

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2019 AT SARN LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTRE

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Lewis (Chair)

P Ford
P Harris
J Lewis
J Phillips
M Williams

Apologies: Councillors N Evans, E Jones,
M Nott, Y Nott, G Thomas, K Wilcox,
F Watkins

Clerk: Ann Harris

Public: No public in attendance

Minute No:

63/19-20 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
David Lewis	All relevant	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning	No/No
Janice Lewis	All relevant 72-19/20	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning Sarn Centre - Committee Member	No/No No/No
Martin Williams	74-19/20	Finance & Accounts - Chair Coity Higher Community Council	No/No

64/19-20 ITEM 3 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE MID TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY CONSULTATION FROM ANDREA BOYCE, BCBC

The Chair welcomed Andrea Boyce to the meeting. The consultation had gone live on 9th September and would close at 5.00 pm on 3rd November. Copies of the consultation and cards with a QR code were tabled. Questions were asked and observations made on the consultation.

Resolved: The information was noted. Members would leave copies of the consultation in public places along with the return envelopes.

65/19-20 ITEM 4 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2019 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Resolved: The council agreed to accept the minutes of the Meetings held on 9th September 2019 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

66/19-20 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2019 MINUTES

Minute 49/19-20 Matters Arising from the July 2019 Minutes:

Winter Event Arrangements: It was confirmed that the Chair had booked Santa for both Christmas events and had arranged the food for the Bryncethin event. Councillor J Lewis confirmed that the entertainment for both the Halloween and Sarn Christmas events had been booked. It was noted that there could be an issue regarding decorating one of the rooms.

Minute 53/19-20 Correspondence From Coity Wallia Conservators:

The Clerk had contacted the Conservators via letters regarding the Task Group meeting and the second meeting regarding issues on the common, but to date had not received replies.

Minute 59/19-20 Correspondence:

Councillor M Williams had attended the OVW Conference and AGM in Pontrhydfendigaid. He gave some feedback on the day, the motions agreed, the 5% increase in fees for next year and said it was an interesting day and well worth Chairs attending.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to purchase selection boxes for both of the Christmas events and speak to Councillors Y Nott and F Watkins re purchasing refreshments for the Halloween event.

67/19-20 ITEM 6 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PACT MEETINGS

The crime figures for July 2019 were included in the papers distributed to Members. There were on-going problems with litter being dropped and not picked up by the refuse collectors and a bin was needed for Stradling Close.

Resolved: The information was noted.

68/19-20 ITEM 7 TO ADJOURN IF NECESSARY, FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public in attendance.

69/19-20 ITEM 8 FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS - REVIEW OF COUNTY ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The review had been distributed to everyone and it was noted that the recommendation was to combine the communities of St Bride's Minor and Ynysawdre to form an electoral ward to be represented by three councillors.

Resolved: It was noted that the review stated that changes to community arrangements are dealt with under a separate part of the legislation, as part of a community review led by BCBC. The borough councillors present at the meeting were not aware of the review and the Clerk was asked to write to BCBC to ask them to let the Community Council know their intentions.

69/19-20 ITEM 9 LDP CONSULTATION EVENT

The Clerk had attended the event and updated members.

Resolved: It was noted that the candidate sites were not included in this consultation.

70/19-20 **ITEM 10 ACTIVITY SCHEME**

Following the success of the summer activity scheme a discussion took place on whether the scheme should be run for two days over the autumn half term. The cost would be £150 per session.

Resolved: It was agreed to book the scheme for two days over the half term period, 1 day for Sarn/Bryncoch and 1 day for Bryncethin. It was also agreed to look at school holiday provision for 2020 in time for the Easter holidays.

71/19-20 **ITEM 11 PROJECTS 2020/21**

Members had been asked to consider projects for the 2020/21 precept and these were discussed.

Resolved: There were no projects to be put forward.

72/19-20 **ITEM 12 SARN CENTRE COMMITTEE**

Resolved: It was agreed to defer this item to the November meeting when more members were present.

73/19-20 **ITEM 13 TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2020/21**

The details of the fund were given, the deadline for receipt of applications is 28th February 2020.

Resolved: An application would be made to fund two new bus shelters, 1 on Heol Canola and 1 other tbc.

74/19-20 **ITEM 14 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS INCLUDING EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

1.The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for September £2,380.59

2.It was noted that the balance carried forward to October 2019 was £80,023.39

3.The external audit report had been received. The report stated that the information contained in the return was in accordance with proper practices and no matters had come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. However, one note had been made regarding the display of the notice for the exercise of elector's Rights.

5.Financial Request - a request had been received from Bryncethin Memorial Hall which had been emailed to all members.

Resolved: The information was noted. Authority was given to make the payments listed totalling £2,380.59. The external auditor's report was accepted and approved. It was agreed to defer the financial request to November.

75/19-20 ITEM 15 CHAIR'S REPORT INCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ENGAGEMENTS

The Chair, Councillor Felicity Watkins, was absent therefore there was no Chair's report.

76/19-20 ITEM 16 CLERK'S REPORT

Independent Remuneration Panel Wales:

The Clerk informed members that the councillor allowances paid in 2018/19 had been published on the website and submitted to the IRPW.

Flower Beds:

The Clerk explained the issues regarding obtaining prices for shrubs which are imported and the fact that they should be planted in early spring. The cost of winter planting was discussed and considered.

Resolved: The information was noted and the Clerk was asked to instruct the gardener to go ahead and plant winter bedding.

77/19-20 ITEM 17 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 OVW larger council's committee meeting, the various surveys and consultations including the review of polling districts, places and stations 2019 and the temporary closure of Heol Spencer to Heol Laethog.

Resolved: The correspondence was noted.

78/19-20 ITEM 18 PLANNING MATTERS

1.Applications and Decisions

All applications and decision were noted.

The Planning Aid Wales updates were noted.

Resolved: The information was noted and no objections were made.

79/19-20 ITEM 19 ITEMS FOR THE 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

- New Bin Stradling Close

Resolved: It was agreed to keep the agenda open for items that may be added during the month.

80/19-20 ITEM 20 DATE & VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm

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Chair of Council

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11th November 2019