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**MINUTES OF THE HYBRID MEETING**  
**Held at The Meeting Room, Atlantic College, St Donats**  
**on 2<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairperson: Dave Johnston.  
Councillors: Jasper Copeland Roberts, Tony Evans, Gareth Halliwell,  
Mary Jeffreys and Jayne Thomas.

**In Attendance:** Jackie Griffin, Clerk.  
Vale Councillors Jo Protheroe and Carys Stallard.  
PC Jamie Williamson.

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence.**  
Councillors Byron Cole and Tom Partridge.

**Item 2: To receive declarations of interest and the nature of such interests under the Council's Code of Conduct.**  
None.

**Item 3: Police Report.**  
3.1 PC Williamson gave details on recent incidents recorded since the last meeting of the Community Council:

- St Donats - 1 x Theft of Motor Vehicle  
Land Rover stolen in the layby. No lines of enquiry at the moment
- Marcross and Monknash – no incidents.

The only other calls were:

1. Someone flying a drone over houses in Monknash, causing annoyance.
2. A concern for a back packer in Monknash – now dealt with.
3. Domestic in Marcross.

It was reported that there has been a spate of land rovers being stolen lately in the area and owners should be warned to use extra theft prevention for their vehicles.

PC Williamson reminded the Members that should they have any queries, to contact him via email, text or call.

- Item 4: To appoint representatives for outside bodies/committees for the forthcoming year, 2025/2026:**
- 4.1 One Voice Wales Local Area Committee – Councillor Copeland Roberts.  
*Next meeting 21 July – Cowbridge Town Hall – Councillor Copeland Roberts unable to attend – apologies to be forwarded to One Voice Wales.*
- 4.2 Community Liaison Committee – Councillor Thomas, Reserve Councillor Halliwell.
- 4.3 Friends of Glamorgan Heritage Coast – Councillor Thomas, Reserve Councillor Johnston.
- 4.4 Footpath Committee – Councillor Evans.
- 4.5 Defibrillator Maintenance – Councillor Halliwell.  
**Proposed** by Councillor Halliwell, seconded by Councillor Thomas and **resolved** that the Councillors selected as representatives are approved.
- Item 5: To approve the minutes of the Meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**  
**Proposed** by Councillor Halliwell, seconded by Councillor Evans and **resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025 be approved.
- Item 6: Matters arising from the minutes, which are not included in this agenda.**  
No matters arising.
- Item 7: Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillor/s.**
- 7.1 Councillor Protheroe reported on changes to scrutiny committees which are being reduced from 5 to 4. The Committees will cover: Live well focusing on social care and wellbeing; Start well focusing on young children and youths; place and resources. The scrutiny committees can hold the Council's Cabinet and Officers to account, can make recommendations and will now get the results of their recommendations.
- 7.2 It was reported that there is a small pot of money for repair of pavements although there are few pavements in this Community Council's area.
- 7.3 The 'Foodbank' is struggling for funding but is actively applying to a number of sources and doing all it can to keep the initiative running.
- 7.4 The local Youth Club is seeking volunteers and funding.
- 7.5 There may be an opportunity to visit the new social housing development in Wick.
- Item 8: Clerk's Report to include the Financial Report.**
- 8.1 **Finance Report.**  
**Bank Account Balance** - £2,947.25.  
**Payments made since the last meeting:**  
Clerk's Salary (June) - £224.24;  
HMRC (Tax for June) - £56.00.  
Lloyds Bank (monthly fee service charge for Community accounts) - £4.25;  
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.

**Payments due to be made:**

Clerk's Salary (July) - £224.24;

HMRC (Tax for July) - £56.00.

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

**Receipts:**

None.

**8.2 Administrative Items.**

Vision Statement – The Clerk explained that this is a requirement for the Council to have and following consultation with Councillor Halliwell, proposed the following:

*“To provide a Council service to St Donats, Marcross and Monknash residents that makes them confident their interests are being taken care of and, looking forward to 2027, work towards a smooth transition to the proposed new Council ‘St Donats and Wick Community Council’”.*

**Item 9: To report any update on Channel View, Marcross – Sewer.**

Councillor Stallard advised that they are pressing for a date, hopefully within the next month, for the proposed meeting with residents to be held in Marcross Church.

**Item 10: Planning Matters.**

**10.1 Planning Application No. 2025/00562/OUT**

Location: Derelict buildings at Siop Newydd, Heol Las, Monknash

Proposal: Conversion of derelict barn and farmhouse to create a dwelling and office as part of a live work arrangement.

**No objection.**

**10.2 Planning Application No. 2025/00584/LBC**

Location: St Donats Castle, East Drive, St Donats

Proposal: Refurbishment of the Upper Gibbet Tower Room.

**No objection.**

**10.3 Result of Planning Applications:**

- (i) Planning Application No. 2025/00126/FUL – Demolition of existing garage and boiler room, to be replaced by single storey elderly person annex to an existing house - The Marl pits Lane, Junction B4270 at Splott Cross to Junction at St Donats – **approved with 12 conditions.**

**Item 11: To receive an update from Atlantic College.**

Councillor Partridge had forwarded his report:

*“Students have left.*

*We had a successful summer fayre.*

*We have another large event (Street food Circus) on the 2nd/3rd August and are working with children from the local area and further afield on our summer programme estimated to bring around 1000 young people to the area to enjoy St Donats and the local surrounding area”.*

**Item 12: Reports of Representatives.**

- 12.1 Councillor Thomas reported that she had attended St Athan Community Council's Civic Sunday Service and Reception on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, at which awards were given to some local residents for their work and service in the community.
- 12.2 Councillor Evans reported that he will be attending a meeting of the Footpaths Committee next week.
- 12.3 Councillor Copeland Roberts reported that he had attended Llantwit Major Town Council's Civic Sunday Service and Reception on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**Item 13: To advise of a planned 'litter pick' in July.**

Councillor Thomas confirmed that it is intended to hold a litter pick on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July from 10am to 12 noon, starting from Splott Farm and covering the road to St Donats and from Splott Farm to Splott Crossroads. All are welcome to attend. The Clerk had contacted an organiser from 'Keep Wales Tidy' who is assisting with equipment. Tea/coffee and cake will be available after the event. Clerk to prepare notices for the village notice boards. It is intended to hold future litter picks in Marcross and Monknash.

**Item 14: To further discuss the siting of a defibrillator in Monknash.**

Councillor Jeffreys has agreed to contact the owner of the property adjacent to Plough and Harrow and is hopeful that permission may be given for a defibrillator to be sited on the wall next to the Council's notice board.

**Item 15: To further discuss concerns regarding the Horseshoes, Marcross.**

Members discussed the current situation at the Horseshoes and expressed disappointment that the property cannot be listed as an 'Asset of Community Value'. The owner of the property has advised Councillor Halliwell that he will keep Councillor Halliwell updated with regard to his intentions for the property and Councillor Halliwell advised he endeavour to ensure that would happen.

**Item 16: Correspondence and Publications which do not necessarily require discussion i.e. for noting only.**

- 16.1 VGC (Vale of Glamorgan Council) – Business Support Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025.
- 16.2 OVW (One Voice Wales) – Training Dates for June to September 2025.
- 16.3 OVW – Bulletin No. 5.

***All items noted.***

**Item 17: Date of the next Meeting – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at 7.00pm.**

..... Chairperson.

**Date : 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.**

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