

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2020 AT SARN LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTRE

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Lewis (Vice-Chair)

P Ford
E Jones
J Lewis
M Nott
Y Nott
G Thomas

Apologies: Councillors N Evans, P Harris,
F Watkins and M Williams

Clerk: Ann Harris

Public: No public in attendance

Vice-Chair Cllr D Lewis welcomed Cllr Y Walton to her first meeting.

Minute No:

122/19-20 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
David Lewis	All relevant 123/19-20	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning Sarn Centre - Committee Member	No/No Yes/No
Janice Lewis	All relevant 123/19-20	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning Sarn Centre - Committee Member	No/No Yes/No
M Nott & Y Nott	123/19-20	Sarn Centre - Committee Members	Yes/No
Gary Thomas	All relevant 125/19-20	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning Coity Wallia Conservators - Chair	No/No

123/19-20 ITEM 3 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM AWEN CULTURAL TRUST TO DISCUSS THE LIBRARY SERVICE

Mr Richard Bellinger was welcomed to the meeting. He tabled a document about the library service at Sarn Centre giving its history, user numbers, details of the community resource and classes etc. Members asked questions including footfall numbers, the mobile library service, opening times, better promotion of the service i.e. better external signage including a possible re-launch, better Awen website information on smaller libraries etc.

Resolved: It was agreed that Awen would consider a marketing campaign for the library and Richard would return to a future meeting to discuss the success of the campaign to review and discuss its impact. Awen would also provide the Clerk with the footfall information mentioned at the meeting.

124/19-20 ITEM 4 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2020 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Resolved: The council agreed to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th January 2020 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

125/19-20 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 2020 MINUTES

Minute 111/19-20 PACT Meetings:

No progress on discussions re amalgamating the two meetings had been made.

Minute 113/19-20 Co-option Sarn and Bryncoch Wards:

The Sarn vacancy had been re-advertised and to date two applications had been received.

Minute 114/19-20 VE Day 2020:

The gardener has been requested to use red/white/blue flower theme in the flower beds. The Clerk notified members of a slight increase of no more than £77 in costs. The Community Gardens had confirmed that they are happy to give access to the Memorial over the weekend of 8th May if required.

Minute 116/19-20 Chair's Report:

The Clerk confirmed that all surplus chocolates and crisps had been delivered to the Aberkenfig Food Bank who had expressed their gratitude for the donation. A small gift had also been delivered to Santa for his services at the two Christmas events.

Minute 117/19-20 Clerk's Report:

Note: Councillor G Thomas left the meeting at 6.35 pm while the Conservators Task Group was discussed.

Conservators Task Group Meeting BCBC - the Clerk had attended a meeting at BCBC with Members of the task group and BCBC representatives. BCBC, subject to cabinet approval, had agreed to match-fund the amount of £5k which Dunraven Estates had also agreed to contribute. This left a shortfall of £4.5k which the 4 minor authorities were asked to contribute (Pencoed TC, Coychurch Higher CC, Coity Higher CC and St Brides Minor CC). An equal contribution was being sought of £1,125.

Bus Shelter Refurbishment - the Clerk asked the borough councillors for assistance in progressing this work. It was suggested that a new bin should be installed at the bus stop of Heol Canola.

Meetings 2020/21 - a schedule of meetings had been distributed to Members.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted and it was agreed that Councillors D Lewis and G Thomas would raise collaborating with Bryncethin Primary School on a VE Day commemoration at their next school governors meeting. It was agreed to contribute £1,125 to the Conservators funding subject to the other 3 minor authorities donating the same. A donation for 2021/22 would be reviewed at the December 2020 precept meeting. Councillor D Lewis would assist in progressing the bus shelter refurbishment work and Councillor J Lewis would make enquiries at BCBC regarding bin emptying should a bin was added to the bus stop at Heol Canola.

126/19-20 ITEM 6 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PACT MEETINGS

The crime figures for December 2019 had been distributed. Less people had attended the last Sarn/Bryncoch meeting and among the issues raised were road works, trees on the Avenue, ball kicking, litter, pot holes on Heol y Mynydd etc.

Councillor D Lewis expressed his concern re the discrepancy in the crime figures between the figures the PCSO provides compared to those on the Police UK site.

