



**MINUTES OF THE ST ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2022
IN THE OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTRE**



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 Town Public Footpaths Forum.
Councillor J Angove	Merger Council Building / Library Bro Tathan Local Council Liaison Committee
Councillor R Christian	Friends of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Llantwit Major Town Public Footpaths Forum. Conservation Area Planning - Gileston
Councillor S Harries	One Voice Wales Vale of Glamorgan Council, Community Liaison 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

MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION
2349	<u>WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.	
2350	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> County Councillor S Haines	
2351	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> Grant of Dispensation:	

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2351. Cont.	<p>Cllr D Willmott, speak only on matters relating to St Athan community Council Hub and Library.</p> <p>Cllr J Lynch-Wilson, speak and vote on topics related to the Vale of Glamorgan Council’s reshaping Programme.</p> <p>Mr D Patterson Clerk to the Council - Chairman of The Paul Lewis Community Centre.</p>	
2352	<p><u>CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES</u></p> <p>PROPOSED By: Councillor S Toker SECONDED By: Councillor B Acott</p> <p>That the minutes of the General Meeting held on the 11TH October 2022 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	CARRIED
2353	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE GENERAL MEETING</u></p> <p>The following matters were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Facebook – Ongoing. b. Memorial quotes – Ongoing. c. Noticeboard quotes – Ongoing. d. Footpath No 6 – Ongoing. 	
2354.	<p><u>STANDING ORDER SUSPENSION</u></p> <p>PROPOSED By: Councillor S Harries SECONDED By: Councillor R Christian</p> <p>That Standing Orders be suspended to permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PCSO Richard Mills from South Wales Police to brief members on current crime stats within St Athan Ward, (see below). <p>Crime Statistics</p> <p>Crime offences x 8 ASB Offences x 6 Non crime x 3</p> <p>PROPOSED By: Councillor J Lynch-Wilson SECONDED By: Councillor B Acott</p> <p>That following the above presentation, Standing Orders be reinstated.</p>	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p>

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2355.	<p><u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</u></p> <p>The Chairman presented a Financial Statement of Accounts as at the 31st October. Copy at Annex A. PROPOSED By: Councillor S Toker SECONDED By: Councillor R Christian</p> <p>That the presented financial statement be accepted as a true record of council financial accounts.</p>	CARRIED
2356.	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>Welsh Government 15th October Vacancy –Public Law lawyers– Welsh Government</p> <p>Vale of Glamorgan Council 13th October Planning Committee - 19 October 2022 - Agenda and Reports 18th October Community Review for the Vale of Glamorgan 21st October St Athan to Rhoose Active Travel update: Consultation report published 21st October 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies - Revised Proposals 24th October Standards Committee - 24th November - applications for dispensation 25th October Planning Application 2022/01091/LAW – St Athan Community Council 27th October Independent Members of Standards Committee - Observations of Town and Community Councils</p> <p>One Voice Wales 14th October Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2023 Royal British Legion’s new grant scheme for veterans and their families 14th October Report on community assets 15th October Job Vacancy –Public Law lawyers– Welsh Government 17th October StarLeaf app for Remote training 18th October October, November & December Training Dates Welsh Language being used in online fraud 19th October Job Vacancy - Advertisement for new Clerk - Ynysawdre Community Council Sustainable Farming Scheme Outline Proposals for 2025 20th October Job Vacancy – Assistant Clerk for Laleston Community Council 21st October Job Vacancy for Clerk/RFO Llangynwyd Lower Community Council</p>	

