

# ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021 VIA ZOOM

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### PRESENT:

Councillors: D Lewis (Chair)

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

Apologies: Councillor G Thomas

Clerk: Ann Harris

Public: No public in attendance

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.

**120/20-21 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Councillor Name</b>	<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Declaration</b>	<b>Speak/Vote</b>
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

**121/20-21 ITEM 3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2021 ORDINARY MEETING**

**Resolved:** The council agreed to accept the minutes of the March 2021 Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

**122/20-21 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MARCH 2021 MINUTES**

**Minute 111/20-21 Item 9 Memorial Update**

The Clerk informed Members that permission had been granted from BCBC to install a remembrance bench in the cemetery and it has been ordered.

A motion to change the agreed concrete plinth to granite was made by two councillors and agreed by 5 at an additional cost of £250.

**Resolved:** The information was noted and the additional cost agreed.

**123/20-21 ITEM 5 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 2021**

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

**Resolved:** These were noted. The Clerk was asked to invite Sergeant Watts to a future meeting and enquire when PACT meetings are likely to resume.

## **124/20-21    ITEM 6 RIGHTS OF WAY**

A discussion on Rights of Way raised a few issues. The Clerk had obtained a quote for the work to the footpath mentioned by Councillor P Davies at the last meeting. Councillor Y Walton-Davies also raised a point re pedestrian access.

**Resolved:** The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to obtain confirmation of all the paths the Community Council is responsible for and Councillor D Lewis would speak to the Clerk of the Coity Wallia Conservators regarding pedestrian access.

## **125/20-21    ITEM 7 PARKING AT MERFIELD CLOSE**

Councillor P Davies raised a concern regarding the lack of line markings for people parking in the laybys on Merfield Close. This results in people parking with large gaps between vehicles, but not big enough gaps for others to park in.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that Councillor Davies would advise the complainant to write to V2C to complain and that the Clerk would write to V2C too on behalf of the Community Council.

## **126/20-21    ITEM 8 RENEWAL OF ONE VOICE WALES ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

The Chair welcomed One Voice Wales representative, Shan Bowden, to the meeting to inform members about the benefits of membership etc. Councillor M Williams raised a question about the 5 year plan in relation to membership increases that was agreed at a previous OVW conference.

Following the presentation after Shan Bowden had left the meeting a discussion was held about membership renewal and a vote was taken.

**Resolved:** The proposal to renew the annual membership was agreed following a vote. Councillors M and Y Nott did not vote in favour of the renewal.

## **127/20-21    ITEM 9 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

### **1. Payments March 2021**

Authorisation was requested for the March 2021 payments totaling £4,690.84. The unaudited balance carried forward to April 2021 was £68,306.77

## 2. Income

The Clerk confirmed that she'd submitted a claim for the Rights of Way agency agreement for 2020/21 for footpath cutting of £952.00. She also informed Members that the VAT reimbursement expected for 2020/21 would not be as expected due to some invoices not being received until after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

## 3. Unaudited Balance c/f to 2021/22

The Clerk explained the unaudited balance carried forward and listed the works agreed in 2020/21 but not paid before year end. She also listed the earmarked reserves agreed in the year to carry forward into 2021/22.

## 4. Works Sarn Cemetery

The Clerk had now received a quote from a local company for the production of a flower preparation table for the cemetery.

## 5. Other Matters

Councillor P Davies queried the progress on the radar sign costs and the contribution paid towards the library provision.

**Resolved:** The payments for authorisation for March 2021 were accepted and authorized. All other information was noted. The quote for the flower preparation table was agreed and the Clerk was authorized to accept the quote for the remaining works to the taps, accessible works etc. and progress the works. Councillor Davies' queries were answered by Councillors J Lewis, D Lewis and Y Nott.

## 128/20-21 ITEM 10 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on the graffiti to the railway bridge saying Kidz Lives Matter Too.

**Resolved:** It was noted that Network Rail are aware of the graffiti and it will be removed.

## 129/20-21 ITEM 11 CLERK'S REPORT

### **Royal Protocol:**

The Clerk confirmed that on the announcement of Prince Phillip's death, the correct protocol was uploaded onto the Community Council's website and would be removed after the 8 days of official mourning.

### **Cymdda Sign:**

This has not yet been reinstated.

### **Face/Gate/Bin on Canola:**

These have now been repaired and reinstated.

### **Issues this month:**

- Reported parking problems before the bend at Wigan Terrace
- Reported the unusual height of the speed bump at Heol yr Eglwys, Bryncethin

### **Notice of Co-option:**

The closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Co-option will take place at the May Ordinary meeting. No applications had been received to date.

### **OVW/SLCC Conference for Clerks:**

This conference is taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> May and costs £45. The Chair had agreed that the Clerk should attend at a cost of £15 to the council as the cost is being shared 3 ways.

**Resolved:** The information and actions of the Clerk were noted. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the Conference.

## 130/20-21 ITEM 12 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 distributed.

The Clerk drew Members' attention to the following:

- Consultation on Local authority power to trade
- Digital Connectivity Survey
- Cyber Security guide
- Items for the T&CC Forum agenda
- The 3 emails of thanks for the recent financial donations from Hope Rescue, Bridgend Swim Squad and Bridgend Carers Centre
- The Council's Annual Insurance Renewal - due 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021
- Financial request from Macmillan Cymru

**Resolved:** The items of correspondence were noted. There were no items suggested for the T&CC Forum agenda and the financial request from Macmillan Cymru was deferred to the November 2021 meeting.

**131/20-21 ITEM 13 PLANNING MATTERS**

One application had been circulated this month and there were 3 decisions and no appeals and correspondence from Planning Aid Wales.

**Resolved:** No observations were made.

**132/20-21 ITEM 14 ITEMS FOR THE MAY 2021 ORDINARY MEETING**

- Bryncethin Memorial Hall
- Co-options Bryncoch Ward

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

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 with the Annual Meeting being held at 6.00 pm via Zoom followed at approximately 6.20 pm by the May Ordinary Meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.23 pm.

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**Chair of Council**

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**10<sup>th</sup> May 2021**