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COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 7th April, 2025.

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Present: Councillor R.M. Birch (Chair); Councillor M.R. Wilson (Vice-Chair); Councillors A. Asbrey, S. Campbell, W. Gilligan, S.J. Haines, S.M. Hanks, N.P. Hodges, H.M. Payne, S.D. Perkes and R.R. Thomas.

Representing Town and Community Councils: Councillors S. Hodges (Barry Town Council), M. Wilson (Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council) (Substitute), G. Thomas (Llantwit Major Town Council), C. Hadley (Colwinston Community Council), J. Radcliffe (Ewenny Community Council), S. Jefferies (Llandough Community Council), J. Shaw (Llandow Community Council), J. Sykes (Llangan Community Council), M. Narusberg (Llanmaes Community Council), P. Summers (Penllyn Community Council) (Substitute), A. Phillips (Peterston Super Ely Community Council), A. Parry (St. Bridges Major Community Council), T. Partridge (St. Donats Community Council), I. Perry (St. Nicholas and Bonvilston Community Council) and C. Hawkins (Wick Community Council).

Also present: Councillors W.A. Hennessy and G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing).

ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chair read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing”.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors M. Cuddy (Penarth Town Council), Llancarfan Community Council, S.M. Toker (St. Athan Community Council), A. Cory (St. Georges and St. Brides Super Ely Community Council), N. Parry (Sully and Lavernock Community Council) and N. Bosworth (Welsh St. Donats Community Council).

MINUTES –

AGREED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 30th January, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

SOUTH WALES POLICE SERVICE – VERBAL UPDATE –

Inspector Childs apprised the Committee on the following community initiatives and policing matters for the Vale of Glamorgan area since their last update provided to the Committee in January 2025 as follows:

- During the month of March, the Police Service had been running a drone operation in response to instances of anti-social behaviour through the use of Sur-Ron motorbikes in both the Barry and Rhoose wards. The operation had been successful with a significant amount of intelligence being developed and users of the motorbikes being identified, with one vehicle being seized.
- The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) had undertaken plain clothed operations in relation to auto crime offences as a result of an increase in motor vehicle thefts being seen throughout February and March. As a result, a number of persons had been arrested and remanded in custody however, efforts were still ongoing to reduce auto crime figures.
- A successful drug warrant operation was undertaken in the Barry area whereby significant amounts of cash, cocaine and cannabis were recovered from an address with an estimated street value of over £100,000k. Offenders were arrested on the day as well as another key player in the illegal operation who was arrested on their return to the UK from Egypt with an expected strong custodial sentence to follow.
- The annual Elstree Operation would be undertaken across the summer months in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and other emergency services which would provide extra officers to police the coastline throughout the summer period and expected good weather.
- A road traffic accident had taken place on the A48 opposite the Aubry Arms that tragically resulted in multiple fatalities as a result of a collision between a Ford Puma and a Lorry. The investigation was being carried out by the Serious Accident and Collision Team and the Service was appealing to the public for further information.

Following the Inspector's update, the Committee raised the following comments and/or questions as follows:

Comment/Question	Inspector's response
Councillor Hadley Colwinston Community Council A PCSO was unable to join a Community Council meeting due to a lack in service vehicle being available.	There was a fleet of service vehicles available to PCSOs however, these were subject to availability. The number of PCSOs across the Vale of Glamorgan had decreased as a result of Welsh Government funding being withdrawn but the service would continue to disperse its available

