



stdonatscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
Held at The Meeting Room, Atlantic College, St Donats
on 6th May 2026 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor Dave Johnston (Chairperson).
Councillors: Jasper Copeland Roberts, Tony Evans, Gareth Halliwell, Mary Jeffreys and Jayne Thomas.

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

In memory of Councillor Byron Cole, Councillors held a minute's silence.

Item 1: To elect Chairperson for the forthcoming year, 2026/2027.
Proposed by Councillor Halliwell, seconded by Councillor Jeffreys, that Councillor Evans be appointed Chairperson for the year 2026/2027.
There were no further nominations.
Councillor Evans accepted the proposal, was appointed as Chairperson and signed the declaration of acceptance of Chairperson.
Resolved as proposed.

Item 2: To elect Vice Chairperson for the forthcoming year, 2026/2027.
Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Jeffreys, that Councillor Halliwell be appointed Vice Chairperson for the year 2026/2027.
There were no further nominations.
Councillor Halliwell accepted the proposal, was appointed as Vice Chairperson and signed the declaration of acceptance of Vice Chairperson.
Resolved as proposed.

Item 3: To note Apologies for Absence.
Vale Councillor Carys Stallard.

Item 4: Declarations of Interest.
None.

Item 5: To Accept Outgoing Chairperson's Report.
Councillor Johnston delivered his outgoing Chairperson's report on the last year:
"I must start by acknowledging the Members and my sadness at the recent loss of our dedicated colleague, Councillor Byron Cole. This is a great shock to us all and we shall miss Councillor Cole's attendance and valued contribution to our meetings.

Chairperson's Initials.....

We offer our sincere condolences to Byron's family and friends.

I would like to thank those that have helped us with our work over the past twelve months and am pleased to acknowledge the excellent relationships that we have with our Vale Councillors, PC Williamson and Sam Willis representing UWC Atlantic. Vale Councillors Jo Protheroe and Carys Stallard, your support this year, has been outstanding and helped us to achieve results with issues in our locality, as in previous years. The long-standing issue of the 'Channel View Marcross replacement Effluent Plant' continues to be a source of frustration but your support with speaking to Officers at the Vale Council on this subject is and your continuing assistance is truly appreciated by us all.

Thank you for your continued attendance at our meetings and the advice and information you share with us. Your commitment to this Council is outstanding and your advice, support and dedication is so helpful.

I would like to thank PC Jamie Williamson who attends our meetings to report on crime in the local area. We appreciate the time and support that you give to us with giving reports on incidents and the opportunity for us to raise any issues that our residents have brought to our attention. Thank you so much.

I would also like to thank UWC Atlantic for allowing us to hold our meetings on their premises, free of charge. We have been so fortunate to have ex Councillor Tom Partridge on the Council (Tom left the College and the Council last September), who has provided a link between the College and our Council and we have been pleased to welcome Sam Willis to our meetings as a new link between ourselves and UWC Atlantic.

The Community Council values its close relationship with the College and will continue to strive to build on it.

I would like to thank those Members who have attended events on my behalf and to represent the Community Council. This is very appreciated.

The Community Council has carried out its normal business of making observations on planning applications in our community and attending meetings of outside bodies including One Voice Wales, Friends of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast, the Footpath Forum, Community Liaison Committee and the newly formed Western Vale Rural Committee. This important work will continue as it gives our community a voice in what's happening in our rural area. Thank you to the Members who represent the Community Council at these meetings.

The result of the Vale of Glamorgan Town and Community Councils Boundary Review which was undertaken by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission, we now have the final decisions and for this Community Council St Donats Community Council and Wick Community Council will be dissolved and a new Council formed namely 'St Donats and Wick Community Council'. This will take effect immediately following the next election in May 2027 and therefore this will be the last Annual Meeting of St Donats Community Council.

Finally I would like to thank you, the Councillors and the Clerk, for your support to me over the last 12 months".

Proposed by Councillor Halliwell, seconded by Councillor Copeland Roberts and **resolved** that the Members accept the Councillor Johnston’s Outgoing Chairperson’s Report.

Item 6: To appoint representatives for outside bodies/committees for the forthcoming year, 2025/2026.

- 6.1 One Voice Wales Local Committee – position to be shared amongst Councillors.
- 6.2 Community Liaison Committee – shared between Councillors Jeffreys and Thomas.
- 6.3 Friends of the Heritage Coast – Councillor Johnston, reserve Councillor Thomas.
- 6.4 Footpaths Committee – Councillor Evans.
- 6.5 Western Vale Rural Community – shared between Councillors Halliwell and Copeland Roberts.

Item 7: To accept meeting dates for the forthcoming year, 2026/2027. All meetings start at 7.00pm.

2026	2027
May 7 th	January 6 th
June 3 rd	February 3 rd
July 1 st	March 3 rd
<i>No meeting in August</i>	April 7 th
September 2 nd	
October 7 th	
November 4 th	
December 2 nd	

Proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Halliwell and **resolved** to accept the dates proposed for the forthcoming year.

Item 8: To consider/update the policies of the Community Council including:

- Standing Orders;
- Financial Regulations;
- Model Local Resolution Protocol;
- Co-option Policy;
- Complaints Policy.

Proposed by Councillor Jeffreys, seconded by Councillor Halliwell and **resolved** to accept the current policies without amendment.

Item 9: To close the Annual Meeting.

Councillor Johnston declared the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

..... **Chairperson**
3rd June 2026.