



**MINUTES OF THE ST ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 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
Councillor R Christian (RC)	Power Station Liaison Committee Llantwit Major Town Public Footpaths Forum Conservation Area Planning - Gileston
Councillor M Levett (ML)	Friend of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast
Councillor S Toker (ST)	Projects Committee One Voice Wales Vale of Glamorgan Council, Community Liaison Committee
Councillor D Willmot (DW2)	General Maintenance Committee Aberthaw Cement Works C.L.C. School Governors

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2591.	<p><b><u>WELCOME</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those attending and informed them that Denise White has resigned from being a Community Councillor. During her tenure, Denny has achieved much as a Community Councillor, focussing on environmental and biodiversity issues within the Ward. Thank you Denise.</p>	
2592.	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b></p> <p>Councillor G Berrill Cty Councillor S Haines Councillor S Harries Councillor S Hignell Cty Councillor J Lynch-Wilson</p>	
2593.	<p><b><u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>Grant of Dispensation:</p> <p>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 and the PLCC (Chairman).</p>	

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2594.	<p><b><u>CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>PROPOSED by: Councillor S Toker            SECONDED by: Councillor R Christian            That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	CARRIED.																				
2595	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING</u></b></p> <p>The following matters were discussed and remain ongoing:</p> <p>Min 2537 Identify hybrid meeting equipment and associated costs.            Min 2543 Quote for building security camera and outside light.            Min 2545 Library rebuild costs.            Min 2546 Council mobile phone cost            Min 2548 Signage – Deliberately left vegetation signs.            Min 2582 Councillors’ Email Address</p>	<p>ST – Confirm costs.</p> <p>ST – Confirm costs.            Clerk – Obtain quotes.            Clerk – Source phone.            ML – Confirm costs.            Clerk – Produce.</p>																				
2596.	<p><b><u>STANDING ORDERS SUSPENSION</u></b></p> <p>PROPOSED by: Councillor D Willmot            SECONDED by: Councillor S Toker</p> <p>That Standing Orders be suspended to permit the undermentioned to speak:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Wales Police brief members on:               <table data-bbox="414 1216 957 1585"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2"><b>Crime Statistics</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Violence Without Injury</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>Violence with Injury</td><td>01</td></tr> <tr><td>Sexual Offences</td><td>01</td></tr> <tr><td>Shoplifting</td><td>01</td></tr> <tr><td>All other theft offences</td><td>02</td></tr> <tr><td>Criminal Damage</td><td>01</td></tr> <tr><td>Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society</td><td>01</td></tr> <tr><td>Road/Traffic</td><td>08</td></tr> <tr><td>Anti-Social Behaviour</td><td>06</td></tr> </tbody> </table> </li> </ul> <p><b>Police Survey.</b> To be advertised on Council Facebook page and website.</p> <p><b>V-Pod Bus.</b> Hoping to reinstate this or similar service in St Athan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nic Osgood Food Share Coordinator, Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) spoke about setting up a regular Food Share scheme in St Athan.</li> </ul>	<b>Crime Statistics</b>		Violence Without Injury	11	Violence with Injury	01	Sexual Offences	01	Shoplifting	01	All other theft offences	02	Criminal Damage	01	Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	01	Road/Traffic	08	Anti-Social Behaviour	06	<p>CARRIED.</p> <p>Clerk – Send info to Webmaster.            ST – Promo via Facebook Page.</p> <p>Clerk -Coordinate scoping meeting with GVS.</p>
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2596. Cont.	PROPOSED by: Councillor D Willmot SECONDED by: Councillor S Toker That following the above presentations, Standing Orders be reinstated.	CARRIED.
2597.	<p><b><u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 2023</u></b></p> <p>Prior to the meeting Councillor M Levett conducted a sample audit of accounts. No observation to be reported.</p> <p>It was noted summer Fete and Civic Event costs were significantly higher than anticipated and will be discussed at the Community finance meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023.</p> <p>PROPOSED by: Councillor S Toker            SECONDED by: Councillor M Levett</p> <p>That the presented financial statement as of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be accepted as a true record of council financial accounts.</p>	CARRIED.
2598.	<p><b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b></p> <p><b>Welsh Government</b>            05/09/23 – Cancellation of Community Speed Watch session.            07/09/23 – Public estate RAAC Questionnaire.            08/09/23 – GVS Health Social Care &amp; Wellbeing ebulletin 8.9.2023.            14/09/23 – Welsh Revenue Authority newsletter.            15/09/23 – GVS Health Social Care &amp; Wellbeing ebulletin 15.9.2023.            21/09/23 – GVS Health Social Care &amp; Wellbeing ebulletin 21.9.2023.            25/09/23 – Consultation: Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024-25.</p> <p><b>Vale Council</b>            07/09/23 – Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan            09/09/23 – Vale Business Development Grant Fund Drop-in Event (18 Sep 23).            11/09/23 – New Speak Out Hub.            12/09/23 – Wales Resident Survey.            15/09/23 – Vale Public Services Board/Town and Community Council Exchange Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.            18/09/23 – Standards Committee – Applications for Dispensation.            19/09/23 – 25 September 2023 – Agenda and Reports.            21/09/23 – Planning Application 2022/01091/LAW – St. Athan Community Council, Church Lane, St Athan.            25/09/23 – Heritage Fund Grant up to £40,000.</p>	CARRIED.