<p>Representation had been lacking at the last few Community Council meetings, but attendance is appreciated to discuss issues within the village with the next meeting taking place at 7pm on 28th April.</p>	<p>resources as effectively as possible. Enquiries would be made following the meeting to ensure representation at future meetings of the Community Council; in particular the upcoming meeting on 28th April.</p>
<p>Councillor Campbell Vale of Glamorgan Council, Rhose Ward</p> <p>Thank you to Police Officers who recently attended a community-led meeting in Rhose. Residents were grateful for the opportunity to report their concerns.</p> <p>An ongoing concern was fishing activity on Rhose Point. Regular reports on the issue were also shared with the relevant Cabinet Member and Enforcement Team for the Vale of Glamorgan Council. However, the fact that Police Officer stated in public meetings that there were only two officers available to cover 240 square miles was concerning with the summer months ahead. What reassurance could be given to local residents that enforcement of the bylaws would be undertaken by the Police Service?</p>	<p>Rhose Point was discussed regularly as part of Operation Elstree, not only in relation to fishing but also the dangers presented from individuals tombstoning into the water in the area.</p> <p>As well the Vale of Glamorgan Council Enforcement Officers, the Police force also had the use of CCTV cameras to detect offenders and vehicles involved. Police Officers would approach any individuals that were seen to be fishing to offer guidance on the bylaws and persistent, repeat, offenders would be subject to enforcement action. Any persistent offenders could be reported to the Police via the 101 contact line.</p>
<p>Councillor Payne Vale of Glamorgan Council, Cadoc Ward, Barry</p> <p>A few enquiries had been received from corner shop owners in the east end of Barry relating to thefts. Despite the instances being reported, and video evidence being available, shop owners were receiving feedback that the Police were not going to do anything about the thefts. What was the current policy on reporting?</p>	<p>In the context of the range of matters that the Police needed to deal with, shoplifting crime was at the lower end of the priority scale however, shop lifting was a crime that the Service took very seriously and had an obligation to respond to once reported.</p> <p>If CCTV footage was available and/or the offender's identity known, then it was important to state as such at the time of reporting.</p> <p>Members of the Committee were encouraged to email any crime concerns directly to the Inspector.</p>

<p>Councillor Phillips Dinas Powys Community Council</p> <p>Thank you to the three Police Officers who attended the recent residents meeting which was very positive in responding to incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area.</p> <p>Could the Inspector join a future Community Council meeting or arrange a separate meeting to meet with Councillors Asbrey, Evans and myself?</p> <p>Were there any further updates available in relation to the recent robbery that took place at the village shop in Dinas Powys which involved a stolen Taxi vehicle?</p> <p>A number of Community Councillors were receiving regular emails of concern from residents in relation to known offenders riding on high-powered motorbikes around the Caerleon estate in Dinas Powys where several young families resided. The informant had contacted the Police on several occasions but without progress. Would additional patrols in the area during the evenings be possible please?</p>	<p>Yes, the Inspector was happy to arrange a meeting subject to availability and confirmation being received for future Community Council meetings.</p> <p>The Inspector advised that they were not currently aware of the robbery case in question but would make enquiries with relevant colleagues after the meeting and feedback directly to Councillor Phillips.</p> <p>Details of the young persons involved with the Sur-Ron motorbikes had been identified and would be approached to make further enquiries and possibly seize the vehicles in question. A further update could be provided to Councillor Phillips directly following the meeting.</p>
<p>Councillor Wilson (Vice-Chair) Vale of Glamorgan Council, Cabinet Member and Stanwell Ward Penarth.</p> <p>As Cabinet Member, Councillor Wilson stated his shared concern for the tragic road collision accident on the A48 and advised that the Vale of Glamorgan Highways Team were working very well with South Wales Police on the matter and took the matter very seriously. Would the Inspector be willing to continue a conversation on the same with Councillor Wilson?</p> <p>Was there any intelligence available in relation to the use of e-bikes in Victoria Park in Barry as brought to the attention</p>	<p>Yes, the Inspector would be happy to continue conversations with Councillor Wilson regarding the A48 incident following the Penarth Town Council meeting where they were due to meet in person in the near future.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that e-bikes were a rising concern within communities. It was difficult to identify offenders and especially when offenders would wear clothing to disguise their identity which was often the case. South Wales Police appealed to the community to help identify offenders and share intelligence to identify where said bikes were being housed. Any intelligence shared would be acted upon accordingly.</p>

