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**LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL.**

**REPORT OF TOWN STUDY STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup>. JUNE, 2012, AT 7.00pm. AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD SCHOOL, WINE STREET, LLANTWIT MAJOR.**

Present.	Councillor.	Mrs. A. Matthews (Chairman)
	Councillors.	Mrs. S. Hanks. Mr. K. Geary. Mrs. S. Geary. Mrs. P. Percy. Mrs. P. Lancaster. Mr. G. Ingram. Mr. M. Mason. Mr. M. Marsh.
	Mrs. J. Moisan. Mrs. H. March. Mrs. T. Benfield Mr. P. Hibberd. Mr. A. Bennett.	Chamber of Trade. History Society. Llanilltud Fawr in Flower. Bethel Baptist Church. Deputy Town Clerk.

Apologies were tendered on behalf of;  
Councillor J. Evans. – Prior commitment.  
Councillor E. Hacker. – Vale of Glamorgan Council commitment.  
Councillor G. John. – Vale of Glamorgan Council commitment.  
Councillor E. Williams – Late arrival due to Vale of Glamorgan Council Commitment.  
Mrs. S. Roberts – Work commitment.  
PCSO. M. Woodman.

Declaration of Interest Forms.

**MINUTES.**

Steering Group members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report from the previous meeting of the Town Study Steering Group which had been held on 13<sup>th</sup>. March, 2012. These had been ratified at the Full Town Council meeting of 29<sup>th</sup>. March, 2012.

**MATTERS ARISING.**

There were no matters arising.

Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. As this was the first meeting since the election of the new Town Council,

Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews asked everyone to introduce themselves to the meeting and explain their position or role within the town. This was then completed.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SAFETY AT JUNCTION COMMERCIAL STREET, CHURCH STREET, COLHUGH STREET AND EAST STREET, LLANTWIT MAJOR.**

Councillor Mrs. P. Lancaster informed the meeting that during the election and since becoming a Town Councillor a number of local people had spoken to her and expressed concern regarding this junction. As a result of consultation with the Town Hall Staff it was clear that the control of traffic in this area was a great deal more complicated than she had first anticipated. It was clear that the Atkins report of the mid nineteen nineties had explored the issues of the One Way system and the current system was probably as far as traffic management could go. However with the continuing pace of technology there may be some new means of traffic control and to this end Councillor G. John had approached Mr. Andrew Loosemore from the Vale of Glamorgan Council Highways Department and asked for him to review the situation at the junction. Brief discussion then followed regarding the continued parking problems around the town centre. PCSO. M. Woodman informed the meeting that the Police had handed responsibility for parking to Councils, however local Police continued to monitor the situation and deal with incidents in a sensible manner taking into account the local situation and enforcing parking regulations when appropriate. In future the Vale of Glamorgan Council had plans to introduce enforcement officers, this may also help to alleviate the problems. Councillor G. Ingram informed the meeting that improved white line markings could assist at the junction and new warning signs could assist, however too many signs could also be confusing and unsightly.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Town Council take advice from the Vale of Glamorgan Council Highways Department on possible improvements to traffic control around the junctions of East Street, Commercial Street, Colhugh Street and Church Street.

**BOVERTON ROAD REGENERATION PROJECT UPDATE.**

Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews informed the meeting that the site had been visited with LS Consulting and the snagging process discussed and site inspected. This process was continuing and once it had been completed the landowners would be fully responsible for the up keep of the area. Overall, despite some problems along the way, the project had made a significant difference to the whole town centre taking into account the works also carried out by Mr Ian Hunt. The Deputy Town Clerk then gave a brief up-date on the Water leak situation which had now been fixed under the terms of the contract. Brief discussion then followed regarding the cleaning of the area to keep it looking as good as possible. Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews reminded the members that the area was privately owned and the Town Council could only encourage landowners or shop owners to assist in helping to keep the area clean. Brief discussion then followed regarding the large planter that had originally been placed within the project area, however it was clearly too big and was

currently placed outside the Old School. Members suggested that a future use for this could be for a Christmas Tree, the only problem would be the weight and movement of the planter, this matter would need further discussion by the Boverton Road Regeneration Sub-Committee. Further brief discussion then followed regarding signage, Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews informed the meeting that the Town Council were now in possession of new Information boards and were awaiting a decision from Mr. Hunt as to the location where the signs were to be placed.

#### **EISTEDDFOD GENERAL PLANNING UPDATE.**

Councillor Mrs A. Matthews informed the meeting that bunting and flags were in the process of being put up to replace the Jubilee bunting and flags. This would be completed by Friday of that week when the Eisteddfod were sending a team to Llantwit Major to promote the Eisteddfod and take photographs. Fund raising was still on-going with a steady stream of events. There was to be a Dinner at the West House Country Hotel very soon and a diary of events was now available at the Town Hall. Copies of the bus timetable were also available at the Town Hall for transfers between the train station and the Eisteddfod field. Mrs H. March informed the meeting that the History Society were planning to open the Heritage Centre. Mrs. J. Moisan informed the meeting that there would also be guides placed at the train station to direct visitors into the town.

Councillor E. Williams entered the Chamber.

#### **EXPLORE AND MORE.**

Mrs H. March asked if this subject could be added to the agenda. Members agreed to this. Mrs. H. March informed the meeting that Explore and More was a project in conjunction With the Vale of Glamorgan Council Creative Rural Communities. There were to be four Kiosks spread around the Vale of Glamorgan, one of which was to be in Llantwit Major. These showed short videos, in the case of Llantwit Major one about the Blue Plaque Trail. Other video's showed places such as the Marcross Lighthouses. The videos were full of information. There would be brochures available soon and a full press release would follow. The project would be bi-lingual allowing access in Welsh to the information. Mrs H. March then asked members if future meetings could continue to discuss the excessive amount of poles and wires around the town centre area, the amount of visible cables was still a blight on the Town Centre especially in the older part of the town. Members agreed that the group should further pursue this matter and Mrs. H. March informed the meeting that she would provide the Town Hall with as much historical information about the subject as she had available.

Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting which was then closed.