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COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 27th April, 2021.

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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, M.G.J. Morgan, A.C. Parker, R.A. Penrose, Mrs. S.D. Perkes, A.R. Robertson and M.R. Wilson.

Representing Town and Community Councils: Councillors Mrs. S. Hodges (Barry Town Council); G. Thomas (Llantwit Major Town Council); M. Cuddy (Penarth Town Council); S.J. Griffiths (Dinas Powys Community Council); Ms. H. Baker (Ewenny Community Council); Ms. S. Bonnar (Llanfair Community Council); D. Reed (Llangan Community Council); G. Smith (Llanmaes Community Council); Ms. S. Howells (Penllyn Community Council); Mrs. 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 with Bonvilston Community Council); C. Tatt (Sully and Lavernock Community Council); N. Craddock (Welsh St Donats Community Council); Ms. R. Sexton (Wenvoe Community Council) and C. Hawkins (Wick Community Council).

Also present: Councillors L. Burnett, G. John and E. Williams.

586 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman referred to a number of housekeeping issues including advising those present that the meeting would be recorded for uploading via the internet and archived for future viewing.

587 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors J. Andrew (Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council), Dr. A. Rees (Llancarfan Community Council and G. Thomas (Pendoylan Community Council).

588 MINUTES –

AGREED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 26th January, 2021 be approved as a correct record.

589 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations were received.

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590 POLICE MATTERS –

The Chairman formally welcomed Ms Arabella Rees to the Committee in her capacity as the recently appointed Chief Inspector for the Vale of Glamorgan area.

Chief Inspector Rees provided a verbal update to the Committee on the following policing matters for the Vale of Glamorgan area:

- General Crime Statistics;
- Covid-19 related occurrences and fixed penalty notices issued;
- Summer 2021 Policing Operation;
- Dispersal Powers put in place at Ogmores-by-sea;
- Operation Sceptre Week, to raise awareness of and tackle knife crime; and
- Rogue Traders.

Following the Chief Inspector's update and subsequent questions raised by the Committee, the Chief Inspector provided the following advice:

- Mobile CCTV may be used as a deterrent for tackling repeated instances of graffiti.
- The impact of the hospitality sector re-opening as a result of social restrictions being lifted was still unknown however, the service was proactively prepared to respond to any concerns of noise pollution or anti-social behaviour as a result. The service had also reminded local businesses of their licence terms in preparation.
- Two Local Police Inspectors covered the Vale of Glamorgan area, and they, as well as the Chief Inspector, continued to be available to answer any direct enquiries outside of Community Liaison Meetings.

AGREED –

(1) T H A T Chief Inspector Rees be thanked for her time and verbal update.

(2) T H A T the contact information for the Local Police Inspectors covering the Vale of Glamorgan area be shared with all Committee Members and Clerks, via the Democratic Services Officer, following the meeting.

591 FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE MATTERS –

Due to technical difficulties, the Operations Manager for the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Mr Christian Hadfield, was unable to successfully join the remote meeting to provide a verbal update to the Committee.

As a result, the Democratic Services Officer advised that a written update would be forwarded to all Committee Members following the meeting that would include the contact details for Mr Hadfield should any member wish to raise a query with the service.

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AGREED –

(1) T H A T Mr Hadfield's sincere apologies, as passed on via the Democratic Services Officer, be noted.

(2) T H A T a written update from the South Wales Fire & Rescue Service, including Mr Hadfield's contact details, be forwarded to all Committee Members and Clerks, via the Democratic Services Officer, following the meeting.

592 REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION RECEIVED FROM ST. ATHAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL - FUTURE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES -

A Request for Consideration had been received from St. Athan Community Council in relation to 'Future Capacity of Community Services.'

It was requested that an overview of the current situation with regard to capacity considering the number of new housing developments recently built, with full or outline planning as proposed in the Council's Local Development Plan (LDP), be provided and to include how the Vale of Glamorgan Council planned to cover the future capacity requirements of the following public services in the western areas of the Vale of Glamorgan:

- 1) Education; and
- 2) Health Care – Local Doctors Surgeries.

In response, a partnership PowerPoint presentation was provided to the Committee by Vale of Glamorgan Planning and Education Officers and the Cardiff & Vale University Health Board (UHB) Director of Operations for the Primary, Intermediate and Community Care that covered the following topics:

- Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan (LDP) 2011 – 2026;
- LDP Managing Growth Policies (Allocations);
- LDP Policy MD4: Community Infrastructure and Planning Obligations;
- Supplementary Planning Guidance;
- LDP Policy MG6: Provision of Educational Facilities;
- Planning Applications;
- School Funding Mechanisms and Recent Investment;
- LDP Policy MG8: Provision of Health Facilities;
- Western Vale University Health Board (UHB) Statistics;
- Potential Population Growth based on the number of new homes proposed within the LDP;
- Ongoing work to address health service need in the Western Vale; and
- Community business case for the proposed Health & Wellbeing Centres in the Vale of Glamorgan area.

