

# ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT SARN LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTRE

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### PRESENT

Councillors: F Watkins (Chair)

P Harris  
E Jones  
D Lewis  
J Lewis  
M Nott  
Y Nott  
J Phillips  
M Williams

Apologies: Councillors S Hyde & K Wilcox

No Apologies: Councillors N Evans & G Thomas

Clerk: Ann Harris

Minute No:

**107/18-19 ITEM 2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
David Lewis	All relevant  103/18-19	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning  Footpath Costs - Coity Wallia Board of Conservators	No/No
Janice Lewis	All relevant	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning	No/No

**108/18-19 ITEM 3 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2019 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

**Resolved:** The council agreed to accept the minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

**109/18-19 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 2019 MINUTES**

**Minute 99/18-19 Memorial Hall Car Park Entrance**

The original quotation of £2,842 had been presented at the January 2019 meeting. This quotation was the original given to council in May 2017. An updated quote had been requested and received for £2,801.34. This took into consideration rises in costs since the original quote and the council's request for a reduction.

**Minute 102/18-19 Memorial Hall Car Park**

Following a successful application to tarmac common land, an up-to-date quotation had been received for £13,760. The original quotation dated November 2018 was for £13,100.

**Minute 103/18-19 Correspondence**

Councillor Y Nott had informed the Clerk that footpath 19 is within the SBM ward boundary.

**Resolved:** The information was noted. The Clerk was given authority for the work to go ahead on the Memorial Hall car park entrance and for the car park to be laid to tarmac at the new prices quoted. An attempt would be made to ensure all work was completed in the half term

or as near to within the half term as possible to reduce inconvenience. The Clerk was asked to arrange for footpath 19 to be cleared.

**110/18-19 ITEM 5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PACT MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Sarn and Bryncoch were included in the correspondence file. Meetings of the Bryncethin PACT would take place on the first Tuesday of each month.

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

**111/18-19 ITEM 6 TO ADJOURN IF NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public in attendance.

**112/18-19 ITEM 7 INDEPENDENT T&CC SECTOR REVIEW - FIRST STEPS**

The Clerk updated members on the first steps to be taken forward by the Welsh Government following the review. These included additional training for Councillors and Clerks, the production of an Annual Report, more public engagement including through social media etc.

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

**113/18-19 ITEM 8 ELECTORAL BOUNDARY CHANGES - BRIDGEND COUNTY**

The Clerk tabled copies of the relevant pages of this detailed report. The item was discussed and a proposal made and accepted.

**Resolved:** The Clerk was asked to respond to the review recommending that the wards of Sarn, Bryncethin and Bryncoch are combined into 1 multi member ward represented by 2 councillors. This ward could be called St Brides Minor; this arrangement would remain co-terminus with the boundaries of the community council.

**114/18-19 ITEM 9 GRASS CUTTING AND FLORAL DISPLAYS**

The Finance Committee had previously made recommendations regarding this topic and a full discussion was held on whether to continue with floral displays, whether to cut back and whether to split the contract and give the grass cutting and footpath maintenance to one contractor and floral displays and beds to another. It was noted that the baskets were not up to the usual standard in 2018.

**Resolved:** Following a discussion, proposal and vote it was agreed to split the contract as suggested and award the grass cutting and footpath maintenance to the current contractor,

Rowan Garden Designs and the floral displays/flower beds to D Thomas. The Clerk was asked to inform the contractors of the decision and to request the return of the baskets and the bowser. The Clerk was also asked to meet with D Thomas to discuss replacing the flower beds with low maintenance shrubs for discussion at the March meeting.

#### **115/18-19 ITEM 10 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

1. The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for January 2019 totaling £6,332.96. The balance carried forward to February 2019 was £52,581.67
2. Revised Net Tax Base: The Clerk informed members that BCBC had emailed to inform her that the net tax base originally approved in November 2018 of 2271.39 was going to full council on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 to be re-approved at the revised net tax base of 2271.38. As the change had no impact on the precept requirement the community council had requested, the Clerk advised that there is no need for a response or to raise any concerns.

**Resolved:** Authority was given to make the payments listed totalling £6,332.96. The information from BCBC regarding the revised net tax base was noted. The Clerk was asked to put the budget for the new financial year on the website in April.

#### **116/18-19 ITEM 11 CHAIR'S REPORT INCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

The Chair had not attended any functions or events on behalf of the council this month. It was noted that the Chair's chain had been returned following valuation and had been cleaned.

**Resolved:** The Chair would wear the chain to the March meeting.

#### **117/18-19 ITEM 12 CLERK'S REPORT**

Most matters to report had been discussed under matters arising. The Clerk informed members that she would be representing them at a Clerk's meeting with BCBC that week.

**Resolved:** The information given by the Clerk was noted.

#### **118/18-19 ITEM 13 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, surveys and events detailed and to the email from Coity Wallia Commoners regarding grazing rights and the revised LDP ref. Sarn Park.

**Resolved:** The correspondence was noted. Councillor D Lewis would look into the matter. The Clerk was asked to invite the Commoners to the March meeting. The Clerk was also asked to write to Owen Watkin regarding his performance for Wales against Italy. It was agreed to defer

the following financial requests to the March meeting: Llangollen International Eisteddfod, CISS, Swansea Bay Age Cymru, Marie Curie, Bryncethin Rugby Club and to ask Bryncethin Rugby Club for further details regarding the amount of funding required.

**119/18-19 ITEM 13 PLANNING MATTERS**

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.

**120/18-19 ITEM 14 ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2019 ORDINARY MEETING**

- To further discuss floral baskets and floral bed provision for 2019/20
- To receive feedback on a MUGA
- Bus shelters update
- To consider deferred financial requests

**121/18-19 ITEM 15 DATE & VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Sarn Life Long Learning Centre at 6.00 pm

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

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Chair of Council

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11<sup>th</sup> March 2019