<p>of both himself and Councillor Drake please? E-bikes were becoming an issue in certain areas across the Vale of Glamorgan and could reach high speeds with very little noise.</p> <p>Would it be possible to update the South Wales Police website to ensure that all Town and Community Councils had access to the relevant contact details for PCSOs and local Police please?</p>	<p>Yes, the Inspector would ensure that the personal numbers for PCSOs were fully up to date on the South Wales Police Website.</p>
<p>Councillor Sykes Llangan Community Council</p> <p>Llangan Community Council shared the same PCSO as Colwinston Community Council and were also struggling with officer attendance, in-person or virtual, at Community Council meetings as well as receiving written reports.</p>	<p>Enquiries would be made following the meeting to ensure both representation and reports at future meetings of the Community Council.</p>
<p>Councillor Asbrey Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dinas Powys Ward</p> <p>Thank you to Police Officers who kindly followed through on instances of vandalism in a local play area which resulted in a satisfactory result.</p>	<p>The Inspector thanked Councillor Asbrey for their thanks.</p>
<p>Councillor Jefferies Llandough Community Council</p> <p>Llandough Community Council were also struggling with officer attendance at Community Council meetings however, crime statistics were received. Officer attendance would be appreciated to elaborate on the figures received and allow Community Councillors to offer correct advice and/or implement mitigations going forward as necessary.</p> <p>It was appreciated that funding had been cut and therefore PCSO availability was stretched however, having a regular timeframe for in-person attendance with more detailed</p>	<p>Enquiries would be made following the meeting to ensure representation and continued reports at future meetings of the Community Council.</p> <p>Providing crime figures to Community Councils was important however, the level of information would need to be tailored to the crimes involved as not to jeopardise any ongoing investigations.</p>

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information within the crime statistics shared would be helpful.	
<p>Councillor Perry St. Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council.</p> <p>Thank you to PCSO Steve Davis and Crime Reduction Officer Deb Elwood for attending the Community Council's coffee morning which was greatly appreciated by Councillors and residents alike.</p> <p>What were the Inspector's thoughts on the delay in setting speed limits?</p> <p>There were often examples of dangerous driving witnessed in the area. Could more protection be arranged from those behaviours please?</p>	<p>The matter of setting national speed limits was a question best presented to Welsh Government.</p> <p>The Councillor's comments would be passed on to the Road Traffic Policing Unit following the meeting with a request to patrol the area together with GoSafe.</p>
<p>Councillor Parry St. Brides Major Community Council</p> <p>Thank you for the really good PCSO representation at our Community Council meetings by Jamie Williamson. Their attendance, and updates if unable to attend, were gratefully received.</p> <p>Could the Inspector offer any reassurance that Police resources would also be directed to western areas of the Vale during the summer months to mitigate concerns raised by local residents?</p>	<p>Yes, as part of Operation Elstree, consideration would be given to policing the whole of the Vale of Glamorgan coastline but, in particular, high tourist areas such as Southerdown and Ogmore-by-Sea, as well as various beaches, to keep everyone safe and hopefully minimise disruption to local residents.</p>

With no further comments or questions, the Committee subsequently

AGREED – T H A T Inspector Childs be thanked for their time and verbal update.

SOUTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – VERBAL UPDATE –

At the start of the item, the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer advised that Group Manager O'Keefe, was unfortunately detained on service business and unable to attend the meeting at the time however, noted that the officer would be

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willing to send a written update to the Committee following the meeting with the Committee's permission.

The Committee subsequently

AGREED – T H A T a written update from Group Manager O'Keefe be provided to all Committee members via the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer following the meeting.

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD – VERBAL UPDATE –

Councillor Hadley apprised the Committee on the key points as summarised within the written update that they had kindly provided to the Committee in advance within the meeting papers and advised that they would be content to continue providing a written update in future alongside their verbal update as standard. Councillor Hadley also welcomed any questions or suggestions from other members of the Committee that they may take back to future meetings of the Public Service Board.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Asbrey as to whether any person may attend meetings of the Public Service Board in an observing capacity only, Councillor Hadley advised that they would take the Councillor's request back to relevant officers supporting the Board to enquire and inform Councillor Asbrey accordingly.

The Chair then asked how far in advance Councillor Hadley would receive the agenda papers for future Public Services Board meetings in order to raise the suggestion that the same be circulated to all Community Liaison Committee members in advance of the Public Service Board meetings taking place, to aid the process of questions and suggestions being passed to Councillor Hadley in their Representative role. Having just taken up the Representative role, Councillor Hadley advised that they would enquire after the agenda publication timeframes for the Board and inform the Democratic Services Officer accordingly who could support with sharing information with the Community Liaison Committee Members as appropriate. However, Councillor Hadley stated that they were happy to receive comments and/or questions from Members at any time.

With no further comments or questions, the Committee subsequently

AGREED – T H A T Councillor Hadley be thanked for their written and verbal update in their capacity as the Town and Community Council Representative on the Public Service Board.

PRESENTATION: LOCAL BUS SERVICES IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN –

By way of introduction, the Operational Manager for Transport Services at the Vale of Glamorgan Council provided a brief PowerPoint presentation to the Committee on the related funding for Bus Services, upcoming bus network changes, and promotion of bus services since the last update received by the Committee in October 2024 (six months previously).

