OLD ST MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held in the Village Hall, Newport Rd, Old St. Mellons at 7:30pm on Thursday 18th September 2014

Present:

- Chair: Cllr Dianne Rees (DR)
- Councillors: Cllr Richard Blackmore (RB) Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ) Cllr Jane Rogers (JR) Cllr Derek Stroud (DS) Cllr Suzanne Williams (SW)

Clerk to the Council: Mrs N Evelyn-Gauci (NG)

1. Apologies for absence (1 min)

Cllr Rosemary James (RJ) – Work commitment Cllr Len Phillips (LP) – work commitment Cllr Andrea Davies (AD) – work commitment

2. Declaration of interests (1 min)

DR - OSMAG JR - OSMAG SW - OSMAG

3. OSMAG (Old St.Mellons Action Group)

Community Council to consider donation to the OSMAG fund as requested as per letter dated 23rd August 2014 by secretary to OSMAG.

At this point due to a declaration of interest DR handed over chair to DS and left the room.

Secretary to OSMAG Mr Dennis Matthews came forward:

With regards to the letter that was sent to the OSMCC to advise why OSMAG was formed and had instructed a QC to appeal the decision of Cardiff Council planning in relation to the 1020 homes.

We were led to believe that Councillors should put aside any political differences and work together for the community, we are also aware of strapped cash Cardiff Council, who would benefit from this development.

The development of these 1020 homes, if it went ahead would change the face of Old St. Mellons community forever, it would increase traffic problems, a loss of quality farmland all this would have an effect on the community as a whole.

We understand the concerns expressed by the Community Council and felt that Cllrs are unsure of their conflicting interests and with this reason OSMAG withdraws its funding request from the Community Council on this occasion.

OSMAG request for a link on the OSMCC website and use of the Village Hall as discussed at the last meeting would still stand and we ask if this will still be available.

DS thanked Mr Matthews and asked the Councillors present if the use of the hall and the link to the website would still be favourable.

It was resolved: All agreed that OSMAG could have a link to their website via OSMCC's website and could have use of the Small Hall free of charge. It was also noted that the use of the Hall would be under the Power of Wellbeing section 137.

DS then called in DR.

DR thanked OSMAG for their attendance, and they left.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm

Cllr Dianne Rees Chair to the Old St. Mellons Community Council