

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Lewis (Chair)
P Davies
P Ford
M John
E Jones
J Lewis
D Patel
G Thomas (left at 7.38 pm)
T Thomas (from 6.16 pm)
Y Walton-Davies
M Williams (from 6.09 pm)

Apologies: Councillors M & Y Nott

Clerk: Ann Harris

Minute 81/21-22 - Apologies as above.

82/21-22 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
P Davies	89/21-22	Cwm Taff Morgannwg University Health Board	No/No
Y Walton-Davies	94/21-22	Coity Wallia Commoner	No/No
David Lewis	All relevant	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning Sarn Centre Committee Member Coity Wallia Conservators	No/No No/No No/No
Janice Lewis	All relevant	BCBC Sarn Centre Committee Member	No/No
Dhanisha Patel	All relevant	BCBC	No/No
G Thomas	All relevant 94/21-22	BCBC Chair of Coity Wallia Conservators	No/No No/No
T Thomas	All relevant	BCBC	No/No
M Williams	94/21-22	Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council	No/No

83/21-22 ITEM 3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

Resolved: The council agreed to accept the minutes of the October 2021 Ordinary Meeting held on 11th October 2021 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

84/21-22 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE OCTOBER 2021 MINUTES

Minute 67/21-22 Minutes September Meeting - Canola House

Councillor D Lewis gave an update about the company running the organization - Ty Caredig.

Minute 68/21-22 Matters Arising from the September Minutes

Drop Ker/Ramp Sarn Cemetery: the work has been completed in time for Remembrance Sunday.

Defibrillators: There had been no response from Cariad to requests to meet with the Clerk so the Clerk is pursuing other organisations. The Clerk had contacted the police to ask about vandalism at the station and gave the feedback received.

Minute 70/21-22 Hedge Cutting

Despite several attempts to contact the gardener there has been no replies; the Clerk will source a quote from another contractor.

Minute 73/21-22 Library Services

Awen had agreed the council's request to review the opening hours after a year.

Minute 77/21-22 Clerk's Report

The Clerk had met with the contractors and a BCBC Officer from the Rights of Way department to look at the two footpaths to obtain quotes. It is hoped that if the quotes are acceptable that the work will be carried out in this financial year, though it is weather dependent.

Resolved: All information was accepted and noted. It was agreed to invite a representative of Ty Caredig to a future meeting. The Clerk was asked to investigate an alternative location to the station for a defibrillator.

85/21-22 ITEM 5 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Resolved: The information was noted.

86/21-22 ITEM 6 CHRISTMAS 2021

A discussion on the advertised event on 25th November 2021 at Bryncethin took place. Councillor G Thomas asked the council to purchase 120 medium selection boxes for the event.

Councillor Y Walton-Davies said the tractors were available for a Bryncoch/Sarn event for one night, but they could not supply a Santa. This event would take place on Friday 2nd December 2021.

The Clerk informed members that the motifs erected in Bryncoch and Sarn had been erected in error as these were the old motifs. They would be replaced as soon as the new motifs arrived at Centre Great. The Clerk had asked Councillor Davies to switch on the lights of the Bryncethin Memorial Hall tree from 10th December.

Resolved: A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to purchase the 120 selection boxes for the Bryncethin event. It was agreed that selection boxes should be provided for the Bryncoch/Sarn children too and Councillor D Lewis would make enquiries about numbers

etc. and let the Clerk know.

87/21-22 ITEM 7 ALLOTMENT UPDATE

The Chair and Clerk had met with the community garden committee. Issues raised were the on-going problem with comfrey, tenant issues and rotting sleepers on some of the raised beds.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to draft a letter for the committee to send out to all tenants, to obtain a quote for the comfrey removal and replacement sleepers.

88/21-22 ITEM 8 SARN CEMETERY UPDATE

Councillors E Jones and D Lewis had met with a BCBC Officer to discuss concerns regarding the cemetery which included the permanent skip, paving stones at the end of a path, a soil mound and unsightly brambles. They updated members on the discussion. Councillor T Thomas also gave an update on a meeting he'd held at the cemetery regarding drainage issues.

Resolved: It was agreed that a bin was needed in place of a skip and the Clerk was asked to investigate this and if BCBC would empty it, that fencing could be used to screen the soil mound and the Clerk and Councillor E Jones would investigate this and Councillor D Lewis would ask BCBC for a quote for a dropped kerb.

