# VAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED Y FAN

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16<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

## Dear Councillor,

I write to summons you to attend the next Meeting of Van Community Council, at the Van Community Centre, Clos Guto, Caerphilly, on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, at 6.30p.m.

#### Agenda.

Public, any issues, and limited to ten minutes.

Clerk's advice, Arnold Baker, 9th Edition on Access to Council Meetings states:

"Many local councils set aside a period when the public can ask questions or even make statements. This is an excellent practice as long as the period is defined, and is clearly understood that the public must not take part at any other time."

It is not a public meeting but a council meeting and legally constituted to discuss published business.

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. **Declarations of interests.** To receive disclosures of personal interests from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct (**Note**: Members are requested to give written notice of the item number and subject matters that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest).
- 3. Police matters.
- 4. To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting, 11th November, 2016, (appendix 1.)
- 5. **Matters arising.**

Minute 77/16. To declare vacancies following the sad passing of Councillors David Hill and Brian Jenkins in Lansbury and Brynau Wards. Mrs Cath Grant (Lansbury) has expressed an interest in one of the vacancies, however there are three vacancies, two in Lansbury and one in Brynau. (Legal

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notices have been displayed and further notices on the "Stretch," "we need you."

## 6. Correspondence.

## 7. **Planning.**

16/0998/TPO Site Area: 33m² Location: The Dower House Gwern-y-domen Farm Lane Caerphilly CF83 3RN (UPRN 000043037099) Proposal: Fell T1 Spruce and T2 Sycamore to ground level (Tree Preservation Order 20/77/RVDC) Applicant: Mrs M Powell The Dower House Gwern-y-domen Farm Lane Caerphilly CF83 3RN Agent: Mighty Oaks Mr M Parkes 37 Court Road Caerphilly CF83 2LT Case Officer: Mrs A Wilcox 01443 864217 wilcoa@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St James Map Ref: 316733 (E) 186903 (N) Target Date: 12.01.2017 Community Council: Van Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

### 8. Reports and local matters.

- 9. Clerk's Report (appendix 2), to follow.
  - **A.** Year ending accounts, 2015/16, completion of external audit of accounts.
  - **B.** Transfer from Council's Business Money Managers Account (savings account) to the Council's current account.
  - **C.** Former Van Terrace Play area land. Clerk requested Caerphilly County Borough Council to transfer the unregistered land with Land Registry Wales to Van Community.
  - **D.** Grant applications.
  - **E.** Communal clear up United Housing area and Porset Brook bank, rear of Dol yr Eos.
  - **F.** Soup and Carols, 2016, Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, "Little Stars," "Get together choir", and Kirsty Adams (singer) will be performing.
  - **G.** Notice-board at Brynau Rd.
  - **H.** Raised flower beds, Van Community Centre.
  - **I.** Meeting with Inspector O'Keefe, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.
  - J. Council Budget, 2017/18.

#### 10. Finance.

- i. To consider payment of creditors (appendix 3).
- ii. Accounts, 2016/17 (appendix 4a, 4b, and 4c), review budget headings on the Management Report and to set the precept for 2017/18 (appendix b, budget for 2017/18 and financial comparison with previous years and 4d, CCBC letter, D banding and also item "J" Clerk's

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Report). CCBC has advised (appendix 4d) that the tax base for 2017/18 will be £1,632.87 Band D equivalent dwellings.

- iii. Grant applications: Llamau, Homeless Young People and GAVO, Crime Prevention (completed forms awaited).
- 11. Good youth and citizens awards (remain as an agenda item).
- 12. Play Area, Van Terrace.
- 13. Easter event and bonnet competition. Gifts for the children of the Community Council area.
- 14. To receive Mr Hefyn David, AM for Caerphilly. (Mr David will be arriving late.)
- 15. Items for the next agenda.

John Dilworth,
Clerk to the Council.