

## ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



### MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 AT SARN LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

#### **PRESENT:**

Councillors:	D Lewis (Chair)  P Ford E Jones M John (via zoom) J Lewis M Nott Y Nott G Thomas (left at 7.00 pm) Y Walton-Davies M Williams (via zoom)
Apologies:	Councillors P Davies, D Patel & T Thomas
Clerk:	Ann Harris

Minute 159/21-22 - Apologies as above.

## 160/21-22 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Mark John	162/21-22 & 166/21-22	Community Gardens	No/No
David Lewis	All relevant incl. 166/21-22	BCBC - incl. Development Control & Planning Coity Wallia Conservators	No/No No/No
Janice Lewis	All relevant	BCBC Sarn Centre Committee Member Deferred Financial Requests - Bridgend Carers Centre	No/No No/No No/No
Mel Nott	162/21-22 & 166/21-22	Community Gardens	No/No
G Thomas	All relevant	BCBC	No/No
M Williams	166/21-22	Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council	No/No

## 161/21-22 ITEM 3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2022 ORDINARY MEETING

The minutes of the March 2