

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2022 AT BRYNCETHIN MEMORIAL HALL AND VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Lewis (Chair)

P Davies
P Ford
M John (via zoom)
E Jones
J Lewis
M Nott (via zoom)
Y Nott (via zoom)
D Patel (via zoom)
G Thomas (via zoom)
T Thomas (via zoom from 6.36pm)
Y Walton-Davies
M Williams (via zoom)

Clerk: Ann Harris

Minute 123/21-22 - Apologies as above.

124/21-22 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Mark John	126/21-22	Community Gardens	No/No
David Lewis	All relevant incl.	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
Mel Nott	126/21-22	Community Gardens	No/No
Yvonne Nott	127/21-22	Sarn Centre Committee Member	No/No
Dhanisha Patel	All relevant	BCBC incl. library services	No/No

125/21-22 ITEM 3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2022 ORDINARY MEETING

Resolved: The council agreed to accept the minutes of the January 2022 Ordinary Meeting held on 10th January 2022 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

126/21-22 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 2022 MINUTES

Minute 112/21-22 Matters Arising from the December 2021 Minutes

Comfrey Treatment: this needs 12 hours of day light and no rain for 5 hours before so that it can be sprayed, so it hasn't been done yet as the gardener is waiting for the right conditions.

Raised Bed Sleepers: The gardener is still unable to quote and needs further access to the gardens. The Clerk had also contacted another contractor for a quote due to the length of time being taken to provide the initial quote.

Selection Boxes: It was confirmed that the left over Christmas selection boxes had now been distributed as agreed.

Minute 121/21-22 Planning

The Clerk informed Members that more time had been granted to consider P/21/843/FUL, but the council must respond the day after the council meeting by 15th February 2022.

Cllr J Lewis - updated Members on the matters of the pedestrian island and cattle grid. A Highways Report would be needed before an application for funding could be made for the island and the

cattle grid issue had been reviewed by the commoners and is part of a WG review and it is anticipated that it will be a number of months before it is completed.

Resolved: All information was noted

127/21-22 ITEM 5 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM CENIN

The Chair welcomed Martin Popham and Jessica King from Cenin Renewables. Their brochure was provided for Members to see. Martin Popham introduced himself and Jessica and explained a little about their projects in the St Brides Minor area, which included solar and wind energy. The purpose of their attendance was to introduce themselves, to try and understand local issues prior to pre-consultation. Questions were asked and answered.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Clerk and Jessica would arrange a visit for Members to the wind turbine at Stormy Down.

128/21-22 ITEM 6 TO RECEIVE EMMA DAVIES, SARN LIBRARY

The Chair welcomed Emma Davies from Sarn Library a service provided by Awen Cultural Trust. Emma Davies introduced herself and explained why she'd requested a slot at the meeting which was to find out what services Members would like to see being provided at the library. Questions were asked and answered.

In addition, the Clerk gave an update on feedback from Richard Bellinger at Awen following a pre-covid presentation to the council.

Resolved: Amongst the ideas given to Emma were access to archive and a workshop on how to search for information including local history, the need to advertise the library clearly with a proper sign on the roadside front of the building, how to encourage children to read. It was agreed that Emma would look into the policy on under 8's to be accompanied by an adult and the idea of a film night which Aberkenfig and Pencoed libraries hold.

129/21-22 ITEM 7 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021

The crime figures for both months had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

Resolved: It was noted that the crimes and numbers were similar in both months.

130/21-22 ITEM 8 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

The Clerk confirmed that the flower beds would contain red, white and blue flowers in the summer and that those colours would be used in the baskets although other colours would be used too.

Several ideas were discussed involving the local schools, tree planting etc.

The Clerk had looked into the funding available for Jubilee projects and shared the criteria and some restrictions.

Resolved: School governor representatives would make enquiries with the local primary schools regarding their plans. Councillor D Lewis would be attending a meeting with Sarn Club regarding their plans.

131/21-22 ITEM 9 BLACKMILL ROAD

Councillor M John raised road safety issues on Blackmill Road which is impossible to cross. Included in the discussions were a speed limit reduction to 20mph, a pedestrian island for safe crossing, the need for traffic data, pollution, double yellow lines, a road traffic incident outside Bryncethin Primary School, PCSOs to visit the school area at the start and end of the school day when traffic is at its busiest.

Resolved: It was agreed that Councillor Davies would share the traffic data he has with all Members, to invite SW Police to a future meeting and ask them to bring data on accidents around the school.

132/21-22 ITEM 10 LITTER

Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the March 2022 meeting to give it just discussion and consideration.

Resolved: This was agreed.

133/21-22 ITEM 11 TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2022/23

Members had been asked to consider ideas for applying to this fund for discussion at this meeting.

Resolved: No ideas which met the fund criteria were suggested.

134/21-22 ITEM 12 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments January 2022

Authorisation was requested for the January 2022 payments totaling £32,071.41. The balance carried forward to February 2022 was £48,884.94.

