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COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 6th October, 2020.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

Present: Councillor Mrs. S.M. Hanks (Chairman); Councillor Ms. R.M. Birch (Vice-Chairman); Councillors Ms. J. Aviet, G.D.D. Carroll, Mrs. C.A. Cave, N.P. Hodges, A.C. Parker, R.A. Penrose, Mrs. S.D. Perkes, L.O. Rowlands and M.R. Wilson.

Representing Town and Community Councils: Councillors J.Andrew (Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council), G. Thomas (Llantwit Major Town Council), M. Cuddy (Penarth Town Council), S. Griffiths (Dinas Powys Community Council), H. Baker (Ewenny Community Council), Dr. A. Rees (Llancarfan Community Council), S. Bonnar (Llanfair Community Council), D. Reed (Llangan Community Council), G. Smith (Llanmaes Community Council), D. Moody-Jones (Peterston-Super-Ely Community Council), A. Barnaby (St. Athan Community Council), G. Halliwell (St. Donats Community Council), W. Howells (St. Georges and St. Brides Super Ely Community Council), I. Perry (St. Nicholas and Bonvilston Community Council), N. Craddock (Welsh St. Donats Community Council), R. Sexton (Wenvoe Community Council) and C. Hawkins (Wick Community Council).

106 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chairman read the following statement:

“May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing.”

On behalf of the Chairman, the Democratic Services Officer advised that the outstanding Action Plan for the Town & Community Council Charter would be presented to the Committee for its consideration at the next meeting.

107 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors A.R. Robertson (Vale of Glamorgan Council), S. Hodges (Barry Town Council), R. Thomas (Llandow Community Council) and C. Tatt (Sully and Lavernock Community Council).

108 MINUTES –

AGREED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 28th January, 2020 be approved as a correct record, subject to it being noted that the representative for Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council was Councillor John Andrew and not Councillor J. Wallis as stated.

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109 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations were received.

110 POLICE MATTERS –

Chief Inspector Anthony Williams provided the Committee with an update on Police matters in the Vale of Glamorgan since the last meeting of the Committee in January on the following topics:

- National Lockdown Enforcement as a result of Covid-19;
- An ongoing investigation following the Ogmored-By-Sea Disorder;
- Maintaining order and public safety at Barry Island after a significant increase in visitor numbers;
- South Wales Police Service Restructure;
- Arrests made in the fight against the illegal drug trade; and
- A recent spike in the number of rogue trader incidents.

Following the Chief Inspector's presentation and subsequent questions from the Committee, the Chief Inspector advised the following:

- The information available regarding Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) on the Community Policing website was updated centrally and a request to update the information would be raised by himself following the meeting;
- The lack of licensed premises being open during the lockdown period in conjunction with social isolation and warm weather contributed to the public disorder incident at Ogmored-by-Sea;
- An increase in officers being deployed to the Barry Island area did not decrease policing levels in the other Barry areas due to funding being made available to the service. The Service would continue to adapt to the new circumstances and hoped to adopt new forms of technology to support the new way of working going forward.

AGREED –

- (1) T H A T Chief Inspector Williams be thanked for his time and presentation.
- (2) T H A T the Committee's sincere thanks be passed on to the Service for its continued efforts to keep residents of the Vale of Glamorgan safe in extremely challenging times.
- (3) That the email address for Chief Inspector Williams be circulated to all Committee Members via the Democratic Services Officer following the meeting.

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111 FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE MATTERS –

Mr Christian Hadfield, Operations Manager for the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, provided the Committee with an update on Fire & Rescue matters within the Vale of Glamorgan since the last meeting of the Committee in January on the following topics:

- The impact on staffing levels and assistance to support colleagues in the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust (WAST) as a result of the national pandemic;
- Maintaining operational competence and levels of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE);
- The development of an online home fire risk assessment tool as one approach to reduce over the threshold prevention (domestic), protect (commercial) and education (schools) activities;
- The installation of dedicated video conferencing facilities at all service sites, in an aim to improve overall remote communication between departments, staff and other key partners;
- Restarting preventative activities in a Covid secure environment, including youth programmes such as Fire Cadets;
- The opening of the first Quad Emergency Services Station at Llantwit Major that took place just before the national lockdown began;
- Continued preparations in case of a second national lockdown;
- A 23% fall in domestic related fires in comparison to the same quarter in 2019;
- A small rise in refuse fires due to the temporary closing of local recycling centres; and
- A 70% reduction in road traffic collisions due to less vehicles on the road during lockdown.

AGREED –

- (1) T H A T Mr Hadfield be thanked for his time and presentation.
- (2) T H A T the Committee's sincere thanks be passed on to the Service for its continued efforts to keep residents of the Vale of Glamorgan safe in extremely challenging times.

112 VALE OF GLAMORGAN PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20 UPDATE (MD) –

The Head of Business Policy and Transformation presented the report, the purpose of which was to present an overview of the second year of progress in delivering the Wellbeing Objectives and actions set by the Vale Public Service Board (PSB) in its Well-being Plan.

The Officer advised that the Council had a duty to produce an annual report to its Cabinet which demonstrated the challenges and statistics that underpinned the

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work of the PSB to improve the health and well-being of Vale of Glamorgan residents and therefore of interest to Committee and Town & Community Council work.

The comprehensive Annual Report was attached as an appendix to the report.

AGREED – T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board's Annual Report for 2019-20 and the progress partners are making in implementing the priorities set out in the Well-being Plan be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

113 PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL RELATED ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – RESORTS, TOWN CENTRES AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACES UPDATE (MD) –

The Head of Neighbourhood Services & Transport presented the report supported by a short PowerPoint presentation to inform the Committee of the strong and effective control and management arrangements aimed at preventing incidence of alcohol related anti-social behaviour in public spaces as considered by the Vale of Glamorgan Cabinet on 27th July 2020.

The Officer advised that the report sought approval to vary the already existing 2017 Alcohol Public Space Protection orders in Penarth, Barry, Rhoose, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge due to expire in October 2020. Following issues of anti-social behaviour over the Summer 2020, the following areas had been added for consultation; Cosmeston Country Park, Porthkerry Country Park, Penarth Pier and Esplanade, Ogmores Beach area, Llantwit Major Beach and Rhoose Point.

The consultation was started in August 2020 and due to its popularity had been extended to the 2nd November 2020.

Following the presentation by the Head of Service and subsequent questions from the Committee, the Operational Manager for Neighbourhood Services advised the following:

- The new areas had been added to the consultation following instances of anti-social behaviour, often but not entirely as a result of alcohol consumption, and the locations had not previously been included in the consultation for the 2017 order; and
- In relation to upcoming public calendar events, anti-social behaviour would be dealt with as if a Public Space Protection Order was already in place as was normal practice; the Police Service would deal with the anti-social behaviour with the removal of alcohol as necessary.

AGREED – T H A T the content of the Prevention of Alcohol Related Anti-Social Behaviour - Resorts, Town Centres and Public Open Spaces report be noted.

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Reason for decision

To ensure Members of the Committee are informed of the Council's strong and effective control and management arrangements aimed at preventing incidence of alcohol related anti-social behaviour in public spaces.