

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2020 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors:	D Lewis (Chair) P Davies N Evans E Jones J Lewis M Nott Y Nott G Thomas (left the meeting at 7.05 pm) Y Walton-Davies M Williams
Apologies:	Councillor F Watkins
No Apologies:	Councillor P Ford
Clerk:	Ann Harris
Public:	No public in attendance

Minute 49/20/21 - Apologies as above.

Minute No:

50/20-21 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Yvonne Walton-Davies	61/20-21	Planning Decisions x 3	No/No
David Lewis	All relevant	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning Sarn Centre Committee Member	No/No
Janice Lewis	All relevant	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning Sarn Centre Committee Member	No/No
Mel Nott	52/20-21 57/20-21	Community Garden Tenant Community Garden Tenant	No/No
Yvonne Nott	52/20-21	Sarn Centre Committee Member	No/No
G Thomas	All relevant 60/20-21	BCBC Bryncethin Allotment Gardens	No/No

51/20-21 ITEM 3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2020 ORDINARY MEETING

Resolved: The council agreed to accept the minutes of the October 2020 Ordinary Meeting held on 12th October 2020 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

52/20-21 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE OCTOBER 2020 MINUTES

Minute 39/20-21: Quotes for a further 4 bus shelter refurbishments had been requested for 1 at the Cymdda, 1 opposite the Masons Arms, 1 between the Masons Arms and the traffic lights and 1 at the top of Eustace Drive on Heol Canola.

It was extremely disappointing to see that the two newly refurbished shelters on Heol Canola had already been vandalized with what appears to be white paint. This had been reported to BCBC who would send out a team to clean them and to the PCSOs.

Minute 40/20-21: Motorbikes on the common continue to be a nuisance. Councillor Davies would provide Councillor Lewis and the Clerk with the crime numbers for reported incidents.

Minute 41/20-21: A request had been made to BCBC for Councillor Davies to speak at the appropriate planning meeting regarding safety concerns ref. SW Wood Recycling's application. In case Councillor Davies could not attend due to work commitments a statement had been provided to BCBC to be read out when appropriate.

Minute 42/20-21: The Clerk had an appointment for a site meeting at Sarn Cemetery on Wednesday 14th October to meet with the Parks Officer to discuss the project

Minute 43/20-21: The Clerk had been in touch with Awen Cultural Trust regarding the library costs for 2020/21 and a reduced invoice for £6224 had been offered.

Minute 46/20-21: A response to the Community Council's letter to Chris Elmore MP and Huw Irranca-Davies AM had been received.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the 4 bus shelters to be refurbished if the quote received from BCBC is within the remainder of the bus shelter refurbishment budget for the year. Councillor D Lewis would pass on the information ref. off road bike incidents on the common provided by Councillor Davies to the PCSOs. Councillors D Lewis and M Nott would also attend the site meeting at the cemetery. It was agreed to accept the reduced invoice for the library service. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the SW Police regarding the problems with off-road bikes and give the incident numbers and that Councillor D Lewis would speak to Councillor Richard Young about the matter.

53/20-21 ITEM 5 RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

The Clerk had prepared the graphs and narrative from the Police UK website.

The abandoned KA car on the Memorial Hall car park is still there despite raising the matter with BCBC and the SW Police.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to arrange for the removal of the car.

54/20-21 ITEM 6 CYMDDA SIGN

Councillor M Nott proposed that the recently vandalized sign at the Cymdda was re-written. The Clerk had obtained a quote for the work.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to arrange for the sign to be re-written at the cost of £180.

55/20-21 ITEM 7 RIGHTS OF WAY

The Clerk had attended a site meeting with the Rights of Way Officers and a representative of the Commoners to look at the work needed to the footpath which leads from Heol Spencer to Cwmeri (footpath 46). The Rights of Way Manager has funding available to carry out resurfacing work and asked if the Community Council could contribute 10% of the cost.

In addition, they asked for the council's comments of the proposals to re-surface the 3 sections of Paths in the Parc Tyn y Coed development and again asked for a contribution of 10%.

Resolved: It was agreed that the works suggested by the Rights of Way department should go ahead and that the Community Council would contribute 10% of the total cost ie £6,200 using £6,000 from the projects budget line and £200 from the Highways/Rights of Way budget line.

56/20-21 ITEM 8 TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2021/22

The details of the fund had been received from BCBC. A total fund of £53,347.61 is available for projects ideally linked to BCBC's Asset Management Plan 2021 and Corporate Policies. Projects should have a total value in excess of £5,000 and BCBC's maximum contribution will be limited to £20,000.

Several suggestions were made including a speed watch sign, a replacement speed camera, speed reminder signs etc.

