

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022 AT SARN LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Lewis (Chair)

P Davies
M John (via zoom left the meeting at 6.20 pm and returned at 6.50 pm then left at 7.44 pm)
J Lewis
M Nott
Y Nott
T Thomas (via zoom from 6.36pm)
Y Walton-Davies (from 6.20 pm)
M Williams (via zoom)

Apologies: Councillors P Ford, E Jones, D Patel & G Thomas

Clerk: Ann Harris

Minute 141/21-22 - Apologies as above.

142/21-22 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Mark John	145/21-22 157/21-22	Community Gardens Planning Application P/22/80/FUL	No/No No/No
David Lewis	All relevant incl. 145/21-22 147 & 155/21- 22	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning Sarn Centre Committee Member Coity Wallia Conservators	No/No No/No No/No
Janice Lewis	All relevant 145/21-22 150/21-22	BCBC Sarn Centre Committee Member Deferred Financial Requests - Bridgend Carers Centre	No/No No/No No/No
Mel Nott	145/21-22	Community Gardens	No/No
Yvonne Nott	145/21-22	Sarn Centre Committee Member	No/No
T Thomas	All relevant	BCBC	No/No

143/21-22 ITEM 3 TO RECEIVE MARK HOLMES RE. ACTIVITY SCHEME 2022

The Chair welcomed Mark Holmes to the meeting. Mark has previously provided a children's activity scheme for over 8s for the council during school holidays. He was invited to the meeting to explain to Members what scheme of activities could be offered for 2022 now that covid restrictions had been lifted. The scheme was discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed to go ahead with the scheme in 2022 for two days per week, 1 in Sarn/Bryncoch and 1 in Bryncethin. The scheme would run in the Easter, Whitsun, Summer and the autumn half term break and would cost £4,000. It was agreed to increase the budget from £3,000 to £4,000 from general reserves.

144/21-22 ITEM 4 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2022 ORDINARY MEETING

The minutes of the February 2022 Ordinary Meeting dated 14th March had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

Resolved: The council agreed to accept the minutes of the February 2022 Ordinary Meeting held on 14th March 2022 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

145/21-22 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 2022 MINUTES

Minute 126/21-22 Matters Arising from the January 2022 Minutes:

The Clerk informed Members that she had a site meeting the following day to obtain a quote from another contractor for the raised bed repairs in the allotment gardens.

Minute 127/21-22 To Receive Representatives from Cenin:

The Clerk had been in touch with Jessica King and they had some provisional dates to visit the wind turbine for Members to consider. 6 pm or 6.30 pm was the suggested time and this was agreed. The dates offered were 5th April, 7th April, 12th April and 14th April.

Minute 128/21-22 Receive Emma Davies, Sarn Library:

Councillor E Jones had made enquiries about the age limit for unaccompanied children to the library and it had been suggested to her that Social Services decide on access to the library. As regards the film equipment it costs £300 to install.

Minute 130/21-22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022:

The Chair of Sarn Club had requested to attend the next meeting to inform Members of their plans for the jubilee celebrations.

Councillor Jones had made a request to discuss tree planting at the next opportunity.

The primary schools have not yet made decisions on how they will mark the event.

Minute 137/21-22 Clerk's Report:

The hedge cutting at Heol Canola had been completed and Councillor J Lewis said how well the contractor had cleaned up afterwards.

The Clerk informed Members that she has a site visit with a tree surgeon the following day to look at the work needed to the small copse on Heol Canola.

The Clerk informed Members that the footpath work at Parc Tyn y Coed had been completed and that it would be laid to tarmac in the next week.

Minute 139/21-22 Planning:

The Clerk confirmed that she'd reiterated the council's objections.

Resolved: All information was noted. The Clerk would circulate the provisional dates for the Wind Turbine visit to all Members. It was agreed to put the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the April agenda.

146/21-22 ITEM 6 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF SW POLICE AND RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR JANUARY 2022

The crime figures for January 2022 had been circulated with the meeting papers. Unfortunately a representative of SW Police had not been able to attend but would attend in April 2022.

Resolved: It was noted that 22 incidents out of the 28 reported for Sarn had taken place at McArthur Glen and not within the residential community of Sarn.

147/21-22 ITEM 7 LITTER

Councillor P Davies raised his concerns about the pedestrian littering, vehicular littering and fly tipping in the area; the main type being from fast food outlets. Hot spots were the common towards Heol y Cyw, Heol Spencer leading to Heol Hopcyn John, the layby just off the M4 junction on the A4061, Sarn Hill and the road off Sarn bypass towards the Tyrisha. He said there are no scheduled litter picks by the local authority and no scheduled road cleaning. There is also a lack of signage. It was noted that there is a litter picking group from Clos Tyn y Coed. These matters were discussed and several suggestions made including the slow roll out of the promised number plate information to be written on fast food outlet packaging and Councillor T Thomas informed Members of a NRW initiative regarding fly tipping.

Resolved: Councillor Davies would provide the Clerk with the food outlet mission statements regarding litter. The Clerk was asked to invite BCBC Officer, Joanne Choat, to the next meeting to clarify the red back collections, when the council's Love It, Don't Trash it scheme will be rolled out to the primary school and to hear what the council can do to assist with the problem. The Coity Wallia Conservator representatives would raise the council's concerns at their next meeting including the possible use of cameras on the common.

