

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Lewis (Chair)
P Davies
M John (until 7.32 pm)
E Jones
J Lewis
M Nott
Y Nott
D Patel
T Thomas
Y Walton-Davies
M Williams

Apologies: Councillor G Thomas

No Apologies: Councillor P Ford

Clerk: Ann Harris

Minute 46/21-22 - Apologies as above.

The Chair welcomed Councillor John to his first meeting.

47/21-22 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 Sarn Centre Committee Member	No/No
Mel Nott	56/21-22	Community Gardens	No/No
Yvonne Nott	58/21-22	Sarn Centre Committee Member	No/No
Dhanisha Patel	All relevant	BCBC	No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant	BCBC	No/No
Martin Williams	57/21-22	Finance & Accounts - Member Coity Higher Community Council	No/No

48/21-22 ITEM 3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2021 ANNUAL AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS

Resolved: The council agreed to accept the minutes of the July 2021 Ordinary Meeting held on 12th July 2021 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

49/21-22 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JULY 2021 MINUTES

All resolved action have been carried out though not all have received replies to date.

Minute 37/21-22 Matters Arising from the June Ordinary Meeting

LDP Consultation: The planned July Extraordinary Meeting did not go ahead as no feedback regarding the LDP consultation document had been received therefore there were no papers or items for discussion.

Clerk's Report: Gate/Fence Heol Canola, no further invoice has been received from the contractor.

Defibrillator: BT have decided not to remove the phone box at Baker's Way and it will remain a public facility.

Minute 38/21-22 Crime Figures for May 2021

Ownership of Land Heol Spencer: The Clerk had carried out a land registry search and the land is registered to Robert Price.

Minute 39/21-22 Drop Kerb/Ramp Sarn Cemetery

The Clerk had chased up a quote for this work over the summer period, but BCBC had not obtained it. One had now been received one but it's for a path going to the two benches and not the plaque, so another has been requested. The Clerk had pointed out that time is running out as Remembrance Day will be held in 9 weeks and SBM CC would like it completed by then.

Minute 41/21-22 Traffic Issues Heol Spencer

Councillors D Lewis/E Jones to give feedback on the meeting.

Minute 43/21-22 Consultation on the Qualifications of Clerks in Wales

This will raised in the Clerk's report.

Resolved: All information was accepted and noted. Councillor Davies reminded members that a reply to the correspondence with BCBC some months ago on traffic issues had not been received. Councillor D Lewis would arrange a meeting with the Leader of BCBC to discuss the traffic issues and Councillors Davies, Jones and Walton-Davies asked to attend. It was suggested that a pre-meeting would be held.

50/21-22 ITEM 5 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR JUNE AND JULY 2021

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

Resolved: Councillor D Lewis noted that there were not many positive outcomes.

51/21-22 ITEM 6 OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE

Members had been sent guidelines on this item received via One Voice Wales and these were discussed.

Resolved: Arrangements were already in place for the website and it is likely that the laying of flowers and a condolence book would be organised by BCBC.

52/21-22 ITEM 7 CANOLA HOUSE

Councillor Jones expressed her concern about the use of this property which is currently

undergoing building work. Councillor D Lewis said a certificate of lawfulness had been agreed.

Resolved: Councillor D Lewis would forward information regarding the project to Councillor Jones and he would obtain more information on care standards.

53/21-22 ITEM 8 SARN CEMETERY

Councillor Jones expressed her concerns regarding untidy areas of Sarn Cemetery particularly what appears to be a permanent skip, a large mound of earth etc. She had spoken to the BCBC Officer with responsibility for the cemetery and he'd explained that the mound of earth is for use to fill in.

Resolved: It was noted that the size of the earth mound has recently been reduced, that maybe a bin was needed not a skip and it was agreed that Councillor D Lewis would pursue the matter with BCBC and the Community Council would write to say that David would be making a referral on behalf of the Community Council.

54/21-22 ITEM 9 CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2021

Councillor J Lewis said she'd approached BCBC's Leader and Cabinet Members to request the possible use of the Porthcawl road train to hire for Christmas. Councillor Walton-Davies suggested that an event should be held in the 3 wards on 3 separate nights or possibly 2 nights with Bryncoch/Sarn as one event. Councillor Walton-Davies would speak to Councillor G Thomas regarding a similar arrangement as last year's Bryncethin event.

