COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN COLWINSTON VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY MARCH 25TH 2014 AT 8.30PM, FOLLOWING THE VILLAGE MEETING ON PLANNING ISSUES WITHIN COLWINSTON

1. ATTENDANCE

 COUNCILLORS: G.W.BATES – CHAIRMAN

 E. LEWIS

 B.KENNARD

 MRS. H MACLEHOSE

 W.BELLIN

 MRS C. ROACH

 MRS J. HORTON

 CLERK: JANE MOTTE

1. There were no apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest: Councillors Kennard and Bellin declared that they had personal interests in the Planning Application by Redrow which was to be discussed during the meeting and therefore withdrew.
3. Planning Matters:

Redrow Application re land at the rear of St David’s School: the Village meeting which had taken place prior to this brief meeting of the Community Council was attended by over 100 members of the public and the overwhelming view of the meeting was that the application submitted by Redrow to build 62 houses on the land behind St David’s School should be opposed by the Council. The principal reasons cited were:

- that the development was out of scale compared with the existing village community

- that there were serious issues concerning the existing water and sewage systems which were inadequate for the area now and would not be able to cope with the additional housing

- that the additional traffic generated by the development would be dangerous in the narrow lanes around the village

Those attending were asked to make their views known to the Vale Planning Department as soon as possible, in addition to the Community Council making a response.

Bullet points summarising the Community Council’s reasons for opposing the application had been available to those attending the meeting and the Clerk will send additional copies to those who requested them by email. A copy will be attached to these minutes.

The Clerk reported on the advice she had received from Planning Aid Wales on the content and format of the Council’s submission re the LDP which will form the basis of the response to the application. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman should contact further planning consultants with a view to obtaining advice on other possible grounds for opposing the application.

The deadline date for submitting responses to the application is April 4th.

Application to erect 3 wind turbines at Ty Maen: this application had also been discussed at the public meeting. Concerns had been expressed about noise from the turbines but the main objections were about the proximity of the turbines to nearby housing and the road. It was agreed by Councillors that the Clerk should submit a response from the Council to the Vale Planning Department, objecting to the current proposals but stating that the Council would not oppose an amended plan that sited the turbines further back from the road in an adjacent field further west.

1. Finance Matters:

There were two items for payment:

£598.73 to JE Motte re the Clerk’s salary for the period to 31/3/2014

£2321.42 to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for the new road signs. The Clerk will check whether the CASH grant funds from the Vale have been received before posting the cheque. If not, it was agreed unanimously that £2000 should be transferred from the Deposit account.

1. Date of Next Meeting:

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday April 8th at 7.30pm in The Sycamore Tree.

It was agreed that the date of the Annual General Meeting would be Wednesday May 14th in the Village \hall and the Clerk will confirm the booking with Bob Gatis.

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CHAIRMAN, COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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CLERK, COLWINSTON COMMUNTY COUNCIL

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