

Vale of Glamorgan Community Liaison Committee

Notes of The Meeting

Held on Thursday 30th January 2025

Venue: Online

Agenda Item:

- 1. Apologies:** A number received and noted
- 2. Minutes of The Meeting Held on 10th October 2024:** Approved
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 4. South Wales Police Service Update:** A verbal report with a lot of statistics. Hopefully captured the significant stats.
 - Monitoring activity related to immigrants at St. Athan, Afghanistan refugees on the camp and the new temporary development at Eagles Nest Llantwit. Low level protest and some done activity.
 - In the Vale the top two incidents of violent crime
 1. Attack on a 12 year old girl by 13 and 15 year old boys now bailed
 2. 14 December a drug related GHD incident in Barry. Machete attack. Arrests made and indivisibles in custody watching for reprisals.
 - Supporting farmers increase in hare coursing by travellers. On going operation stopping up to 20 vehicles a night when on patrol.

Some questions especially from a St Nicolas Community Councillor (who a Vale Councillor is also but not on the committee) about school drop of parking on the pavement and confusion at five-mile lane lights.

- 5. South Wales Fire Service Verbal Update:** Again, verbal report. The main points were:
 - Year to date 259 fire incidents in the Vale; 79 in quarter 3 n 8% increase
 - 106 accidental grass fire incidents – 17% reduction due to wet summer?
 - 36 accidental domestic fires; 16 in quarter 3 – 59% reuction and 35% in the kitchen.
 - Battery fires down 9 down from 15 in the previous period
 - Reduced fire call outs due to work being done on the installation of smoke alarms.

- Deliberate fires 155, a 37% increase, Car arson up 133%, 4 in December in the Vale Refuse fires next highest deliberate fires. 88% of refuse fires loose refuse the rest setting fire to fly tipping.
- Deliberate grass fires down 63% again weather could be a factor.
- Road Traffic Collison's 26 in quarter three a 17% increase. 17% reduction in injuries.
- Special Service Calls 17% increase.
- Water rescues up 34%. Upgraded water rescue boat in the bay.
- Flooding incidents up 16% to 43
- Medical response assisting the ambulance service increased.
- False alarms 31% of incidents , reduced repones to automatic alarms owner must now attend first.
- 1956 home safety checks undertaken
- 50% increase in referrals from partner agencies.
- Attended community events
- Recently had His Majesty's Inspectorate in so been a busy quarter 3.
- Locally developing a community garden at the Cowbridge Fire Station.

Only one question about the failure of a hydrant in Penarth. Presenter took it away but assured the meeting that tenders carried adequate water around 1,700 litres.

- 6. Nomination of a Representative from Town and Community Coincils for the Public Services Board (PSB):** The Vale town and community councils can nominate one representative to the PSB for the next two yaers. The group did try to get this increased fto two one from a town council and one form a community council. However, this was refused by the PSB. The current representative was from Barry Town Council and it was proposed that the next rep should be form a community council.

There were two nominations the current rep from Barry and a Colwinston councillor. Note only the Vale Councillors can vote but the community and town councillors present were allowed an advisory vote before the Vale members voted for each candidate. So there were in total for votes and the new rep will come from Colwinston. (the who process had to be done manually as the Vales voting system didn't work and took over 30 minutes!

