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MINUTES OF THE HYBRID MEETING
Held at The Meeting Room, Atlantic College, St Donats
on 4th June 2025 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors: Byron Cole, Jasper Copeland Roberts, Tony Evans, Gareth Halliwell and Dave Johnston.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
PC Jamie Williamson.
Vale Councillor Carys Stallard.

Item 1: To elect Chairperson for the forthcoming year, 2025/2026.
Proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Halliwell, that Councillor Johnston be appointed Chairperson for the year 2025/2026.

There were no further nominations.

Councillor Johnston accepted the proposal, was appointed as Chairperson and signed the Chairperson's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Resolved as proposed.

Councillor Johnston took the Chair.

Item 2: To elect Vice Chairperson for the forthcoming year, 2025/2026.
Proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Johnston, that Councillor Halliwell be appointed Vice Chairperson for the year 2025/2026.

There were no further nominations.

Councillor Halliwell accepted the proposal, was appointed as Vice Chairperson and signed the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 3: Apologies for Absence.
Councillors Mary Jeffreys, Tom Partridge and Jayne Thomas.

Item 4: To receive declarations of interest and the nature of such interests under the Council's Code of Conduct.
None.

Item 5: Police Report.

- 5.1. PC Williamson gave details on recent incidents recorded since the last meeting of the Community Council:
Two calls relating to minor assaults.

PC Williamson advised that around the Rural Vale in general, the Police have been very busy. There have been extra patrols around the Coast, from Llantwit Major to Ogmore By Sea and including Nash Point and Heol Las.

- 5.2 Highway issues in the St Donats Community Council area.
Members raised the concerns of residents with reference to the speed of traffic through Marcross Village. Various speed reduction measures were discussed but there is a quite a process to go through to qualify for any of those speed measures to be implemented. PC Williamson stated that the Police will bear the concerns in mind and explained the initiative 'Operation Snap' where Members of the public can send in dashcam footage on-line to the Police for reporting and investigation.

- Item 6: To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting held 7th May 2025.**
Proposed by Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Halliwell and **resolved** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held 7th May 2025 be approved.

- Item 7: To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 7th May 2025.**
Proposed by Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Halliwell and **resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 7th May 2025 be approved.

- Item 8: Matters arising from the minutes, which are not included in this agenda.**
No matters arising.

Item 9: Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillor/s.

- 9.1 Councillor Stallard advised that the collecting of mobile signal data has been on a slight pause but is continuing for a few more months.

Item 10: Clerk's Report to include the Financial Report.

10.1 **Finance Report.**

Bank Account Balance - £3,734.00.

Payments made since the last meeting:

Clerk's Salary (May) - £224.24;

HMRC (Tax for May) - £56.00.

Lloyds Bank (monthly fee service charge for Community accounts) - £5.25;

*H Embling (Internal Audit for the year 2024/2025) - £100.00; **

*Zurich Municipal (Insurance cover for the year 2025/2026) - £241.00; **

*Vision ICT (website hosting and support for July 2025 to June 2026) - £161.26. **

**All three payments were resolved to be paid at May's meeting but due to only one signatory present at the meeting, the cheques could not be signed.*

Payments due to be made:

Clerk's Salary (June) - £224.24;

HMRC (Tax for June) - £56.00.

Proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Halliwell and **resolved** that all payments due be made.

Receipts:

None.

10.2 **Administrative Items.**

No items to report apart from those listed on the agenda.

Item 11: To report any update on Channel View, Marcross – Sewer.

11.1 Councillor Stallard advised that a letter is to be sent out to the residents of Channel View to organise a meeting during the next month to discuss options. It was suggested that the meeting be held at the Village Church. Some repairs have been carried out to existing pipework.

11.2 It was reported that the waste bin, which had been removed from the George V Playing Field, had been reinstated.

Item 12: To consider and approve the Annual Accounts and the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The Clerk had previously forwarded the papers relating to the Annual Return and Annual Accounts, including bank reconciliation, receipts and payments and asset register for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Proposed by Councillor Halliwell, seconded by Councillor Evans and **resolved** that the Annual Accounts and Annual Return be approved. The Chairperson signed the Annual Return on behalf of the Community Council.

Reference was made to the 'Vision Statement' which is required by Audit Wales this year and a statement is to be prepared by the Clerk and forwarded to Members for approval at the next meeting.

Item 13: To report and discuss the Vale of Glamorgan Town and Community Council Boundary Review Decision.

It was reported that the proposals put forward to the Welsh Government by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales had been accepted in its entirety resulting in St Donats Community Council and Wick Community Council to be dissolved and a new Council formed entitled 'St Donats and Wick Community Council' following the Election in May 2027.

Item 14: Planning Matters.

14.1 Notice of Section 78 Planning Appeal:

Site: Land at Ffynnon y Capel, St Donats

Proposal: Controlled dog walking/exercise field. Pre booked appointments with one in, one out, control (*for information*).

14.2 Application submitted for continued use of land as a car park and as a site for overnight camping by caravans, motor homes and tents at the Cliff Top Café, Marcross, has been **refused**.

Item 15: To receive an update from Atlantic College.

Councillor Partridge gave the following report:

The second-year students have left and first-years will depart on the 13th June.

The summer fayre is on 8th June and the area around the college will likely be busy.

Item 16: Reports of Representatives.

No reports.

Item 17: To consider a 'litter pick' during the Summer.

The local 'Keep Wales Tidy' group is able to assist during July but Members agreed that it might be better to hold a litter pick in September following the cutting back of verges and the return of the students to Atlantic College who may be able to assist. Clerk to contact Councillors Partridge and Thomas to pass on this information and ask for their thoughts on this item.

Item 18: To update on approach to the Plough and Harrow, Monknash, regarding the siting of a defibrillator.

Councillor Halliwell advised that he had spoken to Councillor Jeffreys to ask if she thought it might be possible to site a defibrillator on the neighbouring property to the Plough and Harrow. This is a possibility and enquiries are to be made.

Item 19: To report residents' concerns regarding the Horseshoes, Marcross.

Members discussed the current situation regarding the Horseshoes Public House in Marcross. There are concerns that the property is being left to 'run down' although some work has been carried out including a new roof and the siting of a large septic tank but nothing further has been done and the building looks rather 'sad'.

It was suggested that enquiries be made with the Vale Council to enquire if the building can be recognised as a Community Asset and protected as a public house for the future and Councillor Halliwell agreed to contact the owner to ask of any future plan for the property.

Item 20: Section 6 – Biodiversity Plan and Report.

The Clerk asked Councillor Johnston for his support with the preparation of the Biodiversity Plan and Report which the Council must prepare by December 2025.

Councillor Johnston kindly agreed to the request and agreed to the documents being forwarded to him.

Item 21: Correspondence and Publications which do not necessarily require discussion i.e. for noting only.

21.1 VGC (Vale of Glamorgan Council) – Business Support Newsletter 16th May 2025.

21.2 OVW (One Voice Wales) – Training Dates for May and June 2025.

21.3 Planning Aid Wales – Latest news from Planning Aid Wales – May 2025.

21.4 OVW – Improving the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales.

21.5 OVW – Supporting Older People in the Vale : Preventative Interventions Fund 2025.

21.6 Democracy and Boundary Commission – Consultation - Review of Electoral Arrangements of the Vale of Glamorgan.

21.7 VGC – Diversion of Public Footpath No.12 Marcross.
All items noted.

Item 22: Date of the next Meeting – Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at 7.00pm.

..... Chairperson.
Date : 2nd July 2025.

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