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2356. Cont.	<p>23rd October Job Vacancy – Assistant Clerk for Laleston Community Council</p> <p>24th October Agenda, The importance of Community & Town Councils in creating resilient spaces for nature, 27th October</p> <p>27th October Dementia friendly council.</p> <p>27th October WLGA Decarbonisation Masterclass Series</p> <p>Other</p> <p>12th October Invitation to Community Consultation for the Former Stadium Site at St Athan</p> <p>15th October Royal British Legion’s new grant scheme for veterans and their families</p> <p>21st October Magnificent Meadows Wales project nearing its end The Boundary Commission for Wales, Revised Proposals Llangan Council, Recruitment of Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer</p> <p>25th October South Wales Fire Service Annual Improvement Plan</p> <p>26th October Buses in South East Wales Research Study</p>	
2357.	<p><u>CHAIRMAN’S ACTIONS</u></p> <p>12th October Attend 2nd CAWG Mtg</p> <p>14th October Sent amended Hall Hire Agreement to regular uses</p> <p>17th October Attended Library Meeting</p> <p>18th October Wrote to E.ON Next regarding incorrect energy charges Wrote to IRM Planning developer regarding Council concerns in respect of Land at Ringwood Crescent, St Athan</p> <p>19th October Confirmation given to CCMS Wales for the cleaning council building fascia, soffits, gutters, and downpipes Wrote to hall user Moo-music, reference hall usage</p> <p>20th October Attended Community Consultation for the former Stadium at St Athan</p> <p>23rd October Letter of appreciation sent to Vale Council in respect of Enforcement Notice issued, reference ENF/2020/0399/PRO (A)</p> <p>23rd October Community Liaison Committee meeting 27th October, reminder sent to respective members</p> <p>23rd October Wrote to WI regarding outstanding hall user payments</p> <p>24th October Request for Lord Lieutenant, Army, and RAF representative at Remembrance Day service</p>	

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2358.	<u>INVOICES (October 2022)</u>		
	Income		
	Scouts	20.00	
	Ladies What dance	70.00	
	Moo-Musical	12.00	
	Playgroup	72.00	
	Whist Club	20.00	
		<u>194.00</u>	
	Expenditure		
	Admin		
	Microsoft License (Office 365)	11.28	
	Office Equipment (PA System & Thermal Flask)	334.75	
	Councillor Remuneration (Attendance allowance)	140.00	
	Stationery (Printer ink & A4 paper)	103.29	
	Clerk Salary	888.08	
	HMRC	282.25	
		<u>1,711.65</u>	
	Council Building		
	Window cleaning	70.00	
	E-ON Next (Electric)	27.50	
	Caretaker Salary	411.67	
	Council Tax	211.00	
	Welsh Water	63.83	
		<u>784.00</u>	
	Chairman's Allowance		
	12 x Pumpkins (Church event)	12.00	
		<u>12.00</u>	
	Grants		
	Children's Christmas Party	150.00	
		<u>150.00</u>	
	Ward		
	OAP Christmas Party	150.00	
	Remembrance Sunday (RBL Wreath & Refreshments)	174.49	
	Santa's Bus	750.00	
	Edenvale (Grass cut)	150.00	
	Christmas Lights Switch On event	700.00	
	Feeder pillar x2	18.00	
		<u>1942.49</u>	
	PROPOSED By: Councillor D Willmot SECONDED By: Councillor S Harries		
	That the above income and expenditure payments are accepted as correct.		CARRIED

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2359.	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATION(S)</u></p> <p>a. Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended) Application No. 2022/00941/FUL Location: Beggars Pound, Bro Tathan East, St Athan Proposal: Demolition and alteration of structures. Application Approved on the 25th October 2022</p> <p>b. Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended) Installation of solar panels on roof St Athan Community Council, Church lane, St Athan.</p> <p>Planning have requested additional information and payment of £230 by 8th Nov.</p> <p>Additional info:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar panel elevation • Plans need to be in metric scale • Confirm raised or flat roof • How many panels <p>PROPOSED By: Councillor J Lynch-Wilson SECONDED By: Councillor D White</p> <p>That £230 be paid to The Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of Planning Application for the installation of solar panels.</p>	
2360.	<p><u>PRE-PLANNING CONSULTATION</u></p> <p>Community Consultation for the Former Stadium Site at St Athan.</p> <p>Observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No garages, parking spaces only, so road parking will occur. 2. Doesn't fit with estate over road which has wide roads, trees etc. 3. Two cars per house allowed so an extra 160 cars on local roads. Advised that there would be restrictions in going through Flemingston, which is clearly nonsense. 4. Hedge to come down and houses open on to Flemingston Road, which will be widened - but still narrow and difficult access. 5. Apparently, a Welsh Water pipeline runs alongside the development and that sewerage is adequate to take the extra houses – Can anyone confirm this is correct? 6. Too many houses, little garden space, three storey houses out of keeping with existing houses. Someone bed apartments - 50% affordable housing, not 35% as shown, to comply with Welsh Government guidelines as their land. 7. Green space in the centre of the proposed estate 8. Can't make any provision for a local shop 	