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The Officer also introduced Bus Operator Representatives in attendance from First Cymru, Mr. David Thomas, and Adventure Travel, Mr. Jonathan Coles, and advised that the representative from Cardiff Bus had unfortunately needed to provide apologies for the meeting due to ill health.

Following the Officer's presentation, the Committee raised the following comments and/or questions as follows:

Comment/Question	Officer/Representative Response
<p>Councillor Haines Vale of Glamorgan Council, St. Athan Ward</p> <p>The new service running from St. Athan to Cowbridge was welcomed and it was hoped that the service could be extended further in the future.</p> <p>In relation to the 303 and 304 services in particular, what were the minor changes as referred to in the Officer's presentation?</p>	<p>There had been some issues with timing due to buses being interworked with the 303. Therefore, when a bus was travelling from the Llantwit Major area on to Barry and then Cardiff the service had been running late. As a result, the routing team had looked at where the journey time was distributed across the whole journey and made some changes to certain sections of the route to save time. But effectively, there had been no change to the service offered.</p>
<p>Councillor Campbell Vale of Glamorgan Council, Rhose Ward</p> <p>There had been mention of school transport not being offered via Council services in the future but rather moving on to public transport. Was this the case and, if so, how would that change be managed to ensure reliability and appropriate routes and what would be the relevant time scales?</p>	<p>The offer of using public transport as an alternative option for school travel had already been trialled with Year 12 and 13 pupils travelling to Stanwell Secondary School from the Sully area into Penarth via the 94 service and the pilot was considered to be successful.</p> <p>Therefore, the Council was investigating other services that may be appropriate subject to funding being available and negotiations with relevant operators to provide duplicate services at certain times of the day.</p> <p>Train travel was also being explored to try and mitigate the massive overspend in school transport as train travel came in at a cheaper cost than running a contracted bus service.</p> <p>Officers were working towards September 2025 to expand upon the pilot but on the more regular bus services in the first instance and subject</p>

	to negotiations with the bus operators on the purchase of season tickets.
<p>Councillor Payne Vale of Glamorgan Council, Cadoc Ward, Barry</p> <p>Several enquiries had been received from elderly people in the Cadoc ward in relation to travelling to and from the Heath Hospital with no direct bus, which was problematic for those with mobility issues. The change over in Cardiff city centre was substantial and quite a distance for a person who was unable to walk very far. Were there any plans for a direct route?</p> <p>The 95 service used to be a direct route and allowed older persons to remain independent for their hospital appointments.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, there were no immediate plans for a direct route and the representative for Cardiff Bus had been informed of the point prior to the meeting but had needed to provide their apologies and therefore unable to provide an informed response. Any route changes would come at a cost and there was currently no further funding available from Welsh Government. Vale of Glamorgan Officers would continue to raise the matter of a direct route with Cardiff Bus.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the 95 service as it was no longer existed.</p>
<p>Councillor Phillips Dinas Powys Community Council</p> <p>At a previous meeting held between Councillor Phillips, the Operational Manager for Transport Services at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and Cardiff Bus, there were talks of the 305 service operating out of the Health Centre being re-routed via Castle Drive. A survey conducted by local residents indicated their approval of the idea. Could a meeting be set up to move the idea on and to discuss appropriate timings for the possible new route?</p> <p>The 304 service running through the Dinas Powys area was very reliable but, in the evenings, the bus environment was very cold. Could the drivers ensure that buses were heated appropriately please?</p> <p>In relation to school transport costs, there was an increase in the number of taxis transporting pupils to and from school, for example pupils attending at</p>	<p>Absolutely, the Operational Manager for Transport Services at the Vale of Glamorgan Council would make arrangements with Councillor Phillips directly following the meeting.</p> <p>Yes, the message regarding the temperature of the buses in the evenings would be fed back to the relevant drivers.</p> <p>Alternative school transport measures had been explored taking in to account the specific needs and physical requirements of the pupils involved. It was not always possible to transport pupils on larger type vehicles due to specific requirements such as wheelchair access.</p>

