

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT SARN LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTRE

PRESENT

Councillors: F Watkins (Chair)

N Evans
S Hyde
E Jones
D Lewis
J Lewis
G Thomas
K Wilcox
M Williams

Apologies: Councillors P Harris,
M Nott, Y Nott and J Phillips

Clerk: Ann Harris

Public: No public in attendance

The Chair welcomed Councillor Nigel Evans to his first Community Council meeting.

Minute No:

44/18-19 ITEM 2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
David Lewis	All relevant	BCBC - Development Control & Planning	No/No
Janice Lewis	All relevant	BCBC - Development Control & Planning	No/No
G Thomas	All relevant	BCBC - Development Control & Planning	No/No

45/18-19 ITEM 3 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY JULY 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2018 as a true and accurate record, with the amendment of the date of the Halloween Party to 26th October 2018.

46/18-19 ITEM 4 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PACT MEETINGS

The Crime Figures for June and July taken from the Police UK website had been included in the papers for the meeting and these were discussed. There were no reports given from PACT meetings, although the minutes of the last meeting of the Sarn and Bryncoch PACT meeting were included in the correspondence tabled. Inspector Mark Simmonds had been invited to attend the meeting but was not available; he will attend the October meeting.

Inspector Simmonds had explained to the Clerk that the crime figures given at the PACT meetings differ to the ones distributed by the Clerk taken from the Police UK website in part because the website information is a month behind the date of the PACT meetings. In addition the PCSOs can provide more up to date information as they can access different systems, however he said that they have been asked to provide the same information taken from the Police UK website.

Resolved: The information given was noted.

47/18-19 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JULY 2018 MINUTES

Minute 39/18-19

Footpath 46

A site visit had been held at Footpath 46 and Members of the Council attended along with Andrew Mason the Rights of Way Manager at BCBC and two contractors. They explained the work needed and it was agreed that a quotation for less work would be sought and a contribution towards this work would be discussed at the September council meeting. However, since that site meeting the Coity Wallia Conservators have decided to undertake some of the work themselves and there is no longer a need for a contribution or discussion.

Resolved: The information was noted.

48/18-19 ITEM 6 TO ADJOURN IF NECESSARY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no Members of the Public in attendance.

49/18-19 ITEM 7 TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS

Councillor Williams asked for consideration to be given to installing community defibrillators within the wards and this was agreed. Councillor David Lewis informed Members that he would be using some of his Borough Councillor funds to place two and was considering locations at Sarn Centre and Pandy Park.

Resolved: The decision and information were noted. It was agreed to place this item on the October agenda for further discussion on preferred locations for the defibrillators.

50/18-19 ITEM 8 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL OF THE T&CC SECTOR

The Clerk had attended a stakeholder event in Llandrindod Wells and updated members on the findings and recommendations and how they would affect the Community Council if they are accepted by the Welsh Government. The full findings and recommendations had been sent out via email and were tabled at the meeting.

Resolved: The information was noted.

51/18-19 ITEM 9 TO CONFIRM DATES FOR THE AUTUMN/CHRISTMAS EVENTS

This item could not be discussed further as the dates of the Sarn Club events had not been set. The Clerk had been asked to attend the Club following the meeting to discuss further.

52/18-19 ITEM 10 TO ADOPT THE DRAFT STANDING ORDERS

Draft new Standing Orders had been sent out to Members due to updates in legislation.

Resolved: The draft was accepted and adopted.

53/18-19 ITEM 11 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS INCLUDING

The Clerk requested authorization to pay the **£1,525.27** of invoices for July 2018 and the **£6,651.84** for August 2018 and this was agreed. The breakdown of the payments were included in the papers for the meeting.

2.Balance carried forward to September 2018

The total balance carried forward to September 2018 was **£78,140.72**. The budget monitoring sheets showing the total breakdown for the July and August expenditure was distributed to Members.

3.External Audit Report

An unqualified conclusion of audit had been received and a copy of the certified annual statement and a copy of an issues arising had been tabled. Two minor issues were raised.

4.By-Election Cost

An invoice for £3,953.40 had been received for the recent Bryncethin Ward by-election. There is £1,000 in the budget but the balance will need to be paid out of reserves.

5.Financial Request

A request had been received from Welsh Talking Books.

Resolved: The information given by the Clerk was accepted. The payments for July and August 2018 totalling **£8,177.11** were approved and authorised. The Conclusion of Audit was approved and accepted. The request from Welsh Talking Books would be considered at the November 2018 meeting.

54/18-19 ITEM 12 CHAIR'S REPORT INCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ENGAGEMENTS

There was nothing to report.

55/18-19 ITEM 13 CLERK'S REPORT

Gate Repair Heol Canola

The repair has now been carried out.

Response to Letter re Nant Bryncethin from Huw Irranca Davies AM

This letter had been included in the correspondence, the Clerk highlighted its contents to Members.

Hanging Baskets

As reported previously there have been a few issues with failing brackets this year and some need replacing. The standard of baskets were not as good this year which was highlighted further by the excellent baskets in neighbouring wards. This was because they were planted with begonias which tend to break and lose petals.

T&CC Clerks Meeting with BCBC

Items on the agenda included Feedback from the Town and Community Council Forum, a discussion on payment of councillor allowances and tax payments, Social Media issues and how this is affecting the workplace and what measures can be put in place to protect employees, CAT transfers and any issues arising, Internal Changes within BCBC and an open discussion on how BCBC and the T&CCs can work together better and an open discussion on current issues.

Footpath Maintenance

Concerns had been raised regarding litter being thrown, particularly plastic bottles, on the footpath leading off the Glen behind Pugsley Gardens and Williams Crescent.

Sarn Cemetery

Issues regarding the locked gates and access for the disabled had been raised, and this was discussed.

Resolved: The information given by the Clerk was noted. Councillor J Lewis was due to have a site visit with John Rees of BCBC and would look at the footpath behind Pugsley Gardens and Williams Crescent. The Clerk was asked to contact BCBC to enquire about a key holder. It was noted that the Clerk was seeking an alternative quote for baskets and flower beds for 2019.

56/18-19 ITEM 14 CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence received and a copy of the correspondence was tabled at the meeting and the Clerk drew Members' attention to the consultations, survey and events detailed. A letter had been received from Coity Higher Community Council expressing their concerns about the lack of signage leading onto the Common from Heol Spencer and other safety issues. They were requesting

a meeting between the two councils, the Coity Wallia Conservators and a representative of BCBC.

Resolved: The correspondence was noted. The request from Coity Higher Community Council was agreed.

57/18-19 ITEM 15 PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor G Thomas left the meeting at 7.04 pm and returned at 7.08 pm

1.Applications and Decisions

A list of planning applications, decisions and appeals received in the month and a copy of the requests was tabled at the meeting.

Resolved: There were no objections to any of the planning requests.

58/18-19 ITEM 16 ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER ORDINARY 2018 MEETING

- Locations for Defibrillators
- Dog Fouling

59/18-19 ITEM 17 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 8th October 2018 at Sarn Life Long Learning Centre at 6.00 pm

The meeting closed at 7.18 pm

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Chair of Council

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8th October 2018