave an update from the Cardiff & Vale University Health Board – The demise of the community health board was discussed – they are being replaced board which are now Executive led – England/Scotland have appointed Patient Safety Commissioners but Wales did not accept this recommendation. People should watch out for Health Board Strategy Review Meetings to make sure the public attend, as some people in areas of responsibility were unaware of the local issues. Transport – Patients need to be able to get there and health board information regarding buses is out of date,

The representative on Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health board has stood down, a new representative is being requested.

Welsh Governments has agreed to keep the bursary scheme so some training for councillors will remain FOC, it is unlikely at present that training will return to in person as via Zoom is more convenience for most people.

Attendees were reminded that their council need to complete the Finance/Governance Tool Kit whilst at long document it is worthwhile – some bits are not applicable to smaller councils – the suggestions from councillors who had already completed was do it in bite size pieces.

Biodiversity – there is a duty for councils to report of Biodiversity – How do we engage with people regarding the importance of litter picking etc – Dwr Cymru have grants available for biodiversity. For advice you can speak with Rachel Carter from One Voice Wales.

Next Meeting will be held on 24.07.2023 in Cowbridge Lesser Hall