

**Minutes of the Special meeting of Llantwit Major Town Council held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>. April, 2013, at 7.05pm, at the Council Chamber, Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major.**

Present;	Chairman.	Councillor. Mrs A. Matthews – Mayor.	
	Councillors.	Mrs. S. Geary.	) <b>SOUTH EAST WARD.</b>
		G. Ingram.	)
		J. Evans.	)
		M. Marsh.	) <b>BOVERTON WARD.</b>
		R. Jenkins	)
		Mrs. S. Hanks.	)
		M. Mason.	)
		Mrs. P. Percy.	) <b>NORTH WARD.</b>
		K. Geary.	)
		G. John.	) <b>WEST WARD.</b>
		Mrs. P. Lancaster.	)

Members of the South Wales Ambulance Service. Member of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Creative Rural Communities Team, Mrs. J. Hutt AM. Members of the public.

Apologies were received from Councillors.

Councillor E. Hacker – Vale of Glamorgan Council Commitment.

Councillor E. Williams – Vale of Glamorgan Council Commitment.

There were no Councillor Declaration of Interest Forms submitted.

**170. MISCELLANEOUS.**

**To receive Mr. R. Tooby, Head of Service, Cardiff and The Vale of Glamorgan, Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust.**

Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews welcomed Mr. Tooby to the meeting. Mr. Tooby introduced Sue Jenkins, the overall Head of the Welsh Ambulance Service. Sue Jenkins and Mr. Tooby then gave a verbal briefing to Councillors regarding the Welsh Ambulance Service. This covered an overview of the national situation of the Ambulance Service in Wales, the use of 999 services, NHS Direct Services and other mobile transport services. The new management structure for the service was outlined and how this was linked into health boards. A review of services is being undertaken, however this could not be completed until the local Health Board had completed its reconfiguration of hospitals and the services available at each. There would also need to be changes to way the Ambulance Service delivered its own services. This would require consultation with the Unions and

staff to ensure the best use of resources. The use of Paramedic staff was explained and how other parts of the NHS services would be linked into the Ambulance Service along with partnerships with other services such as the Fire Service and Police. At the conclusion of the briefing Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews asked Councillors for permission to suspend Standing Orders to allow for questions to be asked by members of the public. This was agreed.

**STANDING ORDERS WERE THEN SUSPENDED.**

There then followed a lengthy period of questions and answers regarding the Ambulance Service. At the conclusion of this Councillor G. John suggested that a visit by the Town Councillors to the Ambulance Control Centre in Cwmbran might be useful. Councillors agreed this would be useful. Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews then thanked Mr. Tooby and Sue Jenkins for their attendance at the meeting and they then left the Chamber.

**STANDING ORDERS WERE THEN REINSTATED.**

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council make arrangements for a visit by Town Councillors to the South Wales Ambulance Control Centre, Cwmbran.

**171. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL.**

**To receive a representative from the Creative Rural Communities to discuss responses to the Welsh Government Document – The Common Agricultural Policy Reform.**

Councillors had previously been circulated with copies of an email from Phil Chappell, the Principle Rural Regeneration Officer, Creative Rural Communities, a copy of the Creative Rural Communities and Vale of Glamorgan Council response to the Welsh Government Common Agricultural Policy Reform Consultation, Rural development Plan 2014 – 2020: Next Steps. Councillors had also been made aware of website links to the Welsh Government site dealing with Common Agricultural Policy Reform.

Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews welcomed Rebecca Haves from the Creative Rural Communities Team to the meeting. Rebecca Haves informed Councillors that the Welsh Government were reviewing rural funding for the period 2015 to 2020. The process by which an area was classified as being rural, and therefore able to access rural funding, was being considered. The Vale of Glamorgan area was possibly in danger of losing its rural status which could have major consequences in the future. The Vale of Glamorgan Council had therefore compiled a written response to the Welsh Government document, The Common Agricultural Policy Reform. As part of the overall response it was suggested that other organisations such as the Town Council should also respond to the Welsh Government. To assist the Town Council, a draft template response had been produced and could be completed and submitted by individual organisations. Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews thanked Rebecca Haves for her input. A period of discussion and questions then followed. Councillors then agreed that it was important for the Town Council to submit its own response to the Welsh

Government Document. Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews thanked Rebecca Haves for her attendance at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council submit a written response to the Welsh Government Document, The Common Agricultural Policy Reform.

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Date.....

TOWN MAYOR.