

### **Van Community Council – Minutes (17/11/17)**

1) In attendance: John Leek (in the Chair), Barbara Jones, Pam Nelder, Jayne Keable, Sheila Newbury, Fay Gay, Tony Graham, Linda Williams

Apologies: John Dilworth, Russell Deacon (Councillors express their hope that recovery is swift)

2) TG declared an interest in items 12(iii) and 15. JL read declaration as required.

3) Police matters: recently seen a lot of anti-social behaviour; trouble on bonfire night; bricks thrown at police – suspect arrested; 4 sets of number plates stolen – advise people to keep an eye on this; intergenerational Christmas buffet on 15/12/17 (1-3pm) at Van Community Centre – buffet by St Martins pupils; clerk and councillors welcome to attend; Your Voice out shortly; work progressing to set up a cycling club – consultation on 1/12/17; lots of windows broken at Snowden Close; rolling dispersal order in force – there are a number of trouble makers currently around at the moment; police believe they know who is causing trouble; Councillors offered any assistance; Criminal Behaviour Order in place – officers will be patrolling; there was a discussion about various issues on the estate and the behaviour of young people in the area; if caught within an area with CBO can receive a £100 fine if under 16

4) With minor amendments (recorded by JL) minutes approved as a true record.

BJ noted all Councillors entitled to allowance. Agreed to include on agenda for next meeting.

5) Safeguarding training not arranged yet; Councillors agreed that because of timescales and ongoing concerns the Clerk should be asked to investigate the cost of a bespoke package for next Summers Playscheme that meets all legal requirements

6) Deferred

7) Planning – Ruperra Castle – owner wants to set up horse training (menage); BJ will speak against; site visit on 4/12/17 and speak in planning committee on 6/12/17

8) Recent fight on Cedar Tree roundabout (captured on social media); yesterday a stolen van stuck on bypass and in attempting to escape drove into a number of cars and abandoned the van on the roundabout; JL attended a local meeting of business owners and a lot of anger was being expressed – another meeting has been arranged; our views have been expressed to our local AM Hefin David; JL attended the Cenotaph which was well attended

9) Deferred

10) Await a further update

11) C – Apologies from a number of members; everything is arranged; JD has some chocolates; rest of items deferred

12) (iii) TG left the room and Councillors discussed the grant application by Caerphilly Foodbank. Approved – Councillors would like to see receipts

While TG was out of the room item 15 (in which he also had a personal interest was considered. After a discussion and vote Mrs Norma Graham received 4 votes and Mrs Jayne Garland 3 votes. Mrs Norma Graham was duly elected to fill the casual vacancy.

Other items under agenda item 12 were deferred

13) Deferred

14) Deferred

16) Deferred

17) Councillors do not agree with the boundary changes and will instruct the Clerk to express our objections to the relevant authority.

18) Deferred

19) Deferred.

20) John Leek to attend as required.

21) Payment of £150 per Councillor; bespoke package to be costed and information brought back to next meeting in January; update on safeguarding training

**AOB: JL to send a card on behalf of council to RD**