

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22nd MAY 2017 AT SARN LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTRE

PRESENT

Councillors: Elaine Jones (Chair)

S Dobbs
P Harris
S Hyde
D Lewis
J Lewis
M Nott
Y Nott
L Richards
G Thomas
F Watkins
M Williams

Clerk: Ann Harris

Public: No public in attendance

Continuing on from the Annual Meeting held prior to this Ordinary Meeting. Declarations of Interests are the same, as is the Apology for Absence from Councillor J Phillips.

Minute No:

1/17-18 ITEM 10 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY APRIL 2017 MINUTES

Amendment: Item no 12 To Consider Reports from PACT Meetings. It had been agreed to provide funding for a communal skip on the green near Jubilee Crescent and Queen's Avenue and this had been omitted in the minutes.

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Meeting held on 10th April 2017 as a true and accurate record with the above amendment.

2/17-18 **ITEM 11 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PACT MEETINGS**

Sarn & Bryncoch PACT: The Sergeant had attended the meeting. Crimes discussed included domestic violence, some car break-ins and ASBOS for young children.

Bryncethin PACT: Attendance was low and it was suggested that the PCSO and the Vice-Chair send out letters to try and revive interest in the meetings.

Resolved: The information and suggested action was noted.

3/17-18 **ITEM 12 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APRIL 2017 MINUTES**

The Clerk was asked to write to the 3 Councillors who had not stood for re-election in May 2017 to thank them for their hard work.

In addition, the Clerk was asked to write to the outgoing Clerk, Mrs Alana Davies, to thank her for all her hard work too.

Grounds Maintenance: The Clerk reported that the brambles on Spout Hill had been cleared and it was agreed to ask the gardener to clear the grass that is encroaching onto the pavement at the same location. The Clerk informed the Members that the floral baskets will be erected in the next few weeks and the flower beds had been cleared and treated with weed killer and will be planted up in early June.

Chair's Roll of Honour: The Clerk had arranged for this to be updated. The work had been completed and the final invoice was lower than the original quotation.

4/17-18 **ITEM 13 TO ADJOURN IF NECESSARY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

No members of the public were present.

5/17-18 **ITEM 14 TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES**

Membership of this organization was discussed and the Clerk recommended joining for one year, at a 50% reduction in price, to see if membership was considered of value to the Community Council. This was agreed and it was agreed that Councillors E Jones and F Watkins would represent the Council at the Area Committee meetings.

Resolved: It was agreed that the discounted membership would be taken up and reviewed at the end of the year.

6/17-18 ITEM 15 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE MEMORIAL HALL CAR PARK

The repair had been carried out during April, but there are already potholes appearing in the surface. It was also noted that the contractors have moved the bollards and not replaced them in the correct place.

The Clerk had received a phone call from a resident saying that non blue badge holders were using the disabled spaces; the resident asked if signs could be erected to indicate that the spaces were strictly for disabled users only. The idea was discussed but as there was no way of policing the spaces it was agreed that signs would not be erected.

The Clerk had contacted the Dunraven Estates representative to seek permission to tarmac the car park and had received a very positive reply. He suggested that a peppercorn rent be charged if demanded, a term of 99 years, the council to be responsible for the maintenance, repairs and insurance, its use to be as a community car park, assignment be permitted to another local authority and if at any stage the Community Council wishes to surrender the car park then they may do so but would have to reinstate the land. He also suggested each party pay their own costs. The Clerk had also taken advice and is now aware of what forms and what the process was for applying for permission to the Welsh Government.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to contact Landcraft to request they put the bollards back in the right location. The Clerk was asked to reply to Dunraven Estates to agree to their suggested terms, seek Coity Wallia Board of Conservators written permission to carry out the work, complete the application process to the Welsh Government and obtain quotations for the work.

7/17-18 ITEM 16 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

- a. The Clerk requested authorisation to pay the £3,143.30 of bills for April and this was agreed.
- b. In addition it was noted that the precept amount of £51,365.00 and the Rights of Way payment of £1,248.28 had been received into the Lloyds account.

c. The balances carried forward to May 2017:

Lloyds Bank Account A/C 8246806002
Balance £74,689.83

Swansea Building Society
Balance £25,400.97

Total balance c/f May 2017 £100,090.80

- d. The Clerk asked if Members wanted to move any money from the Lloyds Account to the Swansea Building Society account.

e. The Community Council's Insurance renewal is due on 1st June 2017 at a cost of £585.76 and the Clerk requested authorisation to renew the policy which was granted. The Clerk also informed Members that there was an option to add the Memorial Car Park onto the policy to be covered all risks. This would increase the premium by £148.96 and would cover accidental and malicious damage.

f. A financial request had been received from the Bryncethin Allotment Tenants for a donation to purchase maintenance items. As the Community Council only considers financial requests once a year it was suggested that going forward this should be amended to twice a year, possibly to June and December to allow for requests that cannot wait a year.

Resolved: To authorise the payment of invoices for April, that the Clerk renews the Council's insurance policy as detailed above, to leave the money in the Lloyds account, to revisit including the car park in the insurance policy at a later date and to include changing the terms of reference for financial donations to twice a year and the above request at the June meeting.

8/17-18 ITEM 17 CHAIR'S REPORT INCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ENGAGEMENTS

The Chair reported that a few Members had attended a wonderful musical evening organised by the Vice-Chair, Councillor F Watkins, in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind Bridgend Branch, and it was noted that the evening had been a great success.

