

**LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL.**

**REPORT OF TOWN STUDY STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup>.  
NOVEMBER, 2012. AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD SCHOOL, WINE STREET, LLANTWIT  
MAJOR.**

Present.	Councillor.	Mrs. A. Matthews (Chairman)
	Councillors.	Mrs. P. Percy. Mrs. P. Lancaster. Mrs. S. Geary. Mrs. S. Hanks. Mr. J. Evans. Mr. M. Marsh. Mr. M. Mason. Mr. G. Ingram. Mr. E. Williams. Mr. R. Jenkins.
	Mrs. T. Benfield.	Llanilltud Fawr in Flower.
	Mrs. H. March.	Llantwit Major History Society.
	Mrs. J. Moisan.	Llantwit Major Chamber of Trade.

Apologies were tendered on behalf of;

Councillor Mr. G. John. Vale of Glamorgan Council Commitment.

Councillor Mr. E. Hacker. Vale of Glamorgan Council Commitment.

Councillor Mr. K. Geary. Vale of Glamorgan Council Commitment.

Mrs. S. Roberts – Prior Commitment.

Declaration of Interest Forms. There were none.

Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

September, 2012. These had been ratified at the Full Town Council meeting of 27<sup>th</sup>.

September, 2012. Noted.

**BOVERTON ROAD REGENERATION PROJECT UPDATE.**

Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews informed members that the Defect Rectification Certificate had now been signed so the project was just about completed as far as the Town Council were concerned. There were a few loose items to be concluded with regard to the utilities, lighting and water. Councillor G. John was in the processes of arranging a meeting with Mr. Hunt, as the main landowner, to discuss and resolve those matters. The project had been a great success and the Town Centre was now vastly improved. Other members commented and agreed that this was the case.

**POWER AND TELEPHONE CABLES AROUND THE TOWN CENTRE.**

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of an agenda brief from Councillor Mrs. P. Lancaster. Members had also been shown a number of photographs recently received from Mr. Thomas from the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Councillor Mrs A. Matthews asked members for comments. Mrs. H. March informed members that the agenda brief was an excellent report and that it was pleasing that the officer from the Vale of Glamorgan Council had been so positive. Councillor Mrs. P. Lancaster informed members that Mr. Thomas had shown support for this project, to begin with it would be necessary to establish who the right contact people were within Western Power and BT. During Mr. Thomas's visit it had become clear that there was no precedent for this kind of project within the Vale of Glamorgan. The project may also take some time to complete, assuming that the utility companies agreed. There was a need to gather as much support as possible from as many parties as possible. Local businesses, churches, residents, were examples of the support required. There was also the historic nature of the town, this needed to be brought into play and used as part of the case for the removal of poles and wires. Councillor G. Ingram informed members that he would be attending a workshop being run by Western Power the following morning. Part of the agenda in fact covered places of historical interest. He would therefore obtain as much information as possible and report back. General further discussion followed with members agreeing that the project was a good idea and the ideas suggested in the agenda brief should be acted upon. Councillor Mrs. P. Lancaster offered to lead the project and Councillor G. Ingram offered to join her on behalf of the Town Council. Mrs H. March was asked if she would assist with the project. Mrs H. March agreed to help in whatever way possible. Mrs P. Lancaster informed members that the process of putting a package together to be presented to the utility companies would be begun.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Town Council should undertake a project to remove poles and cables within the Historic Town Centre of Llantwit Major.

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**FURTHER**

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Deputy Town Clerk prepare a package, to be submitted to the appropriate utility companies, regarding the removal of poles and cables from around the Historic Town Centre of Llantwit Major and the Deputy Town Clerk be assisted by Councillors Mrs. P. Lancaster, G. Ingram and Mrs H. March from the History Society.

Councillor Mrs A. Matthews informed members that an email had been received from Mrs Sian Roberts giving her apologies, as indicated earlier in the meeting, for her absence. That email also suggested that, because Mrs Roberts was having difficulty attending the meetings, the Rectorial Benefice could be represented by the Rev. Hugh Butler. Brief discussion followed and members agreed that future meetings could be attended by the Rev. Butler on behalf of the Rectorial Benefice of Llantwit Major.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Rev. Hugh Butler be invited to attend future Town Study Steering Group meeting to represent the Rectorial Benefice of Llantwit Major.

Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews asked if there were any other matters that members wanted to mention. Mrs. H. March informed members that the Blue Plaques currently attached to Plymouth House and Court House were showing signs of wear. General discussion followed regarding whether it was possible to have these plaques repaired. Councillor E. Williams informed the members that to remove the plaques cost £50.00 each. On the last occasion the plaques had been repaired by the company that supplied them, however that was some years ago. The funding of any repairs was then discussed, however it was clear that further enquiries would be required before any decisions could be made. It was agreed that the Town Clerk be asked to make enquiries into this matter.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Town Clerk be asked to make enquiries into the repair of Blue Plaques situated on Plymouth House and Court House.

Councillor Mrs A. Matthews thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting and Informed members that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup>. February, 2013.