

LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT OF TOWN STUDY STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM, ON TUESDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 2016, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD SCHOOL, WINE STREET, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

Present;	Councillor	Mrs P. Lancaster (Chairman)
	Councillors	Mrs. S. Hanks. Mr M Mason Mr E Williams. Mr M Marsh. Mrs S Geary. Mr G Morgan. Mr R Austin. Mrs J Norman. Mr J Evans. Mr R Jenkins
	Mrs. H. March.	Llantwit Major History Society.
	Mr. J. Durrant.	Bethel Baptist Church.
	Mr A Clark	Llantwit Major Principality Building Society
	Mr I. Hunt	Filco Food Stores

Apologies were tendered on behalf of;

Councillor Mr E Hacker
PC. C Malone.
Ms Mari-Wyn Elias Jones - Town Centres Development Officer
Mrs Tina Benfield – Llanilltud Fawr in Flower
Ms Nia Hollins – Tourism & Marketing, Vale of Glamorgan Council

Declaration of Interest Forms.

There were no declaration of Interest Forms.

Report of meeting held on 29th September 2015.

Committee members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the Town Study meeting held on 29th September, 2015, which had been ratified at the Full Town Council meeting of 29th October, 2015. Noted.

To receive update from Bougues UK, Community Engagement Officer re development of the Llantwit Major Learning Community

Councillor Mrs Lancaster welcomed Mr Nick Toulson, Community Engagement Officer for Bougues UK to the Meeting.

Mr Toulson thanked Committee Members for inviting him to address the meeting. Mr Toulson stated that his company was the main contractor assigned for the development of the Llantwit Major Learning Community. Work had commenced at the end of October 2015 and they anticipated being on site until February 2018. He stated that there were four stages of development detailed as follows:

- 1) New Primary School Built
- 2) Secondary School Extension built
- 3) Demolish Old School Buildings
- 4) Construct new Playing Fields

Mr Toulson confirmed his role was to establish contact with the Town Council, Schools and the Llantwit Major Community to keep the public informed of the development and offer advice, sponsorship and guidance to the community. Mr Toulson informed Committee Members that Bougues UK have already introduced School Construction Ambassadors to liaise between themselves and the Comprehensive School.

Mr Toulson confirmed to Mrs Heather March they would offer assistance to pupils looking enter the Construction / Engineering Industry.

Mr Durrant enquired if a Time Capsule was to be buried in the ground and Councillor Jenkins enquired if local tradesmen and suppliers were employed on the project. Mr Toulson confirmed to Committee Members they use local Contractors, if possible, to undertake work on the site. He estimated that 75% of Sub Contractors came from the South Wales area.

Councillor Mrs Lancaster thanked Mr Toulson for coming to update Committee members on this Development. Mr Toulson vacated the Council Chamber

Recommended: That the Deputy Town Clerk pass Mr Toulson details onto the Llantwit Major Youth Council.

To discuss the Sculpture for Llantwit Major that is under construction with Creative Rural Communities

Councillor Mrs Lancaster welcomed Ms Nicola Sumner-Smith from Creative Rural Communities to the Meeting.

Ms Sumner-Smith thanked Committee members for inviting her. She informed the Meeting that the Sculpture for Llantwit Major was part of a project funded by the National Lottery looking into coastal community projects aimed at supporting employment, business opportunities and physical improvements along the coast. The Sculpture is part of a series of ongoing work to raise the profile work of the Heritage Coast and these proposed Sculptures will be placed at St Athan, Llantwit Major, St Brides Major and Ogmere. Ms Sumner-Smith confirmed that Consultations with the general public were ongoing to discuss the location, style, design, text and imagery for the Sculptures. She stated everyone's ideas were being

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processed and the Artist designing the Sculptures will take this information away and bring further proposals back to the Creative Rural Communities Team in three weeks time. Ms Sumner-Smith informed Committee Members that the Artist was tasked to implement this project by year end 2016. Mr Andrew Clark and Mrs Heather March queried the proposed position for the Sculpture on the Roundabout at the junction of Llantwit Major High Street, the B4265 and the Llandow road.

Mr Graham Morgan questioned the text to be displayed on the Sculpture and Committee Members felt that the Way Marker logo depicting the Celtic Cross should be incorporated within the Llantwit Major Sculpture.

Councillor Mrs Lancaster thanked Ms Nicola Sumner-Smith for coming to update Committee members on this Project. Ms Sumner-Smith vacated the Council Chamber

To note list of Committee Members of the Town Study Steering Group

Committee members had previously been circulated with an up to date list of all Committee Members on the Town Study Steering Group. The Deputy Town Clerk informed Committee Members that the newly elected Councillor Mr Ralph Austin needs to be added to the list.

Committee Members queried the status of the Chamber of Trade. All agreed there should be a Chamber of Trade in Llantwit Major. Mr Ian Hunt stated that there were still businesses that were members of the Chamber of Trade. He felt there was an apathy from businesses towards getting together for improving trade within Llantwit Major. Mr Ian Hunt stated that no one seems to want to step forward and take responsibility for this role.