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2360. Cont.	9. The houses shown are representations of what they had built elsewhere - not what would be built on this site. 10. Hafod Housing Association will manage, but could give no indications of price level they would be sold at 11. No Welsh Government representative was present 12. A further public consultation to follow in January 2023 13. The former RAF houses across the road, 17 of which are boarded up, are apparently being sold off in February 2023, although not known whether these will be private sales or to a developer.	
2361	<u>REPORTS</u> a. Community Liaison Committee Meeting 27th October 2022 Councillor S Harries attended the meeting. Report at Annex A.	
2362.	<u>COUNCIL & WARD DIARY</u> 2022 November Tuesday 1 st Council General Meeting. Community Council Friday 4 th Council Newsletter Out. Community Council Friday 11 th Remembrance Day, Primary School. Royal British Legion Sunday 13 th Civic Remembrance Day Service. Community Council Monday 14 th Royal Gun Salute. MoD Tuesday 15 th Council Finance Meeting. Community Council Sunday 27 th Christmas Market. Paul Lewis Centre Sunday 27 th Procession of Light. Community Council Monday 21 st Cuppa with a Copper. SW Police December Sunday 4 th Children's Christmas Party. (New Date) Paul Lewis Centre Tuesday 6 th Council General Meeting. Community Council Saturday 17 th Children's Christmas Party. St Athan Clothes Bank Sunday 18 th Santa's Open Top Bus. Community Council Monday 19 th Cuppa with a Copper. SW Police Wednesday 21 st Seniors Christmas Dinner. Three Horseshoe Pub 2023 January Monday 2 nd New Year Games. (Cancelled) Paul Lewis Centre Wednesday 4 th Aladdin Panto. (New) Paul Lewis Centre Tuesday 10 th Council General Meeting. Community Council Wednesday 11 th 3 rd CAWG Meeting. (New) Community Council Monday 30 th Cuppa with a Copper. SW Police	

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2362. Cont.	<p>February Tuesday 7th Council General Meeting. Monday 27th Cuppa with a Copper.</p> <p>March Tuesday 7th Council General Meeting. Tuesday 14th 3rd CAWG Meeting. Monday 27th Cuppa with a Copper.</p> <p>April Tuesday 4th Council General Meeting. Monday 10th Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Monday 24th Cuppa with a Copper.</p> <p>May Tuesday 2nd AGM/Council General Meeting. Sunday 7th Community Litter Pick. Sunday 14th Council Civic Event. Saturday 27th Council Newsletter Out Sunday 28th Spring Games. (New) Monday 29th Cuppa with a Copper.</p> <p>June Tuesday 6th Council General Meeting. Monday 26th Cuppa with a Copper.</p> <p>July Tuesday 4th Council General Meeting. Monday 24th Cuppa with a Copper.</p> <p>August Monday 28th Cuppa with a Copper.</p> <p>September Saturday 2nd Summer Fete & Party in the Park. Tuesday 5th Council General Meeting. Monday 25th Cuppa with a Copper.</p>	<p>Community Council SW Police</p> <p>Community Council Community Council SW Police</p> <p>Community Council Paul Lewis Centre SW Police</p> <p>Community Council Community Council Community Council Community Council Paul Lewis Centre SW Police</p> <p>Community Council SW Police</p> <p>Community Council SW Police</p> <p>SW Police</p> <p>Community Council Community Council SW Police</p>
2363.	<p><u>REMEMBERANCE DAY 2022</u></p> <p>10.00am - St Athan Church 10.55am - War Memorial 11.30am - Paul Lewis Centre (Free glass of wine & cake)</p>	
2364.	<p><u>LIBRARY</u></p> <p>A meeting with architect, library representatives and members of the council was held on 17th October 2022.</p> <p>Pending architect feasibility study into possible options and report back.</p>	

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2365.	<p><u>COUNCIL WEBSITE</u></p> <p>It was agreed to investigate website development with local web designers. Findings to be reported on at the next Council meeting.</p>	AGREED
2366.	<p><u>CLEAR OUT</u></p> <p>To maximise the use of Council facilities, regular hall users will be required to remove all obsolete items from Council premises by no later than 9th January 2023. Thereafter, any remaining items will be disposed of.</p>	
2367.	<p><u>PARKING</u></p> <p>Council to make representation to the Vale Council in relation to the inadequate number of available parking spaces in the village.</p>	
2368.	<p><u>COMMUNITY SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE</u></p> <p>PROPOSED By: Councillor B Acott SECONDED By: Councillor S Toker</p> <p>That a maximum of £350 be allocated from Council funds for the printing of a survey questionnaire.</p>	CARRIED
2369.	<p><u>FINANCIAL APPEALS</u></p> <p>a. Urdd National Eisteddfod Sir Gaerfyrddin 2023 (Carmarthenshire)</p> <p>Due to the fact this event is being held outside the Vale and therefore not easily accessible to residents, it was agreed not to donate.</p> <p>b. Gileston Parish Church</p> <p>PROPOSED By: D white SECONDED By: J Lynch-Wilson</p> <p>That the community Council donate £300.00 to help fund the maintenance of the Gileston cemetery.</p>	CARRIED
2370.	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Councillor B Acott – Anyone wishing to become a member of the Friends of the Heritage Cost should contact Brian Acott, 8 St Michaels Close, St Athan CF62 4QB Tel: 0786 511786 for more information.</p>	