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Following Officer presentations and subsequent questions being raised by the Committee, the following advice was provided by the Officers present:

- The statistics on housing development and/or school provision for any individual area of the Vale of Glamorgan would be provided to the relevant Town or Community Council on request.
- Requests could also be made for the Council's Section 106 Officer to attend Town or Community Council meetings to offer advice.
- With regards to GP Surgery Access, the Health Service wished to ensure that all individuals received the right form of appointment at the right time and the Director of Operations for the Primary, Intermediate and Community Care was happy to look in to any direct/individual concerns from members following the meeting.
- The national pandemic had had a significant effect on the way all health services operated, and it was likely that some services would not return to the way they were operated prior to the pandemic. Therefore, a significant amount of public consultation would take place in the future to establish the best way forward for services.
- Feedback received from Cllr Carroll on behalf of residents living close to Llandough Hospital and their support of the hospital expansion but request for a community consultation on hospital parking would be passed on to the relevant University Health Board officer by the UHB Director following the meeting.
- The majority of funds received by the Council to build new educational facilities was provided by Welsh Government.
- Housing development identified within the Council's LDP was done so on the basis of population need and not subject to possible Section 106 contributions.

AGREED –

(1) T H A T Officers be thanked for their comprehensive presentation response.

(2) T H A T the contact details for the Vale of Glamorgan Section 106/Senior Planning Officer be forwarded to all Committee Members and Clerks, via the Democratic Services Officer, following the meeting.

(3) T H A T the email address for the Cardiff & Vale University Health Board (UHB) Director of Operations for the Primary, Intermediate and Community Care be forwarded to all Committee Members and Clerks, via the Democratic Services Officer, following the meeting.

Reasons for decisions

(1) In response to the Request for Consideration raised on behalf of the Committee by St. Athan Community Council.

(2&3) To aid individual Town or Community Council enquiries and/or requests.

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593 PROJECT ZERO – DRAFT CLIMATE CHALLENGE PLAN (REF) –

The Head of Policy and Business Transformation presented the reference from Cabinet on 22nd March, 2021 to the Committee as part of the formal consultation period for the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Draft Climate Challenge Plan ('the Plan') running until Wednesday 12th May 2021.

The Plan detailed eighteen challenges and the steps the Council proposed to take to meet the challenges as part of 'Project Zero.'

The Head was supported by the Council's Strategy and Partnership Manager who provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee, in support of the Cabinet papers included within the agenda, on the following topics:

- The Council's commitment and work undertaken so far since declaring a climate emergency in July 2019;
- How the Plan, Project Zero, will demonstrate strong leadership, fulfil the Council's responsibility to current and future generations, and the ability to make a difference; and
- Methods and Timeline for the consultation process and eventual Plan approval.

In his capacity as the Public Service Board (PSB) Representative, Cllr Michael Cuddy addressed the Committee to advise of context and progress in delivering the Vale PSB Climate Emergency Charter launched by the PSB on 5th February 2021 that demonstrated a shared commitment from partners working in the Vale of Glamorgan to work together to achieve a carbon neutral public sector by 2030.

Following Officer presentations and subsequent questions being raised by the Committee, the following advice was provided by the Head of Policy & Business Transformation:

- The Plan set out the Council's proposals for active travel as well as promoting re-useable energy sources such as the installation of solar panels.
- The Plan considered methods to sustain energy efficiency in both existing Council buildings as well as any new future development.

AGREED – T H A T the Cabinet Reference, Report and appended Draft Climate Challenge Plan be noted.

Reasons for decisions

The views of the Community Liaison Committee are taken into account as part of the Project Zero consultation process.

594 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) BILL (MO/HLDS) -

The Principal Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer presented the report, the purpose of which was to provide the Committee with an overview of the provisions within the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 which related to the Vale of Glamorgan Council and to bring to the attention of the Committee the relevant parts which related to Town and Community Councils (TCCs).

An Action Plan attached as Appendix A to the report provided Members with an update on the provisions of the Act and when they would come into force with the specific sections that related to TCCs highlighted in bold under Matters for Town and Community Councils (sections 47 – 52 of the Act). In particular:

- The advanced publication of remote Community Council meetings;
- Making remote meetings accessible to the general public;
- Publishing notices of meetings electronically; and
- Publishing meeting decision notices shortly after a meeting was held.

Following the Officer's presentation and subsequent questions raised by the Committee, the Officer added the following:

- The Action Plan had also been shared with all Town and Community Council Clerks, in January 2021.
- A meeting with the Monitoring Officer and TCC Clerks was to be held on Wednesday 19th May when further advice and guidance could be shared.

AGREED – T H A T the contents of the Report and appended Action Plan be noted.

Reason for decision

To consider the current position with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and the action taken by the Vale of Glamorgan Council in preparation for the same and to highlight the specific elements that relate to Town and Community Councils.