

# ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021 VIA ZOOM

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### PRESENT:

Councillors: D Lewis (Chair)  
P Davies  
P Ford  
E Jones  
J Lewis  
M Nott  
Y Nott  
G Thomas (up to 7.38 pm)  
T Thomas  
Y Walton-Davies  
M Williams

Apologies: None

Clerk: Ann Harris

Public: Sgt O Watts.

Minute 16/21-22 - Apologies as above.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Tim Thomas to his first St Brides Minor Community Council meeting and Sgt. Owain Watts who was attending for item 5 on the agenda.

**17/21-22     ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Paul Davies	29/21-22	Planning Application P/21/370/OUT	No/No
David Lewis	All relevant 25/21-22	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning Sarn Centre Committee Member	No/No
Janice Lewis	All relevant 25/21-22	BCBC Sarn Centre Committee Member	No/No
Mel Nott	n/a	Community Gardens	No/No
Yvonne Nott	25/21-22	Sarn Centre Committee Member	No/No
Gary Thomas	23/21-22	BCBC - incl. Chair of RoW Committee	No/No

**18/21-22     ITEM 3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2021 ANNUAL AND ORDINARY MEETINGS**

**Resolved:** The council agreed to accept the minutes of the May 2021 Annual and Ordinary Meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

**19/21-22     ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MAY 2021 MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the Annual May Meeting Minutes.

**Ordinary May 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Minute 4/21-22 Item 4 To Consider Matters Arising from the April 2021 Minutes**

**Memorial Update:** It was noted that the Memorial had been raised and straightened and both remembrance benches were now in place.

**Crime Figures February 2021:** Sgt Watts had accepted the invitation to attend tonight's meeting.

**Parking at Merfield Close:** Despite chasing up a response, none had yet been received from V2C.

**Finance & Accounts:** the works to the tap area at Sarn Cemetery had been completed and the flower preparation table will be installed before the end of the month.

**Radar Sign:** This would be fitted below the 30 mph sign on a lighting column as you approach

Bryncethin Memorial Hall from the M4. There would be no cost to the Community Council.

#### **Minute 8/21-22 Christmas Lighting Provision 2021**

It was noted that funding had been earmarked in the reserves shown on the back of the latest budget monitoring sheet.

#### **Minute 12/21-22 Clerk's Report**

It was noted that the Cymdda sign had been rewritten and re-installed.

**Resolved:** All information was accepted and noted. There had been many positive comments on social media about the memorial and benches. Councillor M Nott was pleased with the rewritten Cymdda sign.

#### **20/21-22 ITEM 5 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR APRIL 2021**

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

Sgt Watts discussed the crime figures and updated Members on some of the issues including anti-social behaviour. Problems with off-road motorbikes were discussed and some solutions were discussed including the reporting of such crimes. Some concerns regarding speeding in certain areas were raised and discussed and scoping exercises requested. Sgt Watts offered some explanations for the reasons behind being unable to carry out some of the scoping or placement of speed cameras etc.

Sgt Watts was asked when PACT meetings will return and he said that he's waiting on guidance on that matter.

**Resolved:** Members were asked to forward information to Sgt Watts including incident numbers where possible.

#### **21/21-22 ITEM 6 CO-OPTION BRYNCOCH WARD**

There is currently one vacancy in the Bryncoch Ward and one application had been received. Members had been provided with the application for consideration. The Clerk reminded Members of the rules around co-option. The application was discussed.

**Resolved:** The information was noted. A vote was taken and Councillors E Jones, T Thomas and M Williams abstained from the vote. All other Members present voted in favour and Councillor Dhanisha Patel was co-opted.

**22/21-22**     **ITEM 7 BRYNCETHIN MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillor Davies had approached the current committee members of the Memorial Hall and they would welcome assistance with a sustainability plan. The next step would be to form a committee to take this forward and Members were asked for their help.

It was noted that Mr E Griffiths had passed away. Mr Griffiths had made a huge contribution to the success of the Hall over the years.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the Committee would comprise of Councillor P Davies, Councillor P Ford, Councillor D Lewis, Councillor G Thomas, Councillor T Thomas, Councillor Y Walton-Davies and 1 member of the public.

**23/21-22**     **ITEM 8 RIGHTS OF WAY UPDATE**

A document had been circulated showing Councillors Davies and Walton-Davies' findings to date with photographic evidence. These were discussed.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that Councillor Davies would contact the Rights of Way Manager at BCBC to inspect his findings and give guidance as to maintenance. It was agreed that it is important to work in partnership with BCBC and the Coity Wallia Conservators on this matter. Councillor T Thomas would update Councillor Davies with information regarding locked gates on footpaths for him to investigate.