Resolved: Councillor J Lewis would make enquiries regarding the speed watch sign and report back to the December meeting. Councillor Davies would provide the Clerk with a list of items to obtain quotes for consideration to be included in the precept for 2021/22

57/20-21 ITEM 9 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments October 2020

Authorization was requested for October payments totaling £1,372.03. The balance carried forward to November 2020 was £96,015.65.

2. Income

No income had been received this month.

3. External Audit

The Clerk had responded to the two minor queries asked in the previous month and acknowledgement had been received that no further information was needed to complete the audit.

Resolved: The payments for authorization for October 2020 were accepted. Other Information was noted.

58/20-21 **ITEM 10 CHAIR'S REPORT**

Councillor D Lewis had laid a wreath at the Aberkenfig Remembrance Service and a wreath outside the Memorial Hall in Bryncethin.

59/20-21 **ITEM 11 CLERK'S REPORT**

Reported to BCBC this month: Storm drain leaking badly at the junction of Ogmores Terrace and Davies Avenue with water flowing onto the highway.

Coity Wallia Conservators: The Clerk had written a reminder that they have not updated the Community Council on the outcome of the four minor authorities' decisions on whether to contribute equal funding to the Conservators. The Clerk was still unable to release the funding cheque.

Gate/Fence Heol Canola: This is still in need of a repair. The Clerk had phoned the contractor to remind him and to ask if the gate could be picked up from the ground and put to one side until the work could be carried out in the next few weeks.

Bin Relocation Heol Canola: The Clerk had made the request to BCBC to relocate the bin to the post next to the bus stop.

Resolved: The information and actions of the Clerk were noted.

60/20-21 **ITEM 12 CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members. With the consent of the Chair an additional sheet had been added to include correspondence received since the meeting papers had been circulated. The Clerk highlighted the remote meetings survey results, the notice and scheme drawing for Heol Spencer/Heol Hopcyn John, the BCBC Fit for the Future consultation (closes 13th December), two further Welsh Government consultations and 3 resident concerns regarding a caravan a frame overhanging the pavement and a van always parked on the pavement at Pugsley Gardens, concerns regarding speeding traffic through Daleside and concern regarding fires being lit and rubbish left on land off Merfield Close.

In addition a financial request had been received from Bryncethin Allotments to fund a large skip to remove waste which cannot be burnt due to the restrictions on fires in the COVID-19 guidelines at a cost of between £200 and £300. Plus a generic letter from Cerebral Palsy Cymru (formerly Bobath) regarding a news update and their financial needs.

Councillor J Lewis gave feedback on the 3 resident concerns:

- Had visited Pugsley Gardens and there was no van parked on the pavement at that time. There is a slight overhang onto the pavement of the caravan A-frame
- The speeding at Daleside would need to be reported to the Go Safe camera partnership. There had been no personal injury in that area in the last 3 years. Implementing a 20mph limit in that area would need to be supported by the police, but there is no funding available. A speed survey would be required in the area. A traffic order would also be needed which can take up to 18 months/2 years to arrange. The PCSOs would patrol the area more frequently and make their presence felt.
- The PCSOs had spoken to residents in the Merfield Close area and the fly tipped furniture had been removed.

Councillor Mel Nott highlighted the Fields in Trust scheme correspondence.

Councillor Walton-Davies informed the meeting that Bridgend Round Table are organising a Santa's Sleigh to go around the outlying areas of Bridgend over several evenings in December and asked if Members wanted to add the 3 wards to the route.

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. The Clerk was asked to arrange for a short presentation to take place at the start of the December meeting on the Fit for the Future consultation and the residents' 3 concerns had been referred by the Clerk to Councillor J Lewis as borough councillor for Bryncoch and Councillor Lewis gave some feedback (see above). It was agreed to fund the cost of the skip for the allotment gardens, but the Clerk would organise the skip and ask for the council to be invoiced in order to reclaim the VAT. The letter from Cerebral Palsy Cymru would be deferred to the March 2021 for consideration. Councillor J Lewis would make an enquiry about the S106 money for the Ffordd Leyshon development. It was agreed that Members would consider any land that could be put into Trust and the Clerk would include it as an agenda item for discussion in January 2021. Councillor Walton-Davies was asked to request that Sarn, Bryncoch and Bryncethin are added to the Santa Sleigh route and to let us know what date they will visit.

61/20-21 ITEM 13 PLANNING MATTERS

Application requests to BCBC had been circulated for information as had 4 decisions.

Resolved: No observations were made.

62/20-21 ITEM 14 URGENT ITEMS FOR THE DECEMBER 2020 PRECEPT MEETING

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

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 14th December 2020 at 6.00 pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.12 pm

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Chair of Council

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14th December 2020