

LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL.

REPORT OF TOWN STUDY STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH. SEPTEMBER, 2012. AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD SCHOOL, WINE STREET, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

Present.	Councillor.	Mr. K. Geary (Deputy Chairman)
	Councillors.	Mrs. S. Geary. Mrs. P. Percy. Mr. J. Evans. Mr. M. Mason. Mrs. S. Hanks. Mr. E. Hacker. Mr. R. Jenkins. Mr. G. Ingram. Mrs. P. Lancaster.
	Mrs. T. Benfield.	Llanilltud Fawr in Flower.
	Mrs. H. March.	History Society.
	Mr. J. Durrant.	Bethel Baptist Church.

Apologies were tendered on behalf of;
Councillor Mr. G. John. Vale of Glamorgan Council Commitment.
Councillor Mr. E. Williams. Vale of Glamorgan Council Commitment.
Councillor Mr. M. Marsh. Holiday.
Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews. Holiday.
Mrs. J. Moisan. Prior Commitment.
Mr. P. Hibbert. Prior Commitment.
Mrs. S. Roberts. Prior Commitment.
PCSO. M. Woodman. Work Commitment.

Declaration of Interest Forms. There were none.

Councillor Mr. K. Geary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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 11th. June, 2012. These had been ratified at the Full Town Council meeting of 28th. June, 2012.

Matters Arising.

Mrs H. March informed members that there was a spelling error on page 3 of the report under item Explore and More, the words Blue Track Trail were incorrect and should read Blue Plaque Trail. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members this would be amended. Mrs. T. Benfield enquired whether any decision had been made regarding the large planter mentioned under the Boverton Road Regeneration Project update. Councillor K. Geary informed the meeting that no final decision had been made on the subject and this was for the Boverton Road Regeneration Sub-Committee to resolve. Councillor Mr. J. Evans informed the meeting that the planter had been moved up to the Rugby Club and would be used to plant some flowers in, this would make good use of it, until such time as a final decision was made. Mrs T. Benfield confirmed to the group that Llanilltud Fawr in Flower group had no use for the planter.

BOVERTON ROAD REGENERATION PROJECT UPDATE.

Councillor Mr. K. Geary informed members that unfortunately Councillor Mr. G. John was not present at this meeting to give a full update. Councillor Mrs. P. Lancaster informed the meeting that at the present time the final defect repairs had not been finished. Until those repairs were completed then the project could not be signed off.

POWER AND TELEPHONE CABLES AROUND THE TOWN CENTRE.

Mrs. H. March informed the meeting that she reviewed her personal records as far back as 1995. Since that time various attempts had been made to have wires and cables removed from within the Conservation area. Lighting had been looked at in 2001 and approaches made via Mrs. Jane Hutt AM who had provided useful background information. In 2002/3 Cadw were approached for advice, but this course of action led nowhere. In 2008 further enquiries were made with the Vale of Glamorgan Council, again no solution had been identified. In 2011 Mrs H. March had noted that the Strumble Head Lighthouse had received a substantial grant to remove power cables from the area around it. Mrs. H. March further informed members that perhaps as time progressed there may be more opportunities to revive this idea of removing unsightly wires and cables. It was also probably a good idea to target a specific area of the town.

Councillor Mr. K. Geary thanked Mrs H. March for her report and then asked members for suggestions and ideas.

General discussion followed with members agreeing that a targeted project area was a good idea. The main town square was agreed as being the area which could most benefit from the removal of overhead wires. Members discussed the best way forward and it was agreed that the assistance of the Vale of Glamorgan Council Conservation Officer would be required to identify a specific area and give advice as to what exactly maybe possible to achieve within that area. Mrs. H. March suggested that the Town Council could write to the Conservation Officer of the Vale of Glamorgan Council asking him to come to Llantwit Major to assess the wire and cable issue around the area of the town square and church. It would be of further benefit to the Town Study Group if the

Conservation officer could attend the next Town Study meeting in November to advise the group on this subject, or any other alternative schemes or suggestions that might be useful to the group.

RECOMMENDED: That the Town Council write to the Conservation Officer of the Vale of Glamorgan Council asking him to visit Llantwit Major to assess the possibility of the removal of wires and cables around the town square and inviting him to attend the next meeting of the Town Study Steering Group to discuss the matter further with members.

Councillor Mr. K. Geary then asked members if there were any other items of interest that may be considered about the Town Centre. Councillor Mr. J. Evans informed members that the Flowers supplied by Llanilltud Fawr in Flower around the town had been outstanding during the summer period and the organisation should be very proud of their efforts. Members thanked Mrs. T. Benfield and asked her to pass on their collective thanks. Mrs T. Benfield informed the meeting that a comments book had been located within the health shop on the precinct as part of the evidencing procedures required by Llanilltud Fawr in Flower when grants were applied for or grant monies spent.

Councillor Mr. K. Geary then thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting which was then closed.