

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2020 AT SARN LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTRE

PRESENT:

Councillors: F Watkins (Chair)
N Evans
P Ford
E Jones
P Harris (from 6.30 pm)
D Lewis
J Lewis
G Thomas
Y Walton-Davies
M Williams

Apologies: Councillors M Nott and
Y Nott,

Clerk: Ann Harris

Public: No public in attendance

The Chair welcomed Cllr Y Walton-Davies.

Minute No:

135/19-20 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
David Lewis	All relevant 143/19-20	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning Coity Wallia Conservators - Member	No/No Yes/No
Janice Lewis	All relevant	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning	No/No
Gary Thomas	All relevant 143/19-20 144/19-20	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning Coity Wallia Conservators - Chair Deferred Financial Requests	No/No No/No No/No

136/19-20 ITEM 3 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2020 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Resolved: The council agreed to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th February 2020 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

137/19-20 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FEBRUARY 2020 MINUTES

Minute 125/19-20 Matters Arising from the January Minutes VE Day 2020:

Councillors D Lewis and G Thomas reported that Bryncethin Primary School had no plans to mark the event which the Council could engage in.

Minute 125/19-20 Matters Arising from the January Minutes Conservators Task Group:

The Clerk had written to the Conservators to let them know this Council's decision and had held back the cheque donation until confirmation had been received that the other 3 minor authorities were contributing the same.

Minute 125/19-20 Matters Arising from the January Minutes Bus Shelter Refurbishment:

Quotations were still being chased for this work. Councillor J Lewis had spoken to BCBC regarding a bin.

Minute 126/19-20 Reports from PACT Meetings:

Councillor D Lewis had spoken to a BCBC Officer about S106 money who had confirmed that money had been given in the early 90s for highway work.

Minute 130/19-20 Clerk's Report:

Field Heol Canola/Queens Avenue - the fence has been fixed and the gate repaired. The tree/shrub Cut back around the perimeter had also been carried out before the nesting season started.

Minute 131/19-20 Correspondence:

The meeting re. the CAT at Pandy Park would be held in the week beginning 24th March.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted. It was agreed that no event would be held for VE Day 2020, that the Clerk would speak direct to BCBC about a new bin, that Councillor D Lewis would contact McArthur Glen re financial contributions and that Councillor D Lewis would attend the meeting re CAT at Pandy Park alone, as the Clerk would be on leave in the week beginning 24th March. It was agreed that the funding for the bus shelters would be earmarked in the 2020/21 reserve.

138/19-20 ITEM 5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PACT MEETINGS

The crime figures for January 2020 had been distributed. Councillor D Lewis gave an update on the last Sarn/Bryncoch PACT meeting including the crime figures given out at the meeting. Issues Included traffic lights, overgrown hedge, narrow pavements, a footpath which needed to be cut back, speeding on Sarn Hill and access onto it. Reports that Kier has informed residents that they can put out their refuse 24 hours before collection had been received.

Resolved: The crime figures were discussed and noted. The Clerk was asked to arrange for maintenance to be carried out to the footpath and the council were informed that a scoping exercise would be carried out on Sarn Hill. Councillor D Lewis would talk to a BCBC Officer about the hours refuse can be placed for collection.

139/19-20 ITEM 6 TO ADJOURN IF NECESSARY, TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public present.

140/19-20 ITEM 7 CO-OPTION SARN WARD

Two applications for co-option to the Sarn Ward which had been received and circulated to Members in advance of the meeting; these were discussed.

Resolved: A proposal was made and seconded to co-opt Dr P Davies. A vote was taken which was unanimously in favour of Dr Davies.

141/19-20 ITEM 8 OVW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal was due on 1st April 2020 and the sum of £969 had been included in the budget for 2020/21. A list of questions and answers were circulated to Members on the benefits of membership. The Clerk recommended renewal.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to invite a representative of OVW to attend the April meeting to aid a decision on whether to renew.

142/19-20 ITEM 9 CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SCHEME

A decision on whether to go ahead with a scheme in 2020 was needed and this was discussed.

Resolved: A proposal was made to go ahead with the scheme for two days per week, 1 in Sarn and 1 in Bryncethin, during the Easter, Whitsun, Summer and Autumn school holidays. A vote was taken and unanimously agreed.

143/19-20 ITEM 10 CWMBERI FOOTPATH

Repairs and maintenance to this footpath had been discussed some time ago. The Coity Wallia Commoners were now chasing up a solution.

Resolved: Councillor G Thomas, who did not take part in the discussion, was asked to speak to the Conservators and report back to the next meeting.

144/19-20 ITEM 11 DEFERRED FINANCIAL REQUESTS

Two requests had been deferred, 1 for a contribution to Llangollen International Eisteddfod and 1 for a local resident selected to represent Wales at the 2020 United World Games in Austria in June 2020 for Basketball Wales.

Resolved: Both requests were discussed and both were refused. The Community Council are unable to donate to an individual, but congratulated the applicant on the achievement. In addition, Members congratulated Councillors P Harris and E Jones on their grandchildren's success in winning their school Eisteddfod Chairs.

145/19-20 ITEM 12 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1.The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for February 2020 totaling £10,527.64

2.It was noted that the balance carried forward to March 2020 was **£48,530.19**.

Resolved: The information was noted. Authority was given to make the payments listed totalling **£10,527.64**

146/19-20 ITEM 13 CHAIR'S REPORT including announcements and engagements

There was nothing to report

147/19-20 ITEM 14 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerks' Meeting BCBC:

This will be held on 13th March 2020.

Annual Leave:

The Clerk informed Members of her annual leave days in March.

April Meeting:

The Clerk reminded Members that the April meeting would be held a week earlier than normal, due to the Easter bank holiday falling on 13th April.

Resolved: The information was noted.

148/19-20 ITEM 15 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members. The Clerk highlighted some items such as the OVW Conference and Innovative Practice Annual Awards, Local Places Grants, the IRPW Annual Report and the community event for the over 50s to be held in Sarn on 27th March.

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. The Clerk was asked to apply, if possible, for all 3 Local Places for Nature Grants, Councillor M Williams was asked to attend the OVW Conference and the registration cost and mileage would be shared with Coity Higher Community Council, the change for T&CCs in the IRPW report and the over 50s event were noted.

Note: Councillor G Thomas left the meeting at 7.25pm

149/19-20 ITEM 16 PLANNING MATTERS

2 planning request had been sent out in the month and 2 decisions. 2 emails from Planning Aid Wales had been circulated for information.

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

150/19-20 ITEM 17 ITEMS FOR THE APRIL 2020 ORDINARY MEETING

- Update on Footfall and Library Promotion
- Traffic Problems in St Brides Minor
- OVW Membership

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

151/19-20 ITEM 18 DATE & VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place at the earlier date of 6th March 2020 at Sarn Life Long Learning Centre at 6.00 pm

The meeting closed at 7.29pm

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Chair of Council

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6th April 2020