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**MINUTES OF THE HYBRID MEETING**  
**Held at The Meeting Room, Atlantic College, St Donats**  
**on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairperson: Councillor Dave Johnston  
Councillors: Jasper Copeland Roberts, Tony Evans and Mary Jeffreys.

**In Attendance:** Jackie Griffin, Clerk.  
Vale Councillors Jo Protheroe and Carys Stallard.  
PC Jamie Williamson.  
Ms Sam Willis, Head of Residential Life at Atlantic College.

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence.**  
Councillors Byron Cole, Gareth Halliwell and Jayne Thomas.

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

**Item 3: Police Report.**  
PC Williamson attended the meeting having arrived immediately following an occurrence so had limited information with him but advised that he would forward an e-mail to the Clerk giving details of incidents as soon possible.  
The following report was received after the meeting:

St Donats	3 Crimes	Theft of an electric fence unit – Happened the morning of the last meeting but not reported until last week.
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1. 3 x Public Order Offences (Hate Crime related) (same incident but three victims) 3 students verbally abused by passing motorist
2. 1 x Miscellaneous Crime

Marcross	0 Crimes
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1. Long standing neighbour dispute flares up again
2. Poachers on farmland
3. Domestic incident
4. Human remains found on beach – ancient remains

Monknash	0 Crimes
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Other Information:

Burglary on 1<sup>st</sup> January – No Suspects identified. Forensic work ongoing. No linked incidents

Farming Community Meeting – There is a meeting in the Conference Room at Llantwit Major Emergency Services Station at 10am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. This meeting has been organised between SWP, FUW and NFU. NFU have invited a few local farmers who have been affected by Rural Crime in the past. Checks made with PCSO Steve Davies and if any other local farmers wish to attend, they would be most welcome. Directions are to park at the rear of the Fire Station and enter via rear door.

**Item 4:** To approve the minutes of the Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026.  
**Proposed** by Councillor Jeffreys, seconded by Councillor Evans and **resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 be approved.  
Councillor Johnston signed the minutes.

**Item 5:** **Matters arising from the minutes, which are not included in this agenda.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 6:** **Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillors.**  
Councillor Protheroe advised that the Vale Council is currently working on its budget for the next financial year. The proposed budget is to be debated by the Joint Performance Scrutiny Committee next week and the meeting can be heard and seen by the public on-line. It was reported that the Council is in a better financial position than last year.  
There is additional money to be made available for rural bus services and there is to be a remodelling of the Green Links bus service as it is currently not working for the Rural Vale.  
With reference to the mobile network, the data collected so far does not show a true reflection of the issues with huge gaps in the service.  
It is proposed to have a dedicated procurement officer for schools to help with schools budgets.  
Concern was expressed at the number of out-of-date bus timetables on the internet. It was reported that there is now a double bin in situ at St Georges Field to assist with the recent issue of littering at the site.

**Item 7:** **Clerk's Report to include the Financial Report.**

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**Finance Report.**

**Bank Account Balance** - £4,055.41

**Payments made since the last meeting:**

Clerk's Salary (January) - £224.24:

HMRC (Tax for January) - £56.00.

Lloyds Bank (monthly fee service charge for Community account) - £6.25.

**Payments due to be made:**

Clerk's Salary (February) - £224.24;

HMRC (Tax for February) - £56.00.

**Proposed** by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Johnston and **resolved** that all payments due be made.

**Receipts:** None.

7.2 **Administrative Items.**

(i) Councillors Allowances Reminder.

Councillors were reminded to advise the Clerk if they wish to claim the annual allowance and the printing allowance as soon as possible.

**Item 8: To report any update on Channel View, Marcross – Sewer.**

No further update.

**Item 9: To report on the casual vacancy on St Donats Ward.**

No further update.

**Item 10: Planning Matters.**

10.1 Planning Application No. **2026/00031/FUL**

Location: Buttercup Barn, Dimlands Road, St Donats

Proposal: New Garage

**No objection.**

**Item 11: To discuss non-clearance of stream resulting in damage to roads from overflow.**

Members discussed the issue of the overflow of water on the road from Water Street up 'Monkton Road' to the junction of Llan Road and parts of Llan Road. Part of the stream was cleared in November but where it was not cleared the water has flooded the road and resulted in tarmac from the road surface being washed away. Clearance of the stream would save damage to the road and prevent expensive repairs to potholes. The streams need to be cleared in October as they were in years goneby.

