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MINUTES OF THE HYBRID MEETING
Held at The Meeting Room, Atlantic College, St Donats
on 1st April 2026 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairperson: Councillor Dave Johnston
Councillors: Tony Evans, Gareth Halliwell and Jayne Thomas.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
Vale Councillor Jo Protheroe.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.

Councillors Byron Cole, Jasper Copeland Roberts and Mary Jeffreys.
PC Jamie Williamson.
Vale Councillor Carys Stallard.
Ms Sam Willis, Head of Residential Life at Atlantic College.

Item 2: To receive declarations of interest and the nature of such interests under the Council's Code of Conduct.

None.

Item 3: Police Report.

PC Williamson had given apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

Item 4: To approve the minutes of the Meeting held 4th March 2026.

Proposed by Councillor Halliwell, seconded by Councillor Johnston and **resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held 4th March 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 gave the following information:

- Confirmed that the Vale Council's council tax will increase by 6.5% for financial year 2026/2027 although the Council's precept is the fifth lowest in Wales.
- 1% of the Council's precept will be spent on supporting rural bus services and there is to be a consultation process on the bus services. It is proposed to have two buses servicing the 303 service which should improve the current situation.

- It is proposed to improve the Vale Youth Services with the employment of a youth worker to support the volunteers.
- The 'Task and Finish' committee had a presentation on information and disinformation which Councillor Protheroe recommended viewing on the Vale Council's website.
- The next full council meeting will be held on 26th April.
- Work is continuing on the issue of mobile connectivity in the rural Vale and it is proposed to use 'mini masts' in suggested strategic locations to improve connectivity in the area.
- Councillor Thomas thanked Councillor Protheroe and the Highways Department for the improvement made to the potholes on Splott Road.

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

7.1 Finance Report.

Bank Account Balance - £3,364.43

Payments made since the last meeting:

Clerk's Salary (March) - £224.24;

HMRC (Tax for March) - £56.00;

Lloyds Bank (monthly fee service charge for Community account) - £4.25;

Councillors Allowances (to cover 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026) - £52.00;

One Voice Wales (Annual Subscription) - £70.00;

JRB Maintenance (Repairs to defibrillator cabinet at Marcross) - £117.60 (VAT £19.60) *not yet debited from the bank account*).

Payments due to be made:

Clerk's Salary (April) - £224.24;

HMRC (Tax for April) - £56.00;

J Griffin, Clerk (Reimbursement for defibrillator battery) - £244.79 (VAT £39.80).

Proposed by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Halliwell and **resolved** that all payments due be made.

Receipts: None.

7.2 Administrative Items.

The Clerk advised that a meeting of the Rural Western Vale Group is scheduled for Wednesday 15th April at Cowbridge Town Hall. The Clerk is unable to attend.

Councillor Halliwell agreed to attend the meeting.

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

No update.

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

No applications or expressions of interest received.

Item 10: To discuss the provision of a defibrillator at Monkash.

Disappointment was expressed that the British Heart Foundation had rejected the Council's application for a free defibrillator and cabinet. It was **resolved** that an alternative site should be investigated and the item discussed further at the next meeting of the Community Council.

Item 11: Planning Matters.

- 11.1 Planning Application No. **2026/00174/LBC**
Location: St Donats Castle, East Drive, St Donats.
Proposal: Listed Building Consent to refurbish the internals of the Brewhouse and Portcullis.

No objection.

- 11.2 Planning Application No. **2026/00198/LBC**
Location: United World College of the Atlantic, East Drive, St Donats
Proposal: Listed Building Consent to renew and repair sections of the stone mullion dining room windows

No objection.

- 11.3 Results of recent planning applications.
None.

Item 12: To receive an update from Atlantic College.

Ms Willis had forwarded a report on activities at the College:
The Spring Break has commenced and students will be leaving over the next couple of days and then returning on 11th and 12th April.
The College will remain open over the Spring Break to enable some students to stay but over the next couple of days around 200 students will be leaving so public transport and roads will be busy.

Item 13: Reports of Representatives.

- 13.1 Councillor Thomas reported that the Community Liaison Committee meeting scheduled for 16th April is cancelled. The next meeting will take place on 2nd July.
- 13.2 Councillor Evans reported that the next Footpaths Meeting will be held next week.

Item 14: Correspondence and Publications which do not necessarily require discussion i.e. for noting only.

- 14.1 VGC (Vale of Glamorgan Council) – Business Support Newsletter 6th March 2026.
- 14.2 OVW (One Voice Wales) – E Bulletins 19 & 20.
- 14.3 VGC – Local Lettings Policies.
- 14.4 VGC – The County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan (Communities) Order 2026 relating to the Town and Community Council Boundary Review.

All items noted.

Item 15: Date of the next Meeting (preceded by the Annual Meeting) – Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 7.00pm.

..... **Chairperson.**

Date : 6th May 2026.