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

Next General Community Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 7pm.

ST. ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 31st OCTOBER 2022

RESERVE ACCOUNT

Income	6,055.57
Expenditure	0.00
Balance	6,055.57

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Income	
Balance Brought Forward	3,227.77
Precept	33,088.00
Hall Hire	1,048.00
VAT Refund	1,812.36
Community Fete	413.00
Total	39,589.13
Expenditure	
Administration	13,595.75
Chairman's Allowance	12.00
Council Property	7,160.62
Grants & Donations	450.00
St Athan Ward	8,260.97
Total	29,479.34
Balance	10,109.79

COMMUNITY LIAISON MEETING 27TH OCTOBER 2022
REPORT BY COUNCILLOR S HARRIES

Item 1 – South Wales Fire Service presentation

The biggest challenge this FY has been pay inflation, however there was an underspend of £3m in 21/22 which will cover 22/23 settlements (not yet agreed). Unfortunately, it isn't possible to foresee how the economy will fare in the next few months. The 23/24 budget will be agreed on 13th Feb.

Operations

- Statutory duty to respond to flooding
- 80% of calls are to deliberate fire starting
- RTAs
- Removal of bariatric patients alongside the Ambulance Service
- Discretionary animal rescue
- Community safety – education in schools etc to increase prevention
- White ribbon – all officers trained in Domestic Violence awareness and arson as a means of crime against victims. Officers also trained in Child Sexual Exploitation awareness.

Most properties in the Vale have had remedies following Grenville. Improvement across the Vale in operational incidents. Low fatalities but an increase in injuries - cost of living crisis means more people live in poverty with a higher risk of fire related incidents (Candles/old heaters, electric blankets etc) Climate change – more wildfires, flooding, and aging population – more at risk of fire.

Item 2 - SWP Update

- 12 arrests made for money laundering to the value of assets at £1m
- Operation Papaya import of GHB - arrest and £300k assets, plus the first haul of crystal meth supply
- County Lines to Barry via Cardiff train – detected and ceased
- Complaints in rural vale of speeding
- Suicide watch run by PCSO is being well received
- Op targeting lamping including use of the drone
- ASB Cowbridge – Police activity reduced issues
- Enforcement of 20mph speed limit. Force-wide team considering. SWP invited to attend meetings
- A48 noise from modified exhausts especially motorbikes and unreported accidents. Advised to report ASB online which is easier and the more reported, the more can be done - response to meet demand
- 400 new police officers and increased resources in the coming months. Response teams almost at full strength – rural response car due to be on the road soon. Community-wide concern for speeds across vale.

Item 3 - Default 20mph speed limits

Implementation in the Vale on 17 Sep 2023 for roads currently 30mph and with street lighting but not all roads will necessarily be included – much work to be done.

Appointment of contractors to carry out actions such as signage– key roads will have priority funding available from WAG

Traffic Road Order/Public consultation - 28 days for remaining 30mph roads and other A/B class roads (not residential).

Looking at process for those communities without councils = ensure included in consultation and information sessions. Meetings with ward members and community councils will be arranged in due course.

Concerns about the 12month timescale to be noted for meeting members and recorded

Item 4 - Public Services Board Annual Report.

Well-being plan activities & achievements Reflecting on last 4 years - Well-being for future generations is LM Town Council responsibility Comments on consultation encouraged. Report can be viewed on PSB website. Note annual report for members.

Item 5 - VOG Community Review

Advance Notification of Boundary Commission review commencing Jan 23 – Sect 25 community boundaries - on completion will consider if Sect 31 review needed. All community councils to be consulted. TORs to be consulted and agreed. 12-18m at £30k cost to Vale Council Committee noted the process and timescales 19/01/23 DONM