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2599.	<p><b><u>CHAIRMAN’S ACTIONS</u></b></p> <p>11/09/23 – CC QR Codes sent to Cllrs.  20/09/23 – Gileston Road Development</p> <p>Submitted suggestions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Refurb CC Room</li> <li>b. Hard standing at WM</li> <li>c. Improve entrance to village.</li> <li>d. COVID bench</li> </ol> <p>12/09/23 – Sent Safety Certificates to Childcare business.  12/09/23 – Fete Feedback, PLCC.  12/09/23 – Fete Feedback, RAF Cadets.  17/09/23 – Gym Mats removed from garage.  13/09/23 – Bid for D-LLT, 12 Nov Remembrance Day.</p>	

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2599 Cont.	20/09/23 – Confirmation Chairman & Consort to attend 160 Brigade Royal Gun Salute. 26/09/23 – Requested copy of Ward Street map from Vale Council, Planning Department.																																																														
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2601.	<p><b><u>PLANNING APPLICATION(S)</u></b></p> <p>a. Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended)  <b>Application No.</b> 2023/00310/FUL  <b>Location:</b> Land Adjacent to 24, Cedar Road, Eglwys Brewis  <b>Proposal:</b> Proposed construction of 2 No. 4 bedroom detached dwellinghouse.  <b>Approved</b> on the 7 September 2023.</p> <p>b. Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended)  <b>Application No.</b> 2023/00779/FUL  <b>Location:</b> 5, Ringwood Crescent, St Athan  <b>Proposal:</b> Dormer loft conversion – Finishes as existing, dark tiles finish to dormer cheeks, grey/black upvc window unit, black fascia.  <b>Refused</b> on the 13 September 2023.</p> <p>c. Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sections 191 and 192 (as amended)  <b>Location:</b> St. Athan Community Council, Church Lane, St Athan.  <b>Proposal:</b> Solar panels, as detailed in the site location plan and Solar Quoted received on 13/09/2023, are regarded as Permitted Development under Schedule 2, Part 43, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2012.</p> <p>d. Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended)  <b>Application No.</b> 2023/00737/FUL  <b>Location:</b> Old Police Station, St. Johns Hill, St. Athan  <b>Proposal:</b> Demolish existing toilet and rebuild with new roof layout. Adding external insulation to entrance porch and new access gate to drive.  <b>Approved</b> on the 25 September 2023</p> <p>e. Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended)  <b>Application No.</b> 2023/00676/FUL</p>	