148/21-22 ITEM 8 UKRAINE CRISIS

Councillor T Thomas requested this item on the agenda, but since requesting this item a DEC collection had been set up by the UK Government whereby donations received are match funded by the government.

Resolved: The information was noted.

149/21-22 ITEM 9 ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

The Clerk informed Members that from this year going forward it will be an annual requirement for all T&CCs to publish an Annual Report. The first one is due to be published as near to 1st April 2022 as possible.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Clerk would write a draft to be discussed at the April 2022 meeting for publication as close to the meeting date as possible.

150/21-22 ITEM 10 FINANCIAL REQUESTS DEFERRED SINCE NOVEMBER 2021

The Clerk had sent out a summary and copies of the deferred financial requests received since November 2021. There were 10 for consideration and all were discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed to donate £50 to Cancer Information & Support Services, £41 to Marie Curie Cancer Care, £100 to Noah's Ark Children's Hospital, £100 to Children's Wales Air Ambulance, £100 to Bridgend Carers Centre, to not donate to Bridgend Country Show in this instance but to find out where it is being held and consider inviting them to a future meeting and to donate up to £600 to Sarn Club for the defibrillator cabinet. The Clerk would contact the Club to find out the exact cost of the cabinet and make the appropriate donation.

151/21-22 ITEM 11 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS UPDATE

It is good practice to review regulations regularly and these were discussed.

Resolved: The regulations were accepted and approved.

152/21-22 ITEM 12 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments February 2022

Authorisation was requested for the February 2022 payments totaling £12,204.92. The balance carried forward to March 2022 was £36,680.02.

Resolved: The payments for authorisation for February 2022 were accepted and authorized.

153/21-22 ITEM 13 CHAIR'S REPORT

Councillor D Lewis explained the reasons behind the actions taken at the memorial.

Resolved: The information was noted.

154/21-22 ITEM 14 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS

Councillor D Lewis gave an update which included repairs to highways, potholes, lighting issues, fly tipping near the M4 junction and on Heol Spencer, empty property in a dangerous condition, litter bins, bus shelter graffiti and restrictions being lifted at Sarn Centre by Adult Services. Amongst the many meetings he'd attended in the month was a Coity Wallia Conservators meeting and a Shared Regulatory Services meeting at the Vale of Glamorgan council offices.

Councillor J Lewis gave an update which included continued littering next to Sarn Centre on Jubilee Crescent, an update on pedestrian railings and the play area location at Parc Tyn y Coed, flooding on the A4061, pothole repairs and vehicle issues. Amongst the many meetings she'd attended in the month were council meetings, meeting with the Chair of Sarn Club and licensing meetings.

Councillor P Davies raised concerns that the white lines at Merfield Close had still not been painted.

Councillor M Williams had represented the council at the One Voice Wales Larger Council's meeting. An interesting point raised at the meeting is that an asset transfer of 35 years is not best practice and asset transfers should be freehold. He informed Members that the Innovative Practice Conference will be held in Builth Wells in July.

Resolved: All information was noted. The Clerk was asked to chase up V2C regarding the line painting at Merfield Close.

155/21-22 ITEM 15 CLERK'S REPORT

Coity Wallia Conservators:

Had informed the Clerk that £4,000 had been spent on the land associated with the council's wards in the last year.

Election Nomination Packs:

The Clerk reminded Members that they need to complete the forms she'd circulated if they are standing for re-election in May. The closing date is 5th April 2022.

Leave:

The Clerk reminded Members of her leave dates for the remainder of the year.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted.

156/21-22 ITEM 16 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members.

The Clerk drew Members' attention to the following:

- One Voice Wales Annual Renewal Membership letter and Invoice (due 1st April 2022)
- IRPW Report February 2022 - which has changes for T&CCs for consideration and implementation in 2022/23.
- Notice of postponement of works to Wigan Terrace, Ogmores Terrace and un-named roads
- Financial requests from the Bridgend Country Show, Sarn Club and the Llangollen International Eisteddfod - which had been included in item 10 on the agenda.
- BAVO request to display poster.
- Anne Robson Trust request to display poster
- SLCC - National Salary Award for Clerks from April 2021

Resolved: The correspondence was noted and it was agreed to renew the One Voice Wales Membership (7 Members voted in favour and 2 abstained from the vote). The IRPW report would be included on the May 2022 agenda, the poster requests would be published on the council's website and the SLCC national salary award backdated to 1st April 2021 for Clerk's was noted and approved in line with her contract of employment.

157/21-22 ITEM 17 PLANNING MATTERS

Note: Councillor M John had declared an interest in P/22/80/FUL and was not present for the discussion or the item. He left the meeting at 7.44 pm.

4 applications had been circulated in the last month; there were no decisions and no appeals and one item of correspondence from Planning Aid Wales.

Resolved: The planning documents were discussed, there were no objections to the planning applications.

158/21-22 ITEM 18 ITEMS FOR THE APRIL 2022 ORDINARY MEETING

- Draft Annual Report 2021/22
- Queen’s Jubilee including Chair of Sarn Club and Tree Planting
- Representative SW Police and February 2022 Crime Figures

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 April Meeting and will take place on Monday 11th April 2022 at 6.00 pm at Sarn Centre and/or via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.54 pm.

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Chair of Council

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11th April 2022