

Minutes of the meeting of Llantwit Major Town Council held on Thursday, 26th. April, 2012, at 7.00pm, at the Council Chamber, Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major.

Present;	Chairman.	Councillor E. Williams – Town Mayor.	
	Councillors.	D. Lane.) BOVERTON WARD.
		R. Downe.) NORTH WARD.
		Mrs M. Lane.)
		Mrs. A. Matthews) SOUTH EAST WARD.
		R. Austin.)
		Mrs. S. Bagstaff.) WEST WARD.
		C. Faulkner.)

Members of the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Hafod Housing.

Apologies for absence were received from;

Councillor. J. Clifford. Prior engagement.
 Councillor. G. John. Vale of Glamorgan Council meeting.
 Councillor. E. Hacker. Vale of Glamorgan Council meeting.
 Councillor Mrs. A. James. Holiday.
 Councillor R. Gant. Holiday.
 Councillor K. Geary. Illness.

Declaration of Interest forms were received from Councillors.

681. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD.

Councillor E. Williams asked Councillors for permission to bring item 3 under Development on the Agenda, forward to this point in the meeting. This was agreed. Councillor E. Williams then asked Councillors permission to suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr. Alan Sinclair to address the meeting, this was also agreed.

DEVELOPMENT.

To receive Mr. Alan Sinclair, Vale of Glamorgan Council Affordable Housing Enabler.

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED.

Councillor E. Williams welcomed Mr Alan Sinclair to the meeting and asked if he would address Councillors. Mr. Alan Sinclair thanked Councillors and explained that he had come to up-date the Town Council regarding the housing development in Le Pouliguen Way. He supplied Councillors with a written local lettings policy report. He then explained the contents of the report and how the

homes had been allocated. A lengthy period of questions and answers then followed with several Councillors expressing some concern over the letting policy and questioned whether local people had in fact been allocated places within the scheme. Councillors also enquired as to what would happen if a current resident was to move out. Councillors also expressed the view that if future projects were to occur within the Llantwit Major area a similar criteria of allocation should be followed with the emphasis of local attachment to the town, to ensure that local people were given the opportunity to be included in a scheme. The size of the houses being built and the criteria for occupancy were also discussed. At the conclusion Councillor E. Williams thanked Mr Alan Sinclair and his team for attending the meeting and they then left the chamber.

STANDING ORDERS WERE REINSTATED.

682. MINUTES.

Full Town Council meeting held on 29th. March, 2012.

The minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 29th. March, 2012, had previously been circulated to the Council members. Councillor C. Faulkner informed Councillors that he had submitted his apologies for absence to that meeting and asked for the Minutes be amended to reflect that.

RESOLVED: That subject to the apologies for absence being amended to include Councillor C Faulkners apologies, the minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 29th. March, 2012, be adopted and accepted as a true record.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Report of 5 Year Plan Committee meeting held on 27th. March, 2012.

The report of the 5 Year Plan Committee meeting held on 27th. March, 2012, had previously been circulated to the Council members.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the 5 Year Plan Committee meeting held on 27th. March, 2012, be adopted and accepted as a true record.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

683. SIGNING OF MINUTES.

Councillors duly noted that the Mayor would sign the minutes at the end of the meeting.

684. TOWN MAYOR.

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Town Mayors engagements for the period 23rd. February, 2012, to 28th. March, 2012. Noted.

Questions to the Mayor.

There were no questions to the Mayor.

685. COMMUNITY CONSTABLE.**To receive Community Constable report.**

Councillor E. Williams informed Councillors that apologies had been received from the Police Community Support Officer for being unable to attend. He had provided a written report which Councillor E. Williams then read out. During the period since the last meeting, a 27 day period, there had been 13 crimes of which 8 had been solved. There had been no major incidents of note.

686. COUNCIL MEETINGS.**Council Meetings.**

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of Council Meetings for the month of May, 2012. Noted.

687. PROCEDURAL MATTERS.**To discuss Prayer at Full Town Council meetings.**

Councillors had previously been circulated with an agenda brief regarding the saying of prayers at Council meetings. Brief discussion followed with Councillors expressing their disappointment that the saying of prayers during the Town Council meeting was no longer allowed and could not be placed on the agenda. Several Councillors expressed the view that this was also eroding traditional values. In view of the circumstances Councillors agreed that the prayer would be said at 7.00pm prior to the Full Town Council meeting starting and the receiving of prayer would be removed from the agenda. The Full Town Council meeting would now commence at 7.05pm.

RESOLVED: That the receiving of Prayer be removed from the Full Town Council Agenda and Prayers would be said at 7.00pm, prior to the commencement of the Full Town Council meeting.

FURTHER That future Full Town Council meeting will commence at 7.05pm.

RESOLVED:

688. FINANCE.**Expenditure figures.**

Councillors had previously been informed that the latest expenditure figures were not available as the account books were currently at the accountants for auditing.

Income figures.

Councillors had previously been informed that the latest income figures were not available as the account books were currently at the accountants for auditing.

Letter from ICCM, Membership Invoice 2012/2013.

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of a letter and invoice from the ICCM regarding membership renewal for the organisation. Brief discussion followed with Councillors agreeing that membership of the ICCM should be renewed.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council renew its membership of the ICCM for 2012/2013 in the sum of £90.00.

Letter the Vale of Glamorgan Best Kept Village Competition 2012.

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of a letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Best Kept Village Competition. Brief discussion followed with Councillors agreeing that the Town Council would not contribute to the Vale of Glamorgan Best Kept Village Competition.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council do not contribute to the Vale of Glamorgan Best Kept Village Competition 2012.