In addition the Chair reported that the new Mayor had been elected - Councillor Pam Davies - and her Consort is her husband Mr Tudor Davies. In addition the Deputy Mayor is Councillor John McCathy and Deputy Mayoress is Mrs Judy McCathy.

Resolved: This information was noted.

9/17-18 ITEM 18 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk informed the Members that BAVO are offering to hold a 1 hour session on Dementia Friends Awareness for Town and Community Councils and asked if the Community Council would like to host a session at the June or July meeting? It was agreed to invite them to the start of the June meeting, or if they were not available to the July meeting.

The Clerk had organized joint Code of Conduct training for two other Community Councils to take place on 13th June 2017 at Sarn Life Long Learning Centre. This is important training for Councillors and she asked if any St Brides Minor Councillors were available to attend if there were to be any spare spaces? It was agreed that if there was room Councillors S Dobbs, S Hyde, P Harris and F Watkins would attend as the other Councillors had already received training or were booked onto the course in their roles for other Community Councils. The cost would be approx. £18 instead of £40 per head.

The Clerk informed Members that she'd attended the annual tour of Coity Wallia Common with the Conservators and Commoners. A footpath identified on the tour as needing maintenance was in one the St Brides Minor wards and the Clerk would discuss this further with the Rights of Way Department

at BCBC.

Resolved: The Clerk would invite BAVO to the June or July meeting to conduct a session on Dementia Friends Awareness and to include as many of the 4 Councillors as possible in the Code of Conduct training being held on 13th June subject to availability. The Clerk's action regarding the Footpath was noted.

10/17-18 ITEM 19 CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Broxap:** Spring/Summer 2017 litter and recycling bins brochure
2. **BCBC:** Letter re. changes to household waste and recycling collections including a poster
3. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** May 2017 magazine
4. **HAGS:** Play, sports and fitness equipment brochure
5. **Play Wales:** Spring 2017 magazine
6. **BAVO:** Spring 2017 Involve magazine
7. **Action on Hearing Loss:** information regarding volunteering and a poster regarding a drop-in session at the Princess of Wales Hospital
8. **BCBC:** Information and map regarding temporary road closure Heol Laethog (3rd - 5th May)
9. **Marie Curie:** Information regarding holding a fund-raising Blooming Great Tea Party event in June
10. **MediTec Solutions:** Letter asking if the Community Council would consider funding Automated External Defibrillators in the Bryncethin, Bryncoch and Sarn areas
11. **BCBC:** A request to Bridgend Town and Community Councillors for expressions of interest in being a Member of the Standards Committee.
12. **Mayor's Charity:** A poster advertising an Evening of Musical Splendour on 16th May in honour of the outgoing Mayor Reg Jenkins
13. **BCBC:** Announcement of new Mayor and Consort and Deputy Mayor and Mayoress.

Resolved: The correspondence was noted. The Clerk was asked to find out if Tynycoed Surgery have a defibrillator, if it's accessible to the public and if it's available out of hours? In addition she was asked to invite MediTec to the June or July meeting to give a short presentation.

11/17-18 ITEM 20 PLANNING MATTERS (Councillor G Thomas left the meeting)

1. Applications and Decisions

Reference	Proposal	Location
Applications:		
P/17/119/FUL*	New agricultural shed	Ynyslas Uchaf Farm Blackmill Road Bryncethin CF35 6DW
P/17/71/FUL*	Remodelling of dwelling to include: new roof shape, alterations and extension of existing bungalow and loft conversion including dormers and	Penybryn Bridgend Road Bryncethin CF32 9TG

	detached garage/storage building with first floor and dormers (amended plans received)	
P/17/339/FUL	Change of use from storage to D2 use (fitness/aerobic/spinning classes)	Block B Unit 6 Parc y Bont Aneurin Bevan Avenue Brynmenyn Industrial Estate CF32 9TD
P/17/336/FUL	Proposed single storey side extension	Hendre-Post Farm Access off A4061 Blackmill Bridgend CF35 6DP
Decisions:		
P/17/71/FUL	Remodelling of dwelling to include: New roof shape, alterations and extension of existing bungalow and loft conversion including dormers & detached garage/storage building with first floor and dormers Refused	Penybryn Bridgend Road Bryncethin CF32 9TG
P/17/249/BCB	Security fence around fire escape staircase to sports hall Conditional consent	Ysgol Bryn Castell (Bryncethin Campus) Heol Llan Abergarw CF32 9NZ
P/17/243/FUL	Single storey side extension and balcony Conditional consent	Belle Vue Cottage Penycae Bridgend CF32 9SN
P/17/179/FUL	Storage of empty skips within curtilage/compound of recycling unit Retrospective conditional consent	Unit 8 George Thomas Avenue Brynmenyn Industrial Estate Brynmenyn CF32 9SQ
P/17/119/FUL	New agricultural shed Conditional Consent	Ynyslas Uchaf Farm Blackmill Road Bryncethin CF35 6DW

2. Planning Aid Wales' May e-bulletin had been received.

Resolved: to make no objections to the above applications. Decisions were noted as was the

receipt of the May e-bulletin from Planning Aid Wales.

12/17-18 ITEM 21 ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 2017 MEETING

As noted above:

- BAVO Dementia Friends Training or MediTec Presentation depending on availability
- Review Terms of Reference for Financial Donations

13/17-18 ITEM 22 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council will take place on Monday 12th June 2017 at Sarn Life Long Learning Centre at 6.00 pm

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

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Chair of Council

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12th June 2017