

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10TH JANUARY 2022 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Lewis (Chair)
P Davies
M John
E Jones
J Lewis
M Nott
Y Nott
D Patel
T Thomas
Y Walton-Davies
M Williams (from 6.25 pm)

Apologies: Councillor P Ford

No Apologies: Councillor G Thomas

Clerk: Ann Harris

Minute 109/21-22 - Apologies as above.

110/21-22 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Paul Davies	121/21-22	Planning Application P/21/370/OUT	Yes/No
Mark John	112/21-22	Community Gardens	Yes/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	121/21-22	Community Gardens	No/No
Yvonne Nott	112/21-22	Sarn Centre Committee Member	No/No
Dhanisha Patel	All relevant	BCBC	No/No

111/21-22 ITEM 3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2021 PRECEPT MEETING

Resolved: The council agreed to accept the minutes of the December 2021 Precept Meeting held on 13th December 2021 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

112/21-22 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 2021 MINUTES

Minute 101/21-22 Matters Arising from the November Minutes

Hedge Cutting Canola - the Clerk was still trying to obtain a quote for the hedge and also the small copse of trees on the edge of the common off Heol Canola, which is the council's responsibility.

Spare selection boxes - no replies before Christmas.

Comfrey and Raised Beds - a quote of £185 had been received for the comfrey treatment/removal. The contractor was having difficulty getting quotes for the wood for the raised beds and will continue to pursue.

Cemetery - still waiting on a response from BCBC. Councillor D Lewis was also waiting on a response regarding the dropped kerb.

Ray of Light - no response received from this organisation regarding the council's request for numbers helped in the 3 wards.

Minute 102/21-22 Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2022

No nominations received to put forward.

Minute 103/21-22 To Set the Precept for 2022/23

Precept - requested from BCBC and acknowledgement of request received.

Library - Information ref. footfall at the library recirculated to Members. Asked Richard regarding plans for promotion.

Minute 105/21-22 Clerk's Report

Cattle Grid Removal - Councillor J Lewis has made a referral to the SW Trunk Road Agent.

Resolved: All information was noted. The quote for the comfrey treatment/removal was accepted and the Clerk was authorized for the work to be carried out. Councillor M John suggested a local supplier to try for the raised bed sleepers. Councillor D Lewis will take the spare selection boxes to the Food Bank. It was agreed that the financial request from Ray of Light would be deferred to the March meeting, giving the charity time to respond to the council's request regarding numbers.

113/21-22 ITEM 5 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 2021

It was noted that around 50% of the crime in Sarn is associated with McArthur Glen and the petrol station at Sarn Services.

It was also noted that there was an ASBO on the Green in Sarn. There had previously been issues in this area and the benches had been removed. The benches have now been reinstalled and it was agreed that Members should keep a watchful eye in this area to see if crime rises.

Resolved: The information was noted.

114/21-22 ITEM 6 CHRISTMAS 2022

Provision and dates for Christmas 2022 were discussed.

Resolved: The Clerk was given authority to purchase more motifs/lights for Sarn and Bryncoch in line with the budget set in the precept to make the most of any sale purchases early in the year. It was also unanimously agreed that the Clerk would co-ordinate the Christmas 2022 provision and decide on lighting up dates.

115/21-22 ITEM 7 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

The Clerk had circulated a few documents regarding the jubilee. The Clerk would investigate any possible funding available and the Green Canopy scheme would be discussed further.

Resolved: This item would be included again on the February 2022 agenda. Members were asked to consider possible events and bring those ideas to the February meeting. The Clerk was asked to see if all flower beds could be filled with red, white and blue flowers.

116/21-22 ITEM 8 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments December 2021

Authorisation was requested for the December 2021 payments totaling £1,003.62. The balance carried forward to January 2022 was £80,918.09.

Resolved: The payments for authorisation for December 2021 were accepted and authorized. It was noted that no income had been received in the month and that no conclusion of audit had been received to date.

117/21-22 ITEM 9 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Santa for Sarn event had been a success. 61 selection boxes had been handed out to the children on the night.

Resolved: The information was noted.

118/21-22 ITEM 10 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS

Councillor J Lewis gave an update which included a planning application stated as Ynysawdre but it is Bryncoch, footpath inspections, issues with railings and lighting at Tyn y Coed Close, CCTV provision and flooding by the Royal Oak traffic lights.

Resolved: All information was noted.

119/21-22 ITEM 11 CLERK'S REPORT

Memorial - Logan Mwangi

Councillor T Thomas would chase up a response from the family liaison officer.

Footpaths

Work on the Tyn y Coed footpath is due to start in the next two weeks. The quote for the footpath at Cwmeri had been received but had not yet been accepted by BCBC.

Library

Closed today and tomorrow and they are looking at what services they can offer as the librarian will be a lone worker in a large complex building.

Resolved: The information was noted.

120/21-22 ITEM 12 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members.

The Clerk drew Members' attention to the following:

- T&CC Fund 2022/23 - deadline for applications 28th February 2022
- Welsh Government Councillor Remuneration and Citizen Engagement in Wales - reports

Resolved: The correspondence was noted and it was agreed that Members would look at the criteria for the T&CC Fund and bring any possible projects to the February meeting for discussion. The item would be included on the February agenda.

121/21-22 ITEM 13 PLANNING MATTERS

4 applications had been circulated in the last month and there was 1 decision and 1 appeal and correspondence from Planning Aid Wales.

Resolved: The planning documents were discussed.

It was agreed to request more time to consider P/21/843/FUL and that the Clerk would ask for all documents to be forwarded to her as there is an issue with the planning portal. Councillor J Lewis would make enquiries about funding for a pedestrian island.

122/21-22 ITEM 14 ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2022 ORDINARY MEETING

- Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Town & Community Council Fund
- Litter

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 February Meeting and will take place on Monday 14th February 2022 at 6.00 pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 6.53 pm.

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Chair of Council

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14th February 2022