

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Lewis (Chair)
P Davies
N Evans
P Ford
E Jones
J Lewis
G Thomas (left at 7.25 pm)
Y Walton-Davies
M Williams

Apologies: Councillors M & Y Nott

Clerk: Ann Harris

Public: No public in attendance

Minute 88/20/21 - Apologies as above.

In light of recent community council news items, the Chair reminded Members of the following Standing Order: 3l - photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is not permitted without the Council's prior written consent.

Minute No:

89/20-21 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Paul Davies	101/20-21	Personal - Planning P/21/33/FUL	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
Gary Thomas	All relevant	BCBC Coity Wallia Conservators	No/No

90/20-21 ITEM 3 TO RECEIVE A BCBC PRESENTATION ON THE LOVE IT, DON'T TRASH IT SCHEME FROM JOHN REES

The Chair welcomed Mr Rees to the meeting. The scheme was explained i.e., to educate primary school children about reducing litter in their communities and help the environment. The cost to the Community Council is £300 per school.

Unfortunately, there were audio issues during this part of the meeting and it had been difficult to hear and to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

Councillor Davies raised his concerns about fast food packaging litter and said he'd like a discussion on littering in general.

Resolved: It was agreed to defer a discussion on littering to the next meeting. No decision was made about the scheme.

91/20-21 ITEM 4 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

Resolved: The council agreed to accept the minutes of the January 2021 Ordinary Meeting held on 11th January 2021 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

92/20-21 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 2021 MINUTES

Minute 84 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk informed Members that BCBC has agreed to install a replacement bin on Canola and service it. The bin will be provided free of charge.

She also informed Members that the gate/fence at Heol Canola will be repaired in the next week.

Minute 86 Planning Matters:

The Clerk informed Members that no decision had been made at the recent BCBC Planning Committee meeting regarding the Wood Recycling applications. A site visit will not take place - details tbc.

Resolved: This was accepted.

93/20-21 ITEM 6 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 2020

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

Resolved: It was noted that the figures were lower than in previous months.

94/20-21 ITEM 7 COUNCIL VACANCIES

Following the January 2021 meeting the Clerk had checked the 6 month rule regarding councillor absence which had been suspended at the start of the pandemic and updated Members on the current legislation.

It was accepted that Councillor P Harris was out of compliance and that Councillor F Watkins, whilst within compliance did not wish to submit a formal request to full council to accept her apologies to continue as a councillor during the pandemic. Councillor Watkins had written a personal card to all Members which the Clerk had scanned and emailed.

The Clerk reminded Members of the 6 month rule around absence and referred Members to the Good Councillor Guidelines.

Resolved: The two vacancies for the Bryncoch Ward were declared. The Clerk was asked to notify BCBC of the declaration and obtain the Notice of Vacancy for publication and to write letters of thanks for the service of the two retired Councillors.

95/20-21 ITEM 8 SANTA SLEIGH ALL WARDS CHRISTMAS 2021

3 updates were given on 2020 events; Councillor Thomas on the event held in Bryncethin, Councillor Walton-Davies on the Bridgend Round Table process and the Clerk on the one organized in the Garw Valley.

The Bridgend Round Table discuss their event/routes in October. The organizer of the Garw event agreed in principle to organize a similar event for the St Brides Minor wards and to attend a virtual meeting to discuss further if the Community Council wanted to go ahead.

Resolved: It was agreed to agenda a further discussion in September 2021.

96/20-21 ITEM 9 MOTORBIKES ON COMMON LAND

Notes to aid discussion on tackling the use of illegal motorbikes and quad bikes in the local area had been written by Councillor Davies and circulated with the papers. The matter was discussed in full and a proposal made and unanimously agreed.

Resolved: It was agreed that one of the Borough Councillors would raise the problems with the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, Alun Michael. That Councillor Davies would speak to Huw Griffiths of the Commoners, to Mike Emery from the local police and speak to the Conservators about replacing the existing 3 signs.

97/20-21 ITEM 10 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1.Payments January 2021

Authorisation was requested for the January 2021 payments totaling £8,042.36. The balance carried forward to February 2021 was £74,636.38

2.Income

No income had been received this month.

Resolved: The payments for authorisation for January 2021 were accepted and authorized.

98/20-21 ITEM 11 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported the following:

- That a sign regarding fly tipping on land next to Sarn Centre had been erected.
- That there had been several issues with potholes following heavy rain and snow
- That there had been fly tipping on land outside the community gardens which BCBC removed

99/20-21 ITEM 12 CLERK'S REPORT

Sarn Cemetery:

A plan of the proposed Community Council improvements had been circulated and the Clerk explained the details. BCBC had been asked to provide the Community Council with a quote for the works.

War Memorial:

The Clerk had spoken to the War Memorial Trust but there was no funding available for new monuments. However, she's been given a list of approved local contractors and had contacted one. The Community Council needed to make decisions on whether to use slate or granite, what wording they wanted on it, what type of memorial and if they wanted to place a commemorative bench at the site before a quote could be obtained.

Cymdda Sign:

This would be removed and rewritten in the next few weeks.

Bus Shelters:

It is hopeful that the two bus shelters at the top of Eustace Drive and on the A4061 (opposite the Masons) would be refurbished in the current financial year, but that might not be possible.

Skip for Bryncethin Allotments:

A skip has been ordered for 19th February. The Council will be invoiced direct.

Flower Planter Sarn Centre:

As this is only usually planted for summer, the gardening contractor has offered to plant it for winter free of charge.

Resolved: The information and actions of the Clerk were noted. Members confirmed that they wanted a granite memorial, general wording to encompass all events and a simple slab type memorial on an angled plinth as well as a bench. Councillor Jones was asked to work with

the Clerk regarding the wording and design to obtain a quote. It was agreed that if the bus shelters were not completed in this financial year the money would be earmarked in the reserves. The offer of winter planting was accepted.

100/20-21 ITEM 13 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

- HM Land Registry Survey
- Active Travel Consultation
- New draft Guidance Code of Conduct
- Temporary Traffic Order Pen y Cae Lane
- Changes to Accounts Deadlines
- Financial Requests from Glamorgan YFC, Hope Rescue, Bridgend County Swimming Squad and Porthcawl COVID Strategy Group

Councillor M Williams had attended the recent One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting. Items included in the meeting was a reminder of the 6 month rule and for Councils to make all efforts to include all Members, to reinforce the benefits of registering land with the Land Registry, the right to call an election and the plan to request a OVW representative on the local health board.

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. Members would respond to surveys individually. All financial requests would be deferred to the March meeting.

Note: Councillor G Thomas left the meeting at 7.25 pm

101/20-21 ITEM 14 PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor P Davies had declared an interest in one application sent out this month. 3 application requests to BCBC had been circulated for information as had 1 decisions and correspondence from Planning Aid Wales.

Resolved: No observations were made.

102/20-21 ITEM 15 ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

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

- Littering Problems
- Motorbike Issues
- Financial Donations

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 8th March 2021 at 6.00 pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.28 pm.

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Chair of Council

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8th March 2021