Ysgol Y Deri, could minibuses be considered as an alternative to bring transport costs down?	
<p>Councillor Hawkins Wick Community Council</p> <p>In relation to the 303 service from the western side of the Vale of Glamorgan into the Cardiff interchange, the timings of the service worked well to allow users to catch subsequent trains in the mornings. However, since a revised timetable had been introduced, on 27th April 2025, the timings for catching a train in the afternoons and evenings was very poor resulting in long waits between the bus and train services. Should there be more co-ordination?</p>	<p>The point would be taken back to the bus routing team following the meeting. The service was operated on a clock face timetable to ensure reliability.</p>
<p>Councillor Hawkins Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council</p> <p>The Vale of Glamorgan Council had taken £382,000k from across Town and Community Councils in S106 money which was, in part, being used to fund revenue funding for the Green Links service. Section 106 monies were the seed corn for a lot of the Town Council's plans, so it was alarming if the town Council's contributions were to continue to be £82,000. Therefore, a request for a debate was raised on how the Green Links Service was funded and resist taking Section 106 money which should be spent on capital schemes. Feedback following the debate would also be helpful.</p>	<p>On behalf of the officers present, the Chair noted both the comments and request raised and offered assurance that both would be taken back.</p>
<p>Councillor Sykes Llangan Community Council</p> <p>Was the G1 service only going to run on a Thursday and Friday?</p> <p>Was pre-booking necessary?</p> <p>Concessions now valid?</p>	<p>At present, yes, until demand grew, when the Vale of Glamorgan Council could expand the service to other days of the week in consultation with the traffic commissioner.</p> <p>Yes, pre-booking was necessary.</p>

	Yes, the ticket machines were now up and running to receive concessionary passes.
<p>Councillor Jefferies Llandough Community Council</p> <p>Were there any plans to provide a connecting bus service between the Llandough and Heath hospitals for the general public as per the service currently available for hospital staff only?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, no funding was currently available to implement the said service. The Vale of Glamorgan Council would continue to have conversations with bus operators to ascertain whether there was anything could do within the funding envelope that was currently in place.</p>
<p>Councillor Wilson (Vice-Chair) Vale of Glamorgan Council, Stanwell Ward Penarth.</p> <p>Would it be possible to run some publicity for the 305 (Cardiff Bus) and 88 (Adventure Travel) services that run to Penarth Pier?</p> <p>Could the concerns regarding the connections for buses to the Heath Hospital in Cardiff be raised again with Cardiff Bus please? Individuals were required to cross the busy St. Mary's Street to catch the number 7 service from the interchange on Winden Crescent, which was not an easy connection or short journey.</p>	<p>Now that the Vale of Glamorgan Council had set its budgets for the next financial year, Council officers would be sitting down with various bus operators to work out what could be achieved in relation to publicity and promotion of services, such as the £1 fair to Ogmore on the 303 service, and attention would be given to targeting the esplanade in Penarth.</p> <p>Yes, the matter would be raised with Mr. Gareth Stevens from Cardiff Bus following the meeting.</p>
<p>Councillor Parry St. Brides Major Community Council</p> <p>Would it be possible to make a change to the 303 service route to ensure that the bus travelled down the St. Brides High Street?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, this would not be possible due to the lack of turning space available. Bus drivers would not be encouraged to reverse large vehicles around main roads.</p>
<p>Democratic Services Officer on behalf of Councillor Shaw, Llandow Community Council</p> <p>In relation to the X2 route which connected the western areas of the Vale of Glamorgan with both Cardiff Bay and Cardiff Central, the route changes had added a commute time of 15-20</p>	<p>When Cardiff start building the cross rail service in the upcoming summer months, buses would not be able to get from the Cardiff Bay area through to Cardiff bus station. However, when said works were completed, the expectation was that service users would be able to use the cross rail to reach the Cardiff</p>

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minutes for Year 12 and 13 pupils to attend Cavod, the performing arts academy, on a daily basis. Teenagers would use the direct service to visit the Millennium Centre cinema and restaurants, so the proposed changes would be detrimental to that particular age group.	Bay area and a subsequent review of the service would be undertaken.
Councillor Asbrey, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dinas Powys Ward In relation to School Transport costs, did the Council have a breakdown of costs incurred per school and could a copy be provided please?	Yes, the Council had a budget monitoring sheet which would set out the school transport costs per school based on whether a pupil qualified for school transport support. However, this would not include contextual data in relation to individual pupils or vehicle sizes. A copy would be provided to Councillor Asbrey following the meeting.

The Chair thanked all officers for presenting on the item, which had been very helpful and informative and as such, suggested that a further report be presented to the Committee in a year's time.