It was reported that the drains by the brook in Marcross need to be cleared and there is a blocked drain in St Donats.

Councillors Protheroe and Stallard agreed to report the problem to the Highways Manager.

**Item 12: To discuss the lane/road from Llan Road to Broughton.**

Members discussed the 'unnamed' road which runs from Water Street in Broughton up to the junction with Llan Road, known locally as "Monkton Road". It was requested that the road is officially given that name.

Councillors Protheroe and Stallard agreed to make enquiries into the request.

**Item 13: To discuss the cutting of greens in the Council's Area.**

Members discussed the cutting of the grass on the greens adjacent to Church View and Channel View. Both greens are cut by the Vale Council's Contractors on a fortnightly basis during the summer months and the grass is left in situ leaving the greens rutted and messy. It was suggested that either the grass is collected or that the grass is only cut twice a year allowing it to grow wildflowers. It was agreed that the residents should be approached to ask their views on the proposals before discussing with the Vale Council. Councillors Johnston and Copeland Roberts agreed to ask residents for their opinions on the matter.

**Item 14: To receive an update from Atlantic College.**

Ms Willis gave a report on activities at the College:

- Students to start examinations in two weeks.
- The College is continuing to promote the wearing of 'high vis' jackets by students when walking on the roads.
- The rule regarding lights on bikes whilst on the roads continues to be an issue.
- The Coastguard was recently called out to an accident where a small group of students went for a walk on a dark evening and one of the students slipped and fell. The response to the call out was expediated very quickly and efficiently.

**Item 15: Reports of Representatives.**

15.1 Councillor Copeland Roberts reported on the recent Annual General Meeting of One Voice Wales where the items discussed were mainly constitutional matters.

The proposal to reduce the quorum required for the AGM to take place was passed. This reduction will ease the requirement for many members to attend at future meetings as this has proved problematic in the past.

15.2 Councillor Evans reported on a recent Footpaths Committee meeting where the footpath from Sea Watch to Nash Point was discussed. It is hoped that funding can be obtained to carry out some maintenance to improve the footpath. For Marcross, it is proposed to hold a meeting in Llantwit Major Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 6pm to discuss the promotion of a 'Pilgrims Trail'. The Church in Marcross is in need of a new roof. It was reported that Marcross has a 'healing well'; its restoration is an ongoing project which the Friends of the Heritage Coast is very interested in.

15.3 Councillor Johnston reported on the recent meeting of the Friends of the Heritage Coast and advise of the following items:

- There is a likelihood of a cliff fall between Monknash and Cwm Mawr.
- The Friends wish to resurrect the Volunteers Group who used to monitor the footpaths along the Heritage Coast.
- A recent questionnaire asking for comments and priorities on the Heritage Coast received 200 responses but it was noted that there were no responses from young people under the age of 25. Ms Willis asked for the link to the questionnaire so it could be shared with students at the college. The deadline for the return of responses has been extended.
- There is to be a consultation on the proposal to request an upgrade on the status of the Heritage Coast as an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' now renamed 'National Landscapes'.

**Item 16: To further discuss the siting of a defibrillator in Monknash.**

There is still some funding available from the British Heart Foundation for the provision of a defibrillator and cabinet and it was agreed that the Council has sufficient funds to pay for the installation of an electrical connection for the heating of the cabinet. Clerk to submit an application to the British Heart Foundation as soon as possible.

**Item 17: To discuss ongoing issues with the local bus service.**  
Discussed under item 6 of the agenda.

**Item 18: Correspondence and Publications which do not necessarily require discussion i.e. for noting only.**  
***All items noted.***

18.1 VGC (Vale of Glamorgan Council) – Business Support Newsletters 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

18.2 OVW (One Voice Wales) – E Bulletin 16.

18.3 OVW Training Courses – January to March 2026.

18.4 Vale of Glamorgan Replacement Local Development Plan 2021-2036: Deposit Plan Consultation.

18.5 VGC – Publication of the Commission’s Final Recommendations Report for the Electoral Arrangements in the Vale of Glamorgan.

**Item 19: Date of the next Meeting – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.00pm.**

..... **Chairperson.**

**Date : 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**