

**LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL**

**REPORT IF TOWN STUDY STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup>. MAY, 2013,  
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD SCHOOL, WINE STREET, LLANTWIT MAJOR.**

Present;	Councillor	Mrs A Matthews (Chairman)
	Councillors	Mrs S Geary Mrs P Lancaster Mr G Ingram Mr M Mason Mr J Evans Mrs P Percy Mr R Jenkins Mrs S Hanks Mr E Hacker Mr G John Mr E Williams
	Mrs G Pryce	Llanilltud Fawr in Flower
	Mrs H March	Llantwit Major History Society
	PCSO M Thomas	South Wales Police
	Mrs J Moisan	Llantwit Major Chamber of Trade
	Mr J Durrant	Bethel Baptise Church
	Mrs R Quinn	Clerk to Llantwit Major Town Council
	Rebecca Haves	Creative Rural Communities
	Mari-Wyn Elias-Jones	Creative Rural Communities
	Claire Evans	Vale of Glamorgan Council Tourism Officer

Apologies were tendered on behalf of;

Councillor Mr K Geary

Councillor Mr M. Marsh

Councillor G. John apologised for having to leave early due to another appointment.

Councillor E. Williams apologised for having to leave early due to another appointment.

Rev H Butler

Declaration of Interest Forms.

Pursuant to the requirements of this Council's Code of Conduct, Councillor E. Williams declared an interest under item 2 Destination Management due to his association with the Galilee Chapel Project.

**Report of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup>. February, 2013.**

Committee members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, which had been ratified at the Full Town Council meeting 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2013. Noted.

**To discuss suggestions and Agenda Briefs in respect of Creative Rural Communities Projects, "Destination Management for your Town," and "A Sense of Place."**

Councillor Mrs A. Matthews welcomed the members of the Creative Rural Communities Team and Claire Evans from the Vale of Glamorgan Council Tourism Department. Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews then asked if the Creative Rural Communities Team would open the discussions. Rebecca Haves informed members that there were two specific projects she would like to speak on. The first was the Heritage Coast, this project was working with local partners to improve signage and information boards along the Coastal Footpath and surrounding areas. Issues had been identified with tourists sometimes not knowing where they actually were in relation to the coast and what facilities were available. The project was trying to work with local businesses to publish opening times and facilities available. An exhibition was to be held at St. Donats Art Centre offering local business the chance to become involved in the project. An increase in available information was required, and this led into the Destination Management and Sense of Place projects.

Claire Evans then spoke to members. She informed members that the Vale of Glamorgan Council had produced a Tourism Plan. This was essential as the Welsh Government has asked for such strategies to be put in place and it appeared that without such plans the Welsh Government may not provide further grant funding. The Tourism Plan had looked at coordinating services, getting the best out of the available budget, looking at parking, visitor facilities and partnerships with other bodies to produce a plan suitable for submission to the Welsh Government.

Marie-Wyn Elias-Jones then handed out a questionnaire which she asked members to fill in. When these were completed Marie-Wyn Elias-Jones began a flipchart and asked members for suggestions for improvements under five headings. Signage, Public Transport, Places of Interest, Facilities and Events. During this extended period of time, Councillor's G. John and E. Williams left the chamber. At the conclusion of this process brief further discussion took place regarding the process that Creative Rural Communities would then follow, using the information gathered, to produce a feasibility study on improvements. That study would then be brought back to the Town Study Group for further consideration at the next meeting.

Brief discussion then followed regarding the Boverton Road Regeneration Project. Members agreed that the Boverton Road Regeneration Sub-Committee should meet again to review other funding possibilities.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Town Council request the Creative Rural Communities Team to produce a feasibility study for Llantwit Major regarding "Destination Management for your Town" and "A Sense of Place."

**FURTHER** That the Town Council hold a meeting of the Boverton Road  
**RECOMMENDED:** Regeneration Sub-Committee as soon as possible.

**Update regarding Blue Plaques.**

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the two Blue Plaques that required attention had been taken down and sent away for repair.

**Update regarding Poles and Wires, attendance at Stakeholder meeting with Western Power and way forward.**

**Verbal Update Councillors R. Jenkins and G. Ingram.**

Councillor R. Jenkins informed members that he had attended the Western Power Stakeholder meeting. It was clear that the removal of poles and wires was going to be very difficult. Western Power had continued to work in areas of outstanding natural beauty to hide cables, however their definition of outstanding natural beauty was quite vague and would probably not include a town centre. Also the actual amount of cables hidden amounted to some five kilometres out of a total of over three hundred thousand. Councillor G. Ingram informed members that the next stage, having at least identified contacts within Western Power, was to approach BT. Initial enquiries had failed to identify someone who could be invited to look at the issue. Enquiries were on-going to find a suitable contact from within the BT organisation. Brief discussion followed with members agreeing that the Town Council Study Group should still proceed with its objective of trying to remove poles and wires and invite the necessary agencies to a meeting to discuss possibilities.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Town Councils Town Study Group continue with plans to try and remove poles and wires from around the town centre area.

**Date of next meeting.**

Brief discussion followed with members agreeing that the next meeting should be held at 7.00pm. Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup>. July, 2013.