Still on the matter of future reports to be received by the Committee, the Vice-Chair suggested that Transport for Wales also be invited to present a report on Railway Services across the Vale of Glamorgan.

With no further comments or questions, the Committee subsequently

AGREED –

(1) T H A T both Officers and External Bus Operator guests be thanked for their time and presentation, as noted by the Committee.

(2) T H A T a further annual report on Bus Services in the Vale of Glamorgan be presented to the Committee with invitations extended to relevant Bus Operators for the same meeting.

(3) T H A T Transport for Wales be invited to present a report on Railway Services across the Vale of Glamorgan at a future meeting of the Committee.

Reasons for decisions

(1) Having regard to the presentation provided and discussions held at the meeting on the continued funding, upcoming bus network changes, and promotion of services in the Vale of Glamorgan.

(2) To ensure the Committee was kept informed of developments in relation to bus services across the Vale of Glamorgan and to maintain lines of communication

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between Committee Members and representatives of Cardiff Bus, First Cymru and Adventure Travel.

(3) For the Committee to also consider the impacts of rail travel across the Vale of Glamorgan.

PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT (DEH) –

The report sought to raise awareness of the Play Sufficiency Assessment process which was undertaken as part of the Local Authority's duties as set out by Welsh Government in Section 11 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010, which placed a duty on Local Authorities to assess and secure sufficient play opportunities for children in their area (where reasonably practical).

The Principal Healthy Living Officer advised that Town and Community Councils could make positive contributions to the Play Sufficiency process as they had a range of knowledge about their individual areas, were a voice for their residents and were well placed to be play champions for the communities they served.

A 'Play in the Community' survey had already been sent to all Town and Community Councillors to obtain initial input into this process and a one-hour PSA workshop aimed at Town and Community Councillors had been provisionally booked for 29th April, with the timing to be agreed. The Workshop would be facilitated by Play Wales and sought to provide an overview of the Play Sufficiency Assessment process and to highlight ways in which Town and Community Councils could contribute to assessing and securing play sufficiency in their communities.

Following the Officer's presentation of the report, the Chair offered the suggestion that the timing for the Workshop be set by the Officer as appropriate, in order to aid scheduling, given the significant amount of relevant invitees. The Vice-chair also offered the suggestion of advertising the matter within all Community Centres across the Vale of Glamorgan area.

The Representative for Wick Community Council, Councillor Conway Hawkins, then advised of their attendance at a previous workshop provided on the matter, in December 2024, and stated how they found the Workshop extremely useful. Efforts as a result had made a massive difference to the Wick area and the Sports & Play service offered by the Vale of Glamorgan Council was a great service when made available.

In response to a query raised by Councillor Campbell from the Rhose Ward of the Vale of Glamorgan area, as to how they might engage with the survey and workshop given that the Rhose area did not have a Community Council, the Principal Healthy Living Officer advised that they would make contact with Councillor Campbell directly following the meeting and that the relevant Council team would be willing to meet with any individual or organisation who would be interested in meeting.

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In conclusion, the Representative for St. Brides Major Community Council, Councillor Angela Parry, stated that they would be delighted to respond to the survey and recommended that the survey response window be extended.

With no further comments or questions, the Committee subsequently

AGREED –

(1) T H A T all Town and Community Council Representatives on the Community Liaison Committee be requested to liaise with their respective Clerks to complete the Play in Your Community survey on behalf of their respective Council (if not already completed), as originally shared on 25th February, 2025, by Monday, 14th April, 2025.

(2) T H A T all Town and Community Council Representatives on the Community Liaison Committee, and Town and Community Council Clerks, be invited to attend the Play Sufficiency workshop scheduled for Tuesday, 29th April, 2025 at a time to be determined by the Vale of Glamorgan Council Principal Healthy Living Officer.

Reasons for decisions

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report by way of a reminder to ensure that Town and Community Councils represented their communities by inputting into the Play Sufficiency process, contributing to the duty set out by Welsh Government in Section 11 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 which placed a duty on Local Authorities to assess and secure sufficient play opportunities for children in their area.

(2) To ensure that each of the 26 Town and Community Councils within the Vale of Glamorgan were represented at the Play Sufficiency Workshop to further share information regarding the Play Sufficiency and to highlight ways in which Town and Community Councils could support children and young people to play in their communities.