Letter from Friends of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast, annual subscription, 2012.

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of a letter from the Friends of Glamorgan Heritage Coast, annual subscription 2012. Brief discussion followed with Councillors agreeing to renew the membership of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast in the sum of £25.00.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council renew its membership of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast in the sum of £25.00.

689. DEVELOPMENT.**Planning application decisions by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.**

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the planning application decisions from the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Noted.

Planning observations to Vale of Glamorgan Council from Llantwit Major Town Council.

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of a report of planning observations to Vale of Glamorgan Council from Llantwit Major Town Council. Noted.

To receive Mr. Alan Sinclair, Vale of Glamorgan Council Affordable Housing Enabler.

This matter had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

690. CEMETERY.

The following Burial Matters were noted.

- 1) Burial of cremated remains of Kathleen Richards in Grave No Ha5 (re-open) on 29th. March, 2012.
- 2) Burial of cremated remains of Philip Ellett in Grave no. Hk1 (new grave) on 12th. April, 2012.
- 3) Burial of cremated remains of Daniel O'Brian in Grave no. Hj7 (new grave) on 16th. April, 2012.
- 4) Burial of cremated remains of Leon Rogers in Grave no. Ha1 (re-open) on 16th. April, 2012.

5) Burial of Douglas James Mogg in Grave no. F250 (re-open) on 23rd. April, 2012.

RESOLVED: That approval be granted for the Exclusive Right of Burial Certificate to be Issued and sealed on behalf of the Town Council in respect of matters 2 and 3.

691. RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES.

Vale of Glamorgan Council Playground Inspection/Maintenance Logs for 5th. April, 2012.

Councillors had previously been circulated with copies of the Vale of Glamorgan Council Playground Inspection/Maintenance Logs for 5th. April, 2012. The Town Clerk informed Councillors that the Gardner/Handyman was continuing the process of painting some equipment, However the recent bad weather had slowed that process down. Noted.

Letter from Mr. Roger Elliott Llantwit Major RFC regarding use of Recreation Field for the Eisteddfod.

Councillors Mrs. S. Bagstaff declared an interest due to her husband being a member of the Rugby Club and Councillor R. Austin declared an interest because he is a current Trustee for the Rugby Club. Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of a letter from Mr. Roger Elliott Llantwit Major RFC regarding use of Recreation Field for the Eisteddfod. Councillor E. Williams Informed Councillors that at the present time the Town Council had agreed in principle to the Rugby using the Recreation Field for camping purposes during the period of the Eisteddfod, subject to the Rugby Club making the necessary arrangements for camping to take place safely within health and safety guidelines and damage and security issues being met. A further letter had been received at the Town Hall Office, however this was too late to be included on this meeting's agenda. Discussion followed with Councillors expressing the view that the Rugby Club had so far failed to meet the concerns of the Town Council. Councillor Mrs. S. Bagstaff informed Councillors that the event had not yet been put before the events panel in the Vale of Glamorgan Council who would licence the event, they could not proceed without this. The Rugby Club needed to keep the Town Council better informed of progress. Councillor R. Downe informed Councillors that he was still very concerned about possible damage to the playing field should camping take place during wet weather. Councillors agreed that no decision was possible at this time and therefore this matter should be deferred to the next Full Town Council meeting and that the Town Clerk should write to the Rugby Club asking them to copy their items of planning to the Town Council as the process proceeded.

RESOLVED: That this matter be brought back to the next Full Town Council meeting for Consideration.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk write to the Rugby Club requesting that they copy any information regarding the camping proposals to the Town Hall at the time it was received or sent.

Letter from A. Sergent, Parks and Open Spaces Officer, Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of a letter from A. Sergent, Parks and Open Spaces Officer, Vale of Glamorgan Council. Brief discussion followed with Councillor agreeing that it would be sensible for the Town Council to avail itself of this service.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council allow for an independent inspection of its playground equipment in line with the proposals of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

692. OLD SCHOOL.**Quotation for repairs to Old School, Council Chamber roof.**

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of a Quotation for repairs to Old School, Council Chamber roof. Brief discussion followed with Councillors agreeing that the repairs to the Old School should be proceeded with.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council proceed with repairs to the Old School

693. TOWN HALL.**Agenda brief regarding purchase of flags for the Town Hall**

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of an agenda brief regarding the purchase of flags for the Town Hall

RESOLVED: That the Town Council purchase poles and flags to decorate the Town Hall to a maximum value of £50.00

694. LORNA HUGHES PARK.**Report on trees in Lorna Hughes Park.**

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of a report on trees in Lorna Hughes Park. The Town Clerk gave a brief verbal explanation of the agenda brief and possible costs involved. Discussion followed with Councillors agreeing that provided expenditure did not exceed £700.00 then the thinning and pruning of trees within the park area should proceed.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council proceed with thinning and pruning of trees within the Lorna Hughes Park, providing expenditure for the project did not exceed £700.00.

695. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL.

Vale of Glamorgan Councillors report.

There was no Vale of Glamorgan Councillors report.

Email from M. Walsh, Vale of Glamorgan Council Legal Services Department regarding gated access from house in Court Close into Lorna Hughes Park

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RESOLVED: That the Town Council await the result of the Land Registry enquiry before deciding What further course of action was appropriate.

696. PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Receipt of Network Wales Issue 443. 11th. April, 2012.

Councillors were made aware that the Town Council Office was in receipt of Network Wales Issue 443. 11th. April, 2012. Noted.

Receipt of Network Jobs Issue 273. 11th. April, 2012.

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Play for Wales Issue 36. Spring 2012.

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Signed.....

MAYOR.

Date.....