

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Lewis (Chair)

P Davies
E Jones
J Lewis
M Nott
Y Nott
Y Walton-Davies
M Williams

Apologies: Councillors N Evans, P Ford & F Watkins

No Apologies: Councillor G Thomas

Clerk: Ann Harris

Public: No public in attendance

Minute 73/20/21 - Apologies as above.

Minute No:

74/20-21 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
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

75/20-21 ITEM 3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2020 PRECEPT MEETING

Resolved: The council agreed to accept the minutes of the December 2020 Precept Meeting held on 14th December 2020 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

76/20-21 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 2020 MINUTES

Minute 68/20-21 Finance & Accounts: It was noted that the external audit invoice had been received totaling £222.95.

Resolved: This was accepted.

77/20-21 ITEM 5 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2020

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

Resolved: It was noted that the anti-social behaviour numbers were higher than usual in some wards. The figures included reports of people breaking COVID-19 guidelines.

78/20-21 ITEM 6 TO DISCUSS THE RESPONSE FROM BCBC TO HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Following a request by the Clerk for quotes for several items of highways work a response had been received from BCBC and the points were discussed. It was noted that some of the smaller works had recently been carried out. It was noted that the reply included references that the police would not support some of the traffic calming measures. Councillor J Lewis had also made enquiries to BCBC regarding radar signs and would continue to pursue the matter. It was noted

that a speed limit reduction from 30mph to 20mph was due to be enforced from April 2023.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to forward the previously agreed traffic document to BCBC.

79/20-21 **ITEM 7 CONSIDER CHRISTMAS 2021 EVENTS**

As Councillor Thomas was not present at the meeting to provide information on the Santa Sleigh event in 2020 in Bryncethin. Provision for 2021 was discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed that Councillor D Lewis would obtain information from Councillor G Thomas about the organization of the 2020 event, that Councillor Walton-Davies would consult with the Round Table about the possibility of including all 3 wards in 2021 and the Clerk would speak to the organizer who arranged the Garw Valley Santa Sleigh and all would report back at the February 2021 meeting for further discussion.

80/20-21 **ITEM 8 FIELDS IN TRUST SUGGESTIONS**

The Clerk had investigated this further and it is not possible to put land into trust that is not owned by the Community Council. However, the Council could approach landowners to see if they would be happy to put land into the trust and the Council could support the application.

Resolved: The information was noted and no suggestions were made.

81/20-21 **ITEM 9 CONSULTATION ON BRIDGEND TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN**

The Clerk reminded Members that the closing date for this consultation is 1st March 2021 and that several versions are available. A discussion took place on whether to make one Community Council response or individual responses.

Resolved: It was noted that a collective council response had not been requested; the request was for Members to encourage the public to take part in the survey which is a vision of the next ten years of growth, resilience, well-being and identity. It was agreed that Members would respond individually.

82/20-21 **ITEM 10 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

1. Payments December 2020

Authorisation was requested for the December 2020 payments totaling £4,068.87. The balance carried forward to January 2021 was £82,678.74.

2.Income

No income had been received this month.

Resolved: The payments for authorisation for December 2020 were accepted.

83/20-21 ITEM 11 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair had nothing to report.

84/20-21 ITEM 12 CLERK'S REPORT

OVW Training Course: Councillor Paul Davies has been booked on a Code of Conduct training course.

Bin Canola: The Clerk had received a couple of complaints regarding the relocation of the bin on Canola and this was discussed.

Gate/Fence Canola: It was noted that the gate has been removed from the ground but it has not been replaced or the fence fixed.

Floral Baskets/Flower Beds: The invoices for both floral displays had been received. The Clerk informed the Council that if they wish to continue with the current contractor there will be a slight increase in 2021/22 which will be held for 2 years. The increases are:

- Hanging baskets up from £5,089 to £5,217
- Flower beds up from £1,668.50 to £1,715.50

Resolved: The information and actions of the Clerk were noted. The Clerk was asked to arrange for a replacement bin for the one removed on Canola to be purchased and installed, to chase up the gate/fence repair and it was agreed to accept the increased prices for the floral baskets and beds for the two years 2021 and 2022.

85/20-21 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 been circulated. The Clerk highlighted the following:

- Surveys/consultations on The Strategy for an Ageing Society, Your Town Your Future, Walking and Cycling in Bridgend, Pharmacy Services as well as the Bridgend Town Centre Masterplan.
- Email from a resident about the fly tipping, fires, graffiti etc. to the land at Merfield Close.

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. Members would respond to surveys individually. Councillor J Lewis would deal with the complaint from the resident, the Clerk would inform the resident of this action.

86/20-21 ITEM 14 PLANNING MATTERS

2 application requests to BCBC had been circulated for information as had 1 decisions and correspondence from Planning Aid Wales.

Resolved: No observations were made. It was noted that a statement from the Community Council would be read at the Planning Meeting to be held on 21st January to discuss the recent Wood Recycling applications.

87/20-21 ITEM 15 ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

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

- Christmas 2021
- Presentation on the Love It, Don't Trash It Scheme by BCBC Officer, John Rees
- Problems with Motorbikes on the Common Land

Note: Councillor D Lewis would chase up responses on the motorbike issues in time for the next meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 7.04 pm.

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Chair of Council

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8th February 2021