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2601. Cont.	<p><b>Location:</b> Wyndham House, Llantwit Road, St. Athan</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Loft conversion with dormers to front and rear of property</p> <p><b>Approved</b> on the 28 September 2023</p>																																																																																																									
2602.	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>Cllr R Eustace.</b> Attended the Airport Consultative Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023, full report at Annex B.</p> <p><b>Cllr R Christian.</b> Attended the Llantwit Major Town Council Footpath Forum meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023, full report at Annex C.</p> <p><b>Clerk.</b> Solar Panels. Application for funding from the Strong Community Grant to be submitted to the Vale Council.</p> <p><b>Clerk.</b> Testing of crosses at St Tathan church will be conducted on Mon 16 Oct.</p> <p><b>Cllr M Levett.</b> Attended the Friends of Glamorgan Heritage Coast meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Full report at Annex D</p>																																																																																																									
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	26 Sun	12.00 – 17.00	Christmas Market	PLCC
	26 Sun	17.15 – 17.30	Procession of Light	PLCC
	26 Sun	17.30 – 17.59	Christmas Carol Sing-Along	The Three Horseshoes
	26 Sun	18.00	Christmas Light Switch On	The Three Horseshoes
	26 Sun	18.15 – 19.00	Christingle Service	St Athan Church
	28 Tue	19.00 – 21.00	Community Council Finance Meeting	Council Hall
	<b>December</b>			
02 Sat	15.00 – 18.00	Children’s Christmas Party	PLCC	
02/03	10.00 – 15.00	Craft Fair & Santa’s Grotto	SWAM	
04 Mon		Women’s Institute – Barry Community Choir, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies	Council Hall	
05 Tue	19.00 – 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall	
07 Thu	10.30 – 11.30	St Athan Strollers / Christmas Lunch	The Three Horseshoes	
13 Wed		Women’s Institute – Christmas Meal	The Three Horseshoes	
17 Sun	12.00 – 18.00	Santa Visits St Athan	Community Council	
21 Thu	10.30 – 11.30	St Athan Strollers	The Three Horseshoes	
<b>2024</b>				
<b>January</b>				
03 Wed	19.00 – 21.30	Panto -Beauty and the Beast	PLCC	
08 Mon		Women’s Institute – Cheese & Wine, Speed Gaming	Council Hall	
09 Tue	19.00 – 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall	
<b>February</b>				
06 Tue	19.00 – 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall	
16 Fri	18.00 – 21.00	Variety Show	PLCC	
TBC		Night Photo Shoot	SWAM	
<b>March</b>				
05 Tue	19.00 – 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall	
<b>April</b>				
02 Tue	19.00 – 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall	
<b>June</b>				
08 Sat	14.00 – 16.00	Community Litter Pick	PLCC	
09 Sun	11.00 – 15.00	Civic Ceremony	St Tathan / PLCC	
<b>July</b>				
02 Tue	19.00 – 21.00	Community Council Meeting	Council Hall	
	14.00 – 15.00	Community Activities Working Group Meeting	The Three Horseshoes	
	10.00 – 13.00	Community Information and Social Event	PLCC	
	10.00 – 15.00	Craft Fair	SWAM	
09 Tue	19.00	Council Project Committee Meeting	TBC	

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2603. Cont.	<b>September</b>			
	07 Sat	TBC	Fete/Music in the Park	TBC
	08 Sun	14.00 – 16.00	Community Litter Pick	TBC
<b>REGULAR CLUB ACTIVITIES</b>				
	<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timings</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Mon</b>		3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Mon/Month	TBC	Council Hall
		Vale Support Hub	12.30 – 14.30	The Gathering Place
<b>Tue</b>		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
<b>Wed</b>		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 <sup>nd</sup> 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
		CAOS – Adult Choir and Acting Group)	19.30 – 21.30	PLCC
<b>Thu</b>		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
		Bingo	20.00 – 10.30	PLCC
<b>Fri</b>		Ladies What Dance	10.00 – 12.00	Council Hall
		Ju-Jitsu	18.00 – 21.00	PLCC
		Karate	17.30 – 19.00	The Gathering Place
		Slimming World	07.30 – 10.30	The Gathering Place
		Ju-Jitsu	Coming Soon	Council Hall
<b>Sat</b>		Library open	09.30 – 11.30	Behind the Post Office
<b>Sun</b>		Worship	10.00 – 12.00	The Gathering Place
2604.	<b><u>PUBLIC MEETING 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023</u></b>			
	<p>This event was well supported and covered the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Priorities and Values.</li> <li>• Council Meetings</li> <li>• Council Achievements</li> <li>• Council Questionnaire Survey 2022</li> <li>• Local Issues</li> </ul>			<p><b>Clerk – Include in next Newsletter.</b></p>

