

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Lewis (Chair)

P Davies
M John (from 6.29 pm)
E Jones
J Lewis
M Nott
Y Nott
D Patel (from 6.10 pm)
Y Walton-Davies
M Williams

Apologies: Councillor P Ford

No Apologies: Councillors G Thomas & T Thomas

Clerk: Ann Harris

Minute 64/21-22 - Apologies as above.

The Chair welcomed BCBC Officer, Nicola Bunston, to the meeting.

65/21-22 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	77/21-22	Community Gardens	No/No
Yvonne Nott	76/21-22	Sarn Centre Committee Member	No/No
Dhanisha Patel	All relevant	BCBC	No/No

66/21-22 ITEM 3 SHAPING BRIDGEND'S FUTURE PRESENTATION

BCBC Officer, Nicola Bunston attended the meeting to give a short presentation on BCBC's budget consultation Shaping Bridgend's Future and to answer any questions raised on the consultation.

Nicola gave an update on the previous years' engagement and said the pandemic had lowered participation. This year the questions are no so specific and ask about the pandemic, performance, partnerships, investment, digitalization, opening civic offices etc. Members asked questions about the savings made, essential services and a misleading statement.

Resolved: The information and comments were noted.

67/21-22 ITEM 4 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

Resolved: The council agreed to accept the minutes of the September 2021 Ordinary Meeting held on 13th September 2021 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes. Councillor D Lewis agreed to ring the agent of Canola House to obtain further information.

68/21-22 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2021 MINUTES

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

Minute 29/21-22 Drop Kerb/Ramp Sarn Cemetery

A quote has been received for £2,396.03. It was hoped the work could be carried out before Remembrance Sunday.

Minute 57/21-22 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Sarn Club has confirmed that the defibrillator and cabinet is for an external wall and use by the whole community, they also confirmed they'd be happy to cover the cost of the electricity. The Clerk had been in touch with Cariad in regard to getting a quote for 3 defibrillators.

Minute 61/21-22 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had responded to Cenin's request to attend a future meeting. They responded saying they have 3 projects in the SBM wards and would like to explain where these projects are and provide information to Members as well as answering any questions Members may have.

Resolved: All information was accepted and noted. The Clerk was asked to procure the work at the cemetery. To change the location for one of the defibrillator quotes from the train station to a local shop and to seek advice from SW Police on vandalism rates at the station. The Clerk was asked to invite Cenin to the November meeting to discuss their projects.

69/21-22 ITEM 6 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR AUGUST 2021

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

Resolved: The information was noted. No comments were made.

70/21-22 ITEM 7 HEDGE CUTTING

Councillor J Lewis asked if the hedgerow around both fields at the top of Queen's Avenue could be cut back over the autumn.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes and procure the work.

71/21-22 ITEM 8 BRYNCETHIN MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Councillor P Davies gave some background history and updated Members on what topics had been discussed at its first meeting.

Resolved: It was noted that the committee's next meeting would be held on 18th October and they planned to meet on the 3rd Monday of every month.

72/21-22 ITEM 9 CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2021

Resolved: Councillor Walton-Davies confirmed that arrangements have been made.

73/21-22 ITEM 10 LIBRARY SERVICES

Correspondence had been received from Awen Cultural Services which had been circulated to Members regarding a change to opening hours and if agreed, the change to the council's invoice.

Resolved: The changes were agreed and it was agreed to pay the lower invoice for the remainder of the year. The Clerk was asked to request a review of the opening hours at the end of a full year of operation.

74/21-22 ITEM 11 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments September 2021

Authorisation was requested for the September 2021 payments totaling £2,627.66. The balance carried forward to October 2021 was £94,225.58

2. External Audit

The outcome of the external audit had not been received by 30th September 2021. However, the Welsh Audit office had sent a notice for publication explaining why. The Clerk had published it on the council's website.

Resolved: The payments for authorisation for September 2021 were accepted and authorized. The information on the external audit was noted.

75/21-22 ITEM 12 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair would be made attending local remembrance services. It was not clear if there would be a service at the Memorial Hall this year.

Resolved: The information was noted

76/21-22 ITEM 13 MEMBER/WARD REPORTS

Councillor D Lewis updated Members on some referrals including pot holes and graffiti. He also gave some feedback on his discussions with BCBC officers regarding Sarn Cemetery and said there were plans to erect a fence around the skip and the earth mound. Councillor E Jones disagreed with the plans. He also gave updated on a hedge issue, better lighting at Penycae footbridge and

said he had attended licensing and planning meetings and was now able to visit and speak to constituents in person.

Councillor J Lewis said the request for V2C to provide a skip had been turned down. She also updated Members on some referrals for potholes, fly tipping to the side of Sarn Community Centre and gave a V2C update.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC about the council's concerns regarding the cemetery.

77/21-22 ITEM 14 CLERK'S REPORT

Community Gardens: The Committee have requested a meeting to discuss current issues which need council intervention.

Footpaths: The Rights of Way Manager has asked if the Clerk could help procure and project manage the work to the two footpaths at Tyn y Coed and Cwmbri previously mentioned that he had funding for.

Referred this month: Garden waste being dumped to the rear of St John's cottages leading into Heol y Mynydd.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk and Chair were asked to attend a meeting with the Community Gardens Committee. It was agreed that the Clerk could carry out the work requested by the RoW Manager and to keep a record of the time spent on the project in order for RoW to cover the cost.

78/21-22 ITEM 15 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:

- The many consultations and surveys in the correspondence this month
- The potential candidates' sessions being held by BCBC on 18th and 25th November
- A financial request from Ray of Light Wales Cancer Support
- The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report Consultation and the two main changes for T&CCs.
- The T&CC Self Evaluation Toolkit - Expression of Interest

- Request from Sgt Watts regarding Remembrance Events

Resolved: The correspondence was noted and it was agreed that the financial request would be deferred to the November meeting, that Members would respond to the IRPW consultation individually.

79/21-22 ITEM 16 PLANNING MATTERS

2 applications had been circulated in the last month and there were 2 decisions and correspondence from Planning Aid Wales. These were discussed. There were no appeals this month.

Resolved: The planning applications and decisions were discussed; An objection was raised to application number P/21/843/FUL due to insufficient information in the application and no reference to the increase in traffic this would cause nor reference to any investment earmarked in regard to the infrastructure in this area. It was agreed that the Clerk would request more information and an extension to respond to the application.

80/21-22 ITEM 17 ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

- Financial Donations
- Christmas 2021
- Cenin Renewables Presentation

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 8th November 2021 at 6.00 pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.18 pm.

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Chair of Council

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8th November 2021