Recommended: That Councillor Mick Mason visits the present Chair of Llantwit Major Chamber of Trade and ask the status of the organisation and obtain an up to date list of all existing members. The results of this visit be brought back to the next Town Study Steering Group Meeting.

Update by Vale Town Centres Development Officer

Committee members had previously been circulated with an email dated 4th January 2016 from Ms Elias Jones updating Committee Members on the work being undertaken by the Towns Centre Development Team. She passed on her apologies for being unable to attend the meeting herself. Her email stated that the Christmas Market had been a success and the Traders are keen to attend future events. The Interpretation Board at the Train Station had been installed in November 2015 however there is still a problem with the frame. Also on the new Interpretation Board at the Town Hall there is a loose panel. Ms Elias Jones stated she was leaving her Council post at the beginning of February 2016 and wished to thank the Town Study Steering Group Committee for all their support.

The Deputy Town Clerk updated members that a further email received from Ms Nia Hollins, Regeneration and Planning Department, on 14th January 2016 stated that the renovations required to the Town Hall Notice Board, Railway Station and Boverton Road Notice Board were now being progressed by her.

Mr Andrew Clarke felt that the Way Markers around the town were not clear enough and could the Vale Council be asked if any edging could be put around them to make them stand out more clearly. All Committee Members agreed this was a good idea.

Recommended: That the Deputy Town Clerk write to Ms Nia Hollins, Regeneration and Planning Department, requesting if they would look into putting a brighter stone edging around the Way Markers to make them more distinctive for pedestrians.

To discuss letter received from Vale of Glamorgan Managing Director re Llantwit Major Interpretation Boards

Committee members had previously been circulated with a letter dated 12th November 2015 from the Vale of Glamorgan Managing Director and a letter dated 23rd November 2015 from the Regeneration Operational Manager reference the delay in the installation of Llantwit Major Interpretation Boards. Noted.

To discuss letter received from Vale of Glamorgan Environment and Housing Services re Llantwit Major Brown Road Tourist Signs

Committee members had previously been circulated with a letter dated 16th November 2015 from the Environment and Housing Services Department noting receipt of our letter reference the redundant Llantwit Major Brown Road Signs.

Recommended: The Deputy Town Clerk to further request an update on the Brown Road Tourist Signs

To discuss Committee Members ideas for improving Llantwit Major Town and Community

Mr Ian Hunt informed Committee Members that feedback he had received from Traders following the Christmas Market on the Precinct had proved very positive. He stated he would welcome this becoming a more regular event and would allow the Precinct to be used for this purpose.

Mr Ian Hunt also expressed his disappointment that he had not been approached with regard to Christmas Illuminations in the Town last year. The Town Clerk updated the Committee on the present and past ownership of this Event.

Mr Andrew Clarke questioned Committee Members on who had ownership of the Parking Bays at the front of the Precinct. He stated that the footfall would increase if all vehicles had a 2 hour return policy on the Bays endorsed. Mr Hunt informed Members that this was all privately owned land and there was nothing that could be done to prevent cars from parking all day in the Bays. The Town Clerk informed Committee Members she had a Map showing ownership of these Parking Slots if any one wishes to view them.

Mr Andrew Clark also stated to Committee Members that he felt litter around the precinct and the town had become more prevalent. Mrs Heather March endorsed this viewpoint and

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stated she felt the Litter bins are not emptied regularly enough. Councillor Mrs Hanks question if there were enough Litter Bins in Llantwit Major. Mr Hunt confirmed that it was his responsibility to clear litter from the Precinct.

Mr John Durrant questioned the Committee on how the Town Council will present themselves once reshaping services is undertaken within Local Government. He questioned if the Town Council should gain the views of the general public on this matter and the importance of maintaining Llantwit Major Town Council Coat of Arms. The Town Clerk Updated Committee Members on the Local Government (Wales) Bill being discussed by Councils. She confirmed that 2022 was the date when the possible merging of Town and Community Councils will take place.

Councillor Graham Morgan informed Committee Members that the Report on Llantwit Major Signage is still ongoing and will be reported at Aprils Town Study Steering Group Meeting.

Mrs Heather March updated Committee Members that Llanilltud Fawr in Flower made £800.00 in the Summer from fund raising. She stated that the Summer Grants will be available again this year to Llantwit Major shops and businesses.

Recommended: That Councillor Ron Jenkins liaise with the Events Committee and Mr Ian Hunt to arrange a mutually convenient date to discuss this year's Christmas Illuminations.

Further

Recommended: That the Deputy Town Clerk write a letter to the Vale of Glamorgan Council stating the increase of litter in the area and requested more regular slots for emptying Litter Bins.

Further

Recommended: The Town Clerk will put forward and Reports she compiles for the full Town Council onto the Agenda of Town Study Steering Group Meetings.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th April 2016 in the Council Chamber of the Old School.