

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9TH JULY 2018 AT SARN LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTRE

PRESENT

Councillors: F Watkins (Chair)

E Jones
D Lewis
J Lewis
J Phillips
M Williams

Apologies: Councillor P Harris, S Hyde
M Nott, Y Nott, G Thomas & K Wilcox

Clerk: Ann Harris

Public: No public in attendance

Minute No:

30/18-19 ITEM 2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
David Lewis	All relevant	BCBC - Development Control & Planning	No/No
Janice Lewis	All relevant	BCBC - Development Control & Planning	No/No

31/18-19 ITEM 3 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY JUNE 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Meetings held on 11th June 2018 as a true and accurate record.

32/18-19 ITEM 4 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PACT MEETINGS

The Crime Figures for May taken from the Police UK website had been included in the papers for the meeting and these were discussed. Councillor D Lewis said the figures given at the PACT meetings and the figures taken from the Police UK website were different and he asked that the new Inspector M Simmonds be invited to the next meeting to meet the Council Members and explain why there's a difference.

Resolved: The information given was noted. The Clerk was asked to invite the Inspector to the September meeting.

33/18-19 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JUNE 2018 MINUTES

Minute No 21/18-19

Feedback on Site Visit Penycae Lane

- Litter bin - this location cannot be included on BCBC's collection schedule
- Fly tipping - this is not on the highway but to the side on private land
- Community Service litter picking - this may be a possibility, BCBC looking into it

- Road cleansing vehicle - as visited the site and will visit again in the future
- A frame - no update

Safer Camera Fund

I've been advised by the Partnership Manager at Go Safe that signs of this nature are a Highways responsibility and therefore there is no funding available.

Minute No 25/18-19

Fallen Tree Nazareth Chapel

This has now been removed at a cost of £20. Another tree has fallen at the site and will also be removed.

Land in Bryncethin

BCBC have confirmed that they own a strip of land fronting the car park.

New Model Standing Orders

A draft has been emailed to all Members for consideration and adoption at the September meeting.

Hanging Baskets

The gardener has confirmed the baskets are the same as used in previous years.

Resolved: The information was noted.

34/18-19 ITEM 6 TO ADJOURN IF NECESSARY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No members of the public were present.

35/18-19 ITEM 7 TO DISCUSS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS

It was agreed to have the same Christmas Lighting as the previous year. £4,540 has been allocated in this year's budget, the spend in the previous year had been £4,502.76

Resolved: Councillor G Thomas would be asked to organize.

36/18-19 ITEM 8 TO DISCUSS AUTUMN/CHRISTMAS EVENTS

All previous events were discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed not to hold a Carol Service in 2018 due to low attendance numbers and the cost. A Halloween Party and Christmas events in both Sarn and Bryncethin would go ahead in 2018. The Clerk would check with Sarn Club to see when they were holding their events so as not to clash. The preferred dates for the Community Council's events would be Halloween Party 2^{6th} October, Bryncethin Lights Switch On Thursday 29th November and Sarn Party and Switch On Friday 14th December.

37/18-19 ITEM 9 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS INCLUDING DEFERRED COLEG CYMUNEDOL Y DDERWEN FINANCIAL REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Clerk requested authorization to pay the **£1,963.21** of invoices for June 2018 and this was agreed. The breakdown of the payments were included in the papers for the meeting.

2. Balance carried forward to July 2018

The total balance carried forward to July 2018 was **£86,317.83**. The budget monitoring sheet showing the total breakdown for the June expenditure was distributed to Members.

3. External Audit Report

The External Audit had been completed by the Clerk and had been submitted to the External Auditor. The emphasis this year is on the use of reserves.

4. Finance Requests

A request from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen for money towards equipment to put on school performances had been deferred following the Community Council's request to McArthur Glen to donate. McArthur Glen were committed to one charity for the year so could not donate and therefore the Community Council considered the request.

The Clerk had received a request from Heol y Mynydd Community Gardens for a donation towards their Garden Open Day prior to the meeting and asked permission from the Council to include this for discussion as the next meeting would be after the event. This was agreed.

5. Finance Committee Recommendations

The Finance Committee had met prior to the meeting and Members felt going forward holding the meeting before the Ordinary meeting would not work as it did not allow time for the Clerk to find out any further information to matters raised before recommending to Full Council.

Recommendations made:

- Cost of valuation for the Chair's Chain of Office approx. £78 depending on its value - recommend the valuation goes ahead to ensure adequate insurance cover
- To recommend that the Christmas lighting requirement for 2018 stays the same in line with the provision in the budget

Resolved: The information given by the Clerk was accepted. The payments for June 2018 totalling £1,963.21 were approved and authorised. It was agreed to donate £500 to Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen. As a donation had already been made to Heol y Mynydd Community Gardens in this financial year their request was declined. The Finance Committee's recommendations were agreed.

38/18-19 ITEM 10 CHAIR'S REPORT INCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ENGAGEMENTS

The Chair had not attended any events on behalf of the Community Council in the last month but had been invited to attend Maesteg Town Council's civic service but could not attend.

Resolved: This information was noted.

39/18-19 ITEM 11 CLERK'S REPORT

Off Road Vehicle on land at Canola

This had been reported to the police and the Community Council has been given a crime number. In addition a small trailer has been parked on the land for some weeks, the Clerk has asked the PCSO for assistance in getting it removed.

By Election

This is being held in the Memorial Hall as there is no suitable place to set up a polling station in Bryncethin.

Town and Community Council Forum Meeting

Councillor E Jones had attended and gave some feedback including information from the Independent Remuneration Panel about allowances.

Footpath 46

Following a tour of the common last year a request was made by the Conservators and Commoners to repair this path. Quotations have now been received by BCBC and they are asking if the Community Council could make a donation. Details of the work needed and the quotation were tabled for Members.

Resolved: The information given by the Clerk was noted and it was agreed to request a site meeting with the Rights of Way Department at BCBC to look at the footpath in order to have a more informed discussion at the September meeting.

40/18-19 ITEM 12 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, survey and events detailed. Councillor F Watkins informed Members of a musical event taking place on 28th September at the Memorial Hall at 7.00 pm. A consultation notice prior to planning permission had been received from TEPL from South Wales Wood Recycling Ltd and this was discussed.

Resolved: The correspondence was noted. The Clerk was asked to object to the proposed planning application due to the negative environmental impact it will have on the common and surrounding area.

41/18-19 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.

42/18-19 ITEM 14 ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER ORDINARY 2018 MEETING

At this time there were no items for the September agenda.

43/18-19 ITEM 15 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 10th September 2018 at Sarn Life Long Learning Centre at 6.00 pm

The meeting closed at 7.24 pm

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Chair of Council

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10th September 2018