

## COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023.

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Present: Councillor S.M. Hanks (Chair); Councillor M.R. Wilson (Vice-Chair); Councillors J. Aviet, R.M. Birch, S. Campbell, C.A. Cave, N.P. Hodges, H.M. Payne and S.D. Perkes.

Representing Town and Community Councils: Councillors S. Hodges (Barry Town Council); J. Andrew (Cowbridge Town Council); G. Thomas (Llantwit Major Town Council); M. Cuddy (Penarth Town Council); B. Morris (Colwinston Community Council); K. Hatton (Dinas Powys Community Council); H. Osbourne (Llancarfan Community Council); R. Thomas (Llandow Community Council); S. Bonnar (Llanfair Community Council); P. Wilson (Llangan Community Council); M. Narusberg (Llanmaes Community Council); G. Marks (Michaelston le Pitt and Leckwith); G. Kellen (Pendoylan Community Council); S.M. Toker (St. Athan Community Council); M. Jeffreys (Substitute) (St. Donats Community Council); W. Howells (St. Georges and St. Brides Super Ely Community Council); I. Perry (St. Nicholas and Bonvilston Community Council); N. Parry (Sully and Lavernock Community Council), M. Harvey (Wenvoe Community Council) and C. Hawkins (Wick Community Council).

Also present: Councillors C.P. Franks, E. Goodjohn, W.A. Hennessy, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), M.G.J. Morgan, E. Penn and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

### AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors A. Asbrey and S. Haines and Councillors A. Phillips (Peterston Super Ely Community Council) and A. Thomas (Welsh St. Donats Community Council).

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

AGREED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST –

Councillor S. Campbell declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 7 and 8. Councillor Campbell was a member of the cross party internal briefing group for the

Community Boundary Review who helped to produce the report put before Committee. The Councillor remained in the meeting for the item.

AGENDA ITEM 4. SOUTH WALES POLICE SERVICE - VERBAL UPDATE –

AGREED – T H A T Inspector Henderson be thanked for his time and verbal update.

AGENDA ITEM 5. SOUTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – VERBAL UPDATE –

AGREED – T H A T Group Manager Treherne be thanked for his time and verbal update.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - RELOCATION AND MODERNISATION OF THE LLANDOW AMENITY SITE – UPDATE –

AGREED – T H A T the update presentation provided to Committee in respect of a Rural Vale Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the content of the presentation on the Council's current considerations and next steps in relation to the establishment of a new Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) for the Western Vale.

AGENDA ITEM 7. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COMMUNITY REVIEW (REF) –

AGREED – T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended Cabinet report be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and appended report to ensure all members of the Committee are aware of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Community Review and the process to be adopted as at the end of the 2022 calendar year.

AGENDA ITEM 8. THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY BOUNDARY AREA REVIEW (ERO) –

AGREED –

(1) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Council's draft response to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales's initial consultation on the first stage of the community review be noted, along with the comments of the Committee

on the suggestions raise within the report as follows:

- Llanmaes Community Council had a very distinctive rural outlook in comparison to its Llantwit Town Council neighbour. Therefore, Llanmaes Community Council was not in support of the suggestion set out in paragraph 2.16 of the report and wished to maintain its very active Community Council and subsequent community spirit.
- The preference of Llanfair Community Council was to remain as an independent Community Council and not move into the Cowbridge Town Council community boundary area as suggested in paragraph 2.29 of the report due to Cowbridge Town Council having a very different perspective on the three rural communities currently under the Community Council. Llanfair Community Council would also wish to ensure that the two wards of Llanfair and St. Hilary remain well defined in light of any future boundary changes.
- In response to the suggestion set out in paragraph 2.33 of the report, St. Donats Community Council had concerns that the St. Donats community voice would be lost should an amalgamation with the much larger Wick ward go ahead due to the uneven number of representatives across the collective wards as a result.
- Michaelston Le Pit and Leckwith Community Council strongly objected to any amalgamation with larger neighbouring Councils due to the Community Council having very specific rural needs within its community. This was in contrast to the proposals put forward by Dinas Powys Community Council as reflected in paragraphs 2.19 and 2.20 of the report.
- Wenvoe Community Council had a neutral stance on the suggestion of an amalgamation of St. Nicholas and Bonvilston with Dyffryn and St. Lythans, as set out in paragraphs 2.26 and 2.27 of the report but would welcome consultation with residents on the suggestion. The Wenvoe area had had a 60% increase in dwellings in the last four years. To ensure that the approximate 760 residents of both Brooklands Terrace and St. Lythans Park were represented, Wenvoe Community Council suggested that a new ward be created.
- Penarth Town Council endorsed the suggestions in relation to Penarth Town Council and eastern boundary of Sully and Lavernock Community Council as set out in paragraph 2.14 of the report.

(2) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Community Boundary Area Review report be referred to Cabinet on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, along with the recommendations of the Committee for consideration as follows:

- T H A T a new ward by the name of 'Brooklands' be established under Wenvoe Community Council to accommodate the electorate within the Brooklands Terrace and St. Lythans Park residential developments in the vicinity of Culverhouse Cross.
- T H A T the concerns expressed by Town and Community Council Representatives present at the meeting on retaining democracy at a local level to ensure that the local voice was heard and that smaller

- communities were well represented and retained their unique qualities be noted.
- T H A T the concern in relation to possible salary losses for Clerks of smaller Community Councils, should their Council be amalgamated with neighbouring Councils, be noted.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report to appraise the Community Liaison Committee on the Council's response to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales's initial consultation on the first stage of the community review.

(2) To apprise Cabinet of the recommendations of the Committee in relation to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's draft response to the initial consultation phase of the community review to inform any additional comments or observations from Cabinet forwarded to the commission under separate cover following the 28<sup>th</sup> March consultation deadline.