Resolved: It was agreed to discuss further at the October meeting.

55/21-22 ITEM 10 COMMUNITY SKIP

Councillor T Thomas raised residents request for a skip in the Jubilee Crescent/Queen's Avenue Area. This was discussed including historical provision of skips.

Resolved: It was agreed that Councillor J Lewis would speak to V2C and litter picking groups about this request and the outcome would be discussed at the October meeting. It was agreed that going forward a litter/skip policy was needed and this would be included on a future meeting agenda and that a working group would be set up consisting of Councillors Davies, Williams, D Patel, T Thomas and D Lewis .

56/21-22 ITEM 11 MEMORIAL

Councillor T Thomas informed members that an offer of a donation of a bench in memory of had been received and he asked the Community Council for a discussion on the offer and possible

location for the bench. He also asked if the Community Council would provide a plaque for it. The matter was discussed and the Community Garden, Memorial Garden area was suggested as a possible location.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Memorial Garden was the most suitable location. That the donor would be contacted to thank him for the offer, agree in principle but reassurance would be needed from the family that they are supportive of this arrangement. Councillor T Thomas would contact the donor regarding the bench and the police to see if they could help with the request to the family.

57/21-22 ITEM 12 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments July & August 2021

Authorisation was requested for the July and August 2021 payments totaling £2,227.74 and £14,316.13. The balance carried forward to September 2021 was £96,853.24

2. Defibrillator Request

A request had been received from Sarn Club to provide and install a defibrillator and cabinet at the Club and this was discussed.

Resolved: The payments for authorisation for July and August 2021 were accepted and authorized. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Club to ask for clarification on whether the defibrillator was to be installed on the exterior of the building and to investigate the possibility of installing one on Bryncethin Memorial Hall and one at the Railway Station.

Note: Councillor John left the meeting at 7.32 pm

58/21-22 ITEM 13 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair updated Members on V2C work, the resurfacing of Heol y Mynydd/Heol y Bryn and some improvements to Sarn Hill, that the bridge near the station would be painted, that he'd attended Licensing and Planning meetings and reported that there had been instances of graffiti painting in the area.

Resolved: The information was noted

59/21-22 ITEM 14 MEMBER/WARD REPORTS

Councillor J Lewis gave an update on road adoption and the play area at Clos Tyn y Coed.

60/21-22 ITEM 15 CLERK'S REPORT

Consultation on the Qualifications of Clerks in Wales

The closing date for responses is 24th September 2021. The Clerk informed Members of the qualifications being considered.

Memorial Hall Car Park

The Clerk was still chasing the lease on the car park from Dunraven Estates. She informed Members that there are a lot of weeds growing to the sides of the tarmac and asked Members if they wanted her to arrange for these to be sprayed and removed.

Bus Shelter Refurbishments

The Clerk gave an update on progress to refurbish the two bus shelters; the work should be completed within a week.

Training

The Clerk informed Members that Councillor Mark John has already completed his Code of Conduct training.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to submit a one council response to the consultation on the Qualifications of Clerks in Wales and to arrange for the weeds to be sprayed and removed at the Memorial Hall car park.

61/21-22 ITEM 16 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:

- Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - statement of payment returns 2020 - 2021

- A call for communities in Wales to submit their interest to improve local paths and nature
- Draft Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021
- BBC Wales Newsdesk enquiry
- Cenin Renewables request to attend future meeting
- Boundary Commission for Wales - initial proposals published

Resolved: The correspondence was noted and it was noted that the Council’s statement of payment returns had been published on the website. The Clerk was asked to reject Cenin Renewables request as their project was not in any of the council’s 3 wards.

62/21-22 ITEM 17 PLANNING MATTERS

1 application had been circulated in the last two months and there were 6 decisions and correspondence from Planning Aid Wales. These were discussed. There were also two appeals this month.

Resolved: The planning applications and decisions were discussed; no objections were made.

63/21-22 ITEM 18 ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

- Hedge Cutting Jubilee Crescent/Queen’s Avenue
- Bryncethin Hall Committee Update

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 11TH October 2021 at 6.00 pm via Zoom. In the meantime, Councillor D Lewis would look into the possibility of holding meetings in person at Sarn Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

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Chair of Council

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11th October 2021