**24/21-22**     **ITEM 9 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULATION**

The Clerk reminded Members that an invitation had been extended to all Councillors to attend a Planning Aid Wales workshop session on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July between 6.00 pm and 8.30 pm.

Councillor G Thomas said that if residents wish to make objections to information in the plan, then they need to make individual objections.

Councillor Davies said that he was disappointed that BCBC had not consulted with or informed Community Councils prior to the consultation in order for them to be informed when asked questions by the public. He felt it had left 2 councillors vulnerable which had led to one resigning.

Councillor M Nott reminded Members of the process for consultation. Councillor M Williams agreed that there is a process but that it was disappointing that Place Plans had not been taken seriously.

**Resolved:** The reminder was noted; to date two councillors had requested tickets.

**25/21-22**     **ITEM 10 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

**1. Payments May 2021**

Authorisation was requested for the May 2021 payments totaling £20,995.60. The unaudited balance carried forward to June 2021 was £99,887.67.

**Resolved:** The payments for authorisation for May 2021 were accepted and authorized except for BP12 Awen Cultural Trust Library Services 21/22 £14,940.00. The Clerk was asked to contact Awen to ask for a reduction in invoice due to the library service being closed on a Wednesday and having reduced opening hours in the day. The total amount of payments given authority was therefore reduced to £6,055.60 with a balance c/f of £114,827.67.

**26/21-22**     **ITEM 11 CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair updated Members on his actions regarding the Active Travel barrier removal plans.

**Resolved:** This was noted.

**27/21-22**     **ITEM 12 CLERK'S REPORT**

**Floral Displays:** The hanging baskets for summer 2021 were now in place and the summer bedding preparation for the flower beds has been started. It was noted that the grass around the beds is very long and needs a BCBC cut.

**Gate and Fence Heol Canola:** An invoice for £600 had been received with additional works opposite Eustace Drive on the bill.

**Children's Summer Activities:** Due to COVID restrictions it would not be possible to run the activity scheme held in previous years during the school holiday. The Clerk updated Members on what could be offered and the cost.

**Issues this Month:** The Clerk had reported a drain leaking at the junction of Davies Avenue and Ogmores Terrace to BCBC who had confirmed they'd deal with the issue.

**Resolved:** The information and actions of the Clerk were noted. The Clerk was asked to query the Gate/Fence bill and to let the summer activity organizer know that they would not require the reduced service this year and would review the scheme in 2022.

## **28/21-22     ITEM 13 CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members. With the consent of the Chair and the sheet had been updated with additional correspondence received since the meeting papers had been distributed.

The Clerk drew Members' attention to the following:

- Bridgend Replacement Local Development Plan - Deposit Draft Statutory Public Consultation
- Bridgend Replacement Local Development Plan - CTC engagement event 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021
- Bridgend Payphone Consultation ref. Baker's Way
- Ynysawdre CC - Report from Jeff Murray (YCC Clerk sending link to presentation on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021)
- Councillor N Evans - resignation as Community Councillor declared

**Resolved:** The items of correspondence were noted and Councillor Evans' resignation declared and accepted. The Clerk would forward the link to the Ynysawdre CC meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June once it had been received so that Members wishing to attend for the presentation could do so. It was agreed that the pay phone at Baker's Way should be removed, but that the whole structure should be removed. Councillor P Davies suggested an alternative use and would email the Clerk details for her to investigate. The Clerk would inform BCBC of Councillor Evans' resignation and arrange to publish the Notice of Vacancy.

Note: Councillor G Thomas left the meeting at 7.38 pm and did not take part in item 14

## **29/21-22     ITEM 14 PLANNING MATTERS**

7 applications had been circulated this month and there were 3 decisions and 1 appeal and correspondence from Planning Aid Wales. These were discussed.

**Resolved:** The planning applications, decisions and appeal were discussed. An objection to P/21/370/OUT was suggested, but the deadline for objections had passed on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 prior to the meeting. Objections had been requested by the Clerk by 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**30/21-22    ITEM 15 ITEMS FOR THE JULY 2021 ORDINARY MEETING**

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

The next ordinary meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6.00 pm via Zoom

The meeting closed at 7.42 pm.

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**Chair of Council**

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**12<sup>th</sup> July 2021**