89/21-22 ITEM 9 COMMUNITY & TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON CWM TAFF MORGANNWG UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

T&CCs in Bridgend are being given the opportunity to nominate one Councillor to represent the Sector in the UHB's area. The commitment will be for attendance at a bi-monthly meeting via Microsoft Teams on a Wednesday afternoon between 2.00 and 4.00 pm and if meetings return to face to face they will be rotated across 3 localities.

Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Councillor M Williams would apply.

90/21-22 ITEM 10 FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Two requests had been deferred in the year to this meeting, 1 from Ray of Light and 1 from Macmillan. Both had completed the council's grant application forms.

Resolved: It was agreed to donate £350 to Macmillan. The Clerk was asked to contact Ray of Light Cancer Support and ask how many residents they've helped in St Brides Minor to inform members for further consideration at the March meeting.

91/21-22 ITEM 11 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments October 2021

Authorisation was requested for the October 2021 payments totaling £6,114.00. The balance carried forward to November 2021 was £88,111.38

Resolved: **The payments for authorisation for October 2021 were accepted and authorized.**

92/21-22 ITEM 12 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair would be attending the Remembrance Service in Aberkenfig and would lay a remembrance wreath. A second wreath would be placed at Bryncethin Memorial Hall.

Resolved: **The information was noted**

93/21-22 ITEM 13 MEMBER/WARD REPORTS

Councillor G Thomas informed members that the fly tipped items had been removed from near St John's Cottages.

Councillor J Lewis updated members on why bids for traffic lights on the A4061 had been unsuccessful in the past and provided information on why the proposed pedestrian island did not go ahead. She also gave an update on Rights of Way clearance.

Councillor D Lewis gave an update on G5 telecommunication installations, an overgrown hedge on Woodlands Way, pothole issues, drainage problems near the footbridge to Penycae and a SW Police speed scoping exercise. He was also pleased that the next school governor's meeting would be face to face.

Resolved: **Councillor Y Walton-Davies was asked to let the Clerk and Councillor J Lewis know which rights of ways needed to be cleared. Councillor J Lewis would pursue information on the traffic light bids.**

94/21-22 ITEM 14 CLERK'S REPORT

Face to Face Meetings

Councillor D Lewis said that he'd made enquiries and the room at Sarn Centre is not yet available for meetings.

Pathway Behind St John's Cottages

V2C have agreed to inspect the garden waste fly tipping with a view to removal.

Note: Councillor G Thomas as Chair of the Conservators left the meeting.

Coity Wallia Board of Conservators

A letter had been received giving an update on the withdrawal of funding by BCBC some time ago. The Clerk updated members of the details - BCBC would provide £5,000 a year, Lady Dunraven £5,000 and the rest would be provided by the 4 minor authorities. This council had agreed to donate £1,250 and that money was earmarked in the reserves. The conservators now believe the scheme can be implemented in the financial year 22/23 and ask that the minor authorities make provision in their precept.

Resolved: The information was noted. It was agreed to start face-to-face meetings in January 2021 and to use Bryncethin Memorial Hall. Councillor Walton-Davies would provide a wifi facility and Councillor Davies would ensure the hall is available. It was unanimously agreed to include the £1,250 for Coity Wallia Conservators in the precept budget.

95/21-22 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:

- Active Travel Plans Consultations
- Consultation on Garw Valley 'Missing Link'
- Consultation on inquiry into second homes
- Public Hearings - Boundary Commission Wales
- Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2022

- **Resolved:** The correspondence was noted and it was agreed that the Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2022 would be included as an urgent item on the Precept Meeting agenda for December.

96/21-22 ITEM 16 PLANNING MATTERS

5 applications had been circulated in the last month and there was 1 decision and correspondence from Planning Aid Wales. An additional Planning Aid Wales email had been received after the distribution of the meeting papers and with the Chair's consent this was included. These were discussed. There were no appeals this month.

Resolved: The planning applications and decisions were discussed. Following an extension in time to respond to application number P/21/843/FUL and a request for further information a proposal was made and unanimously agreed to object on the grounds that the road infrastructure does not support the expansion of the estate and that the LDP mentions that junction 36 is to capacity and that no traffic assessment has been carried out.

97/21-22 ITEM 17 ITEMS FOR THE DECEMBER 2021 PRECEPT MEETING

- Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2022

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

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will be its Precept Meeting and will take place on Monday 13th December 2021 at 6.00 pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.46 pm.

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Chair of Council

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13th December 2021