Resolved: It was agreed that Councillor D Lewis would request a meeting with the management of McArthur Glen to discuss community funding.

127/19-20 ITEM 7 TO ADJOURN IF NECESSARY, TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public present.

128/19-20 ITEM 8 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1.The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for January 2020 totaling £1,093.66

2.It was noted that the balance carried forward to February 2020 was **£59,057.83**

3.The Clerk informed Members that the council's employers pension contribution is likely to increase from 1st April 2020. Final rates will be publicised by the end of March 2020 and is likely that the current contribution will increase by £4.46 per month.

4.The external audit this year will look at correct reporting of meetings as well as the finance.

Resolved: The information was noted. Authority was given to make the payments listed totalling **£1,093.66**.

129/19-20 ITEM 9 CHAIR'S REPORT including announcements and engagements

The Chair was not present.

130/19-20 ITEM 10 CLERK'S REPORT

Floral Baskets

The Clerk asked for confirmation to go ahead with the floral baskets again in 2020/21 at the budgeted cost.

Field Heol Canola/Queens Avenue

The Clerk informed Members that the gate post to one field had broken and the gate was lying on the ground. In addition, the bushes/trees around the edges of both fields need cutting back before the nesting season starts and the gardener had provided a quotation of £650.

Cwmeri Footpath

Maintenance to this path had been drawn to the Council's attention some time ago and a site visit had been held. The Clerk reminded Members of the discussions at the time. Coity Wallia Commoners have been in touch again to request action.

Mayor's Citizenship Awards

The Clerk explained that no entries had been made and the reason why.

Training

Councillor Walton is booked onto a Code of Conduct training course in Maesteg.

Children's Activity Scheme

The Clerk informed Members that the provider had increased the cost from £150 to £200 per session. The budget had been set at the lower cost per session resulting in a shortfall in the budget if the council wishes to go ahead and make the bookings for Easter, Whitsun, Summer and the autumn Half Term holidays.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted. Authority was given for the Clerk to organise the floral baskets for 2020/21. Councillor G Thomas would arrange for the gate to be removed and the edge of the fencing repaired and the resulting cost should be neutral. The Clerk was given authority to instruct the gardener to carry out the bush/tree maintenance at the price quoted. It was agreed that the Cwmeri Footpath would be included as an agenda item for discussion in March and that Councillor D Lewis would speak to the Conservators to confirm what work was needed and the expected cost. Members were not happy with the increase in costs for the 2020 activity scheme. The Clerk was asked to look

into other available schemes in the area and to try to renegotiate the cost with the current provider.

131/19-20 ITEM 11 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members. The Clerk highlighted some items such as a consultation on future audit arrangements in Wales, a change to the date of the March T&CC Forum meeting and a thank you from the family of the late Mr Lionel King.

A request had been received from BCBC for a contribution towards placing a defibrillator on a wall outside the council depot in Bryncethin.

A request for sponsorship for a Bryncethin basketball player had been received and was deferred to the March 2020 meeting.

Ynysawdre Community Council had invited representatives from SBM CC to meet with them and the Chair of Tondu RFC and committee on an informal basis to work as a cluster of councils to take forward Tondu RFC's expression of interest in taking on Pandy Park as an asset transfer.

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. It was agreed that no contribution could be given towards a defibrillator in Bryncethin at this time and that the council did not feel that the suggested location was appropriate. It was agreed that Councillor D Lewis and the Clerk would meet representatives re the CAT of Pandy Park.

Note: Councillor G Thomas left the meeting at 7,.20 pm

132/19-20 ITEM 12 PLANNING MATTERS

1 planning request had been sent out in the month and 3 decisions. 3 emails from Planning Aid Wales had been circulated for information.

Resolved: No observations or objections were made regarding the planning information.

133/19-20 ITEM 13 ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 2020 ORDINARY MEETING

- Children's Activity Scheme
- Cwmeri Footpath

The agenda would be kept open for any other items that may arise during the month.

134/19-20 ITEM 14 DATE & VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 9th March 2020 at Sarn Life Long Learning Centre at 6.00 pm

The meeting closed at 7.33 pm

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Chair of Council

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9th March 2020