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2604. Cont.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident's Support</li> <li>• Q&amp;A session</li> </ul> <p>Points discussed at the Q&amp;A session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr R Eustace – The St Athan population is greater than that of Cowbridge Town. Should a decision be to consider on becoming a Town, it would be subject to a referendum.</li> <li>• Cllr M Levett – Residents wishing to help improve our community can find out more at: <a href="#">Volunteer Rewards   Value in the Vale</a>.</li> <li>• Cllr R Eustace – Confirmed the need for Place Making Planning going forward for the next 15 Years.</li> <li>• A resident supported the introduction of additional retail units in the Ward, providing they were built before any new housing.</li> </ul> <p>Attendees were encouraged to comment on planning applications making clear their concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident stated she was unable to get to the summer fete due to poor disabled parking facilities and suggested using an alternative location such as the SWAM / Bro Tathan industrial estate and provide a free shuttle bus service around the village.</li> </ul> <p>The Council Project Committee will investigate alternative fete venues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident complained about overgrown hedging at Church Lane/Rock Road.</li> </ul> <p>Council to investigate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident congratulated the Community Council on the recent improvements it has made within the ward.</li> <li>• A resident asked how they could give feedback about the Fete.</li> </ul> <p>Feedback can be made via QR code on the Council Website and Facebook page or emailing <a href="mailto:st.cc@outlook.com">st.cc@outlook.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr John Thomas, Gileston farmer said he was unaware about leaving hedging uncut along Gileston Road, leading to the beach.</li> </ul>	

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2604. Cont.0	<p>The Council Clerk confirmed a visit had been made to the farm and received an email from Mr Thomas agreeing to leave the hedge row uncut.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copies of the Vale Council Revised Local Development Plan were shown to attendees.</li> </ul> <p>Attendees were reminded of the importance of commenting on future planning applications making clear their concerns.</p>	
2605.	<p><b><u>FIRST AID TRAINING</u></b></p> <p>Following a discussion and due to a lack of available funding, it was agreed to revisit the need for council emergency first aid training in 6 months.</p>	
2606.	<p><b><u>VOG DRAFT ANNUAL SELF ASSESSMENT REPORT 2022-23</u></b></p> <p>The report does not cover Ward transport issue. A representative from The Vale Council is to be invited to speak on the report at a future Council meeting.</p>	Clerk – Send invite
2607.	<p><b><u>WEBSITE</u></b></p> <p>A Website Committee was formed to oversee the maintenance of the council website. Members to include:</p> <p>Councillor S Harries – Lead Councillor R Christian Councillor S Toker</p>	Clerk – Coordinate Handover/Takeover from provider to Website Cttee
2608.	<p><b><u>REMEMBRANCE DAY</u></b></p> <p>A summary of current planning for this event was presented to Council. Detailed planning will be discussed at the next Community Activities Working Group (CAWG) meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.</p>	
2609.	<p><b><u>CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON</u></b></p> <p>A summary of current planning for this event was presented to Council. Detailed planning will be discussed at the next Community Activities Working Group (CAWG) meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.</p>	
2610.	<p><b><u>SANTA VISITS ST ATHAN</u></b></p> <p>A summary of current planning for this event was presented to Council. Detailed planning will be discussed at the next Community Activities Working Group (CAWG) meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.</p>	

MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION
2611.	<p><b><u>COUNCIL FORWARD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2024-29</u></b></p> <p>Due to the importance of this plan, it was agreed all Councillors will meet on Thursday 19 Oct in Council Hall to scope out the requirement.</p>	
2612.	<p><b><u>NEWSLETTER</u></b></p> <p>16 Oct Submissions in, nil received to date. 20 Oct To printer 04 Nov Distribute to Cllrs</p>	
2613.	<p><b><u>FINANCIAL APPEALS</u></b></p> <p>Senior Citizens Christmas lunch.</p> <p>PROPOSED By: Councillor R Christian SECONDED By: Councillor D Willmot</p> <p>That a donation of £150 is made to help offset the cost of food provided at the senior citizens Christmas lunch 2023.</p>	CARRIED.
2614.	<p><b><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p><b>Cllr R Eustace</b> encouraged members to consider projects which could benefit from Sect 106 money and inform the Clerk accordingly.</p> <p><b>Cllr R Christian</b> reminded members of the Tiny Forrest Fund (£40k) and to consider areas within the Ward for planting trees.</p> <p><b>Cllr D Willmot</b> asked if shed panel could be temporarily stored on Council premises.</p> <p><b>Cllr R Christian.</b> Informed the meeting that Planning aid Wales hold 106 training at a cost of £38.50 per delegate.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>AGREED. To be arranged with the Clerk</p> <p>All</p>
2615.	<p>A representative from 'Value in the Vale' arrived late to the meeting and spoke on volunteers helping out at local projects. Details can be found at:</p> <p>email: <a href="mailto:hello@valueinthevale.com">hello@valueinthevale.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.valueinthevale.com">www.valueinthevale.com</a></p>	

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 20.52 pm.

Next General Community Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7pm in the Council Hall.

**ST. ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

**RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Balance brought forward	6,101.80
Income (interest)	3.69
Expenditure	0.00
Income	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>6,105.49</u></b>

**CURRENT ACCOUNT**

<b>Income</b>	
Brought Forward	17,666.17
Fete Equipment	422.73
Fete Tombola/BMX Bike	328.46
Fete – Stallholders	20.00
Hall Hire	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>18,637.36</u></b> (a)
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Administration	2,847.25
Council Property	603.36
Grants & Donations	50.00
St Athan Ward	<u>1,980.20</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>5,480.81</u></b> (b)
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>13,156.55</u></b> (a) – (b)

**AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 6 SEPTEMBER 2023**

- In August 2023, flights at the airport were operating at 77% of pre-pandemic levels with some 111,000 passengers overall, which equates to some 3,500 per day. There were 1,624 flights of which some 56% were passenger, the rest being military of business.
- Tui operated at 89%, KLM 82% and Ryanair at 111% due to additional flights on reduced routes. Dublin flights were the most recovered at some 90%, Belfast was 87%, Edinburgh 18% due to the number of flights being reduced. Limited replacement of Flybe and Wizz Air flights is the main cause for these reductions, together with UK Domestic journeys being undertaken by other modes of transport.
- Leisure routes were down to 60% due to flight capacity to Spain, Italy etc being reduced with some 840,000 passengers flying.
- Demand exceeds supply, but not enough flights as airlines maximising available costs and associated higher charges resulting in a drop in capacity.
- An early booking system for long stay parking is in place at circa £70 per week, which compares to £120 if booked just before the flight.
- Bristol airport is exceeding pre-Covid levels, but smaller airports are suffering with Doncaster having recently closed.
- Priority is to improve passenger numbers and discussions with Qatar Airlines to recommence flights in spring 2024 are ongoing, but it is accepted that winter will be quiet. • Next generation security upgrades should be completed by March 2024, allowing passengers to leave liquids and laptops in their baggage.
- Runway and taxiway repairs are scheduled to be undertaken during this period, together with other essential maintenance repairs.
- The Solar Farm installation has been delayed pending discussions with the Welsh Government. • Steps are being taken to comply with Carbon Net Zero with 2019 levels of 1,700 metric tonnes being reduced to 600 tonnes, which is a 60% reduction. The target is to reduce this figure by a further 280 tonnes by 2030 by updating energy programmes, reducing energy wastage, and improving energy conservation.
- Safety and Compliance requirements for staff and customs are regularly maintained, together with improvements to cyber security against attacks.

**LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL – FOOTPATH FORUM MEETING**  
**HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD SCHOOL, WINE STREET**  
**REPORT BY COUNCILLOR REBECCA CHRISTIAN**

1. I raised the issue that it is difficult for residents to report Footpath issues on the Vale of Glamorgan website. When you are on the site, and you click ‘report,’ there is no ‘tile’ to click. We agreed that each C.Council should write to the VoG requesting a ‘tile’ is inserted labelled ‘public footpath.’
2. Gileston. FP16 & FP15, around the perimeter of the Power Station. Plant growth needs cutting back. VoG has recently done this, and temporarily repaired the bridge. Their intention is to keep on top of the growth and to replace the bridge with a permanent, safer one.
3. Gileston FP5 & FP7, from Old Quarry House to West Aberthaw. Defective style, no step & wobbly post, see photo. VoG agreed to look at this and repair the style.
4. Gileston FP5 approach to start of FP5 from Quarry House, very steep and slippery, needs re-grading? Due to house build. VoG agreed to replace/mend the steps up to the kissing gate.
5. Gileston FP11 linking with St Athan FP9, path from north of Power Station site, across railway line, across road and linking with the path up to the dovecot, in East Orchard, east of St Athan. Update, next steps? Several residents raised this issue. The Power Station site is being redeveloped and this is an opportunity. It will be lost otherwise. VoG explained that this issue has been looked at before. Network Rail deemed the crossing too dangerous. An alternative route was proposed but this was rejected. Cllr Christian asked that this be looked at again. VoG said that Network Rail is being more proactive with these types of issues than they have been in the past. However, VoG pointed out that discussions with Network Rail are negotiations, they cannot be forced to open the crossing legally. VoG also agreed that it makes sense to link this FP with the proposed Active Travel Route from St Athan to Rhoose. VoG said it may be an idea to approach the landowners to get their views.
6. St Athan. A resident from St Athan sent a detailed map and notes about issues in his area. See below: (Key FP6 pt1 = Footpath number 6, point 1 on the map supplied by the resident)
  - a. FP6 pt1: (Caravan Park to Flemingston) Lower style “Cross over” step is in poor repair. Upper stile is missing the “Cross step,” and the vertical posts are loose – a hazard to users.
  - b. FP6 pt2: Bridge has been severely damaged & partially overgrown. After recent earthwork / ground clearance the footpath on the N bank is obscured.
  - c. FP6 pt6: Overgrown path with the remains of a step over stile – could do with repair / replacement.
  - d. FP7 pt3: (Rock Road) Missing the “Cross Step” from the style which makes access very difficult for some users.
  - e. FP10 west end pt4: (Below East Orchard) Stile is either removed or completely overgrown. 5 bar gate is padlocked so makes the path unusable / difficult.

- f. FP8 pt5: (path from St Athan to East Orchard) Permissive path stiles are missing the “Cross Step” from the stile which makes access very difficult for some users, & Bullocks
  - g. FP4 pt8: Footpath in the woodland on the West bank of the Thaw – several styles are damaged with the path access points overgrown.  
VoG agreed to take a look at all these points, and the ones raised in item 7 below. They will repair the styles, cut back the growth and erect way markers.
7. St Athan FP6 & FP4 see photos (Flemingston to River Thaw to St Athan). Another resident sent photos of issues along these paths. See above.
8. General comments from the VoG included issues around Grant Funding. They explained that there is funding available for footpaths but that acquiring it and then implementing it can be admin heavy. It can prevent the VoG from doing actual practical work. They also talked about the new Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan. They would welcome our comments. It is to include Local Access For groups of people like this group and will be overseen by Natural Resources Wales. They hope to encourage all users, not just walkers, but landowners, cyclists, riders, and those with access issues.

**FRIENDS OF GLAMORGAN HERITAGE COST MEETING held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**REPORT BY COUNCILLOR MAXINE LEVETT**

The plan is to raise the profile further and this will include an open day on 19<sup>th</sup> November at the Dunraven Heritage Centre 2pm. The open day will include a presentation from the local ranger, quiz, and a photo competition.

They should be presenting an Autumn Newsletter and would like to have pictures, information, and relevant events to place in this.

Vale Local Nature Partnership met at Daw Silicoes Nature and Education Centre where attendees were shown around the Nature Reserve by a member of the wildlife trust.

Updates were received on Constitution and election of offices, Funding, and partner updates. We were given a presentation from Glamorgan Bird Club of the Ely Green Sandpipers Project.

There is ongoing training for people who want to participate in the Restore the thaw project, and these can be viewed:

Website: <https://www.participate.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/hub-page/restore-the-thaw> or

Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095305041538&tn=UC\\*F](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095305041538&tn=UC*F)