2. Income

Income of £38.26 from the Swansea Building Society had been received.

3. External Audit

An unqualified audit with no matters of concern or issues raised had been received and the accompanying papers circulated to Members.

Resolved: The payments for authorisation for January 2022 were accepted and authorized. The interest income received was noted. The conclusion of audit was accepted and approved. The Clerk was asked to publish the conclusion of audit and it was unanimously agreed that no charge would be made for requests for paper copies of the conclusion.

135/21-22 ITEM 13 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair said it was nice to be able to meet face-to-face. He had attended meetings of the Coity Wallia Conservators as a borough representative and a governors' meeting at Bryncethin Primary School where attendance is at its highest since 2017. He gave an update on additional works in the wards including a sign saying 'children' near the Flying Start nursery, a speed warning sign and more dropped kerbs may be added on Heol Canola.

He gave an update on the teddy memorial and reminded Members of the need for all to be sensitive at this time.

The need for a section of the rubberized matting at Heol y Mynydd had been referred to V2C and would be referred to BCBC too.

Resolved: The information was noted.

136/21-22 ITEM 14 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS

Councillor G Thomas had also attended a governors' meeting at Bryncethin Primary School and Coity Wallia Conservators as Chair and borough member. He said Cenin had also given an informative presentation to the Conservators.

Councillor J Lewis had attended many meetings including meetings with adult services and regarding accidents on the A4061.

Councillor M Williams had attended as the council's One Voice Wales representative on their area committee meeting with information from Local Places of Nature, the Heritage Fund, Swift boxes, information on a digital hub and promotional videos to inspire counsellors as well as the July Conference.

Councillor P Davies had attended as the council's representative on the Town & Community Council Forum at BCBC. Items included the next year's financial challenge and the success of asset transfers. Bryncethin Community Centre was discussed as an exemplar.

Resolved: All information was noted.

137/21-22 ITEM 15 CLERK'S REPORT

Hedge Cutting Heol Canola:

A quote has now been obtained for £550. The hedges will be shaped back to fence line on the fence side, cut back square on the other and the height reduced to approx 6-8ft. All the waste will be removed and disposed of at a composting facility.

Tree Copse Cutting Heol Canola:

The Clerk had requested a to quote for this work.

Sarn Cemetery:

Following the Council's request that Councillor Jones and the Clerk sort out the fencing around the skip and other issues at the cemetery, they met with the Head of Open Spaces at BCBC. Following that meeting the following confirmation had been received from BCBC:

- The skip will remain in its current position, if in future BCBC develop the extension area, a purpose built skip area will be designed into the proposals as discussed.
- Occasionally have a sweeper sweep the road to the skip
- Have a look at installing a fence / gates to provide more cover for the skip area
- Arrange to drop the curbs where footpaths meet the road to improve the wheelchair access.
- Look at mowing the extension area - this will be subject to any ecological assessment of the site

Footpath Work Clos Tyn y Coed:

This is progressing well and should be completed the week ending 4th March 2022.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party:

At Councillor John's recommendation an application for Councillor Tim Thomas to attend has been submitted for consideration.

Future Meetings:

The Clerk asked Members to let her know two days prior to future meetings if they are attending via zoom.

Meetings will revert to being held in Sarn Centre and via Zoom from next month.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote for hedge/tree cutting and the Clerk was asked to organize the work.

138/21-22 ITEM 16 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members.

The Clerk drew Members' attention to the following:

- Training January, February, March 2022
- Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024 - Pre Consultation
- Consultation event ref. Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr
- Support to engage people to share their views on NHS services within the Community Health Council
- Annual renewal, confirmation of payment and certificate
- Information on Funding Day
- 2 requests for financial support from Bridgend Carers Centre and Noah's Ark Children's Hospital
- Royal British Legion - Plant a Tree for the Jubilee
- Report on Section 47 Multi Location Meetings
- Welsh Government Consultation on how to measure the inclusion of migrants in Wales
- Older People's Commissioner Wales Opportunities and Events
- Nature and Us - the national conservation about Wales' natural conservation
- Temporary Road Traffic Order (Wigan Terrace, Ogmores Terrace and un-named roads)

Resolved: The correspondence was noted and it was agreed to defer the two financial requests to the March meeting.

139/21-22 ITEM 17 PLANNING MATTERS

4 applications had been circulated in the last month and there was 4 decision and no appeal and correspondence from Planning Aid Wales.

Resolved: The planning documents were discussed including P/21/843/FUL. The Clerk was asked to reiterate the original objections.

140/21-22 ITEM 18 ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 2022 ORDINARY MEETING

- Financial Requests Deferred since November 2021.
- Litter (PD)

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 be the Ordinary March Meeting and will take place on Monday 14th March 2022 at 6.00 pm at Sarn Centre and/or via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.48 pm.

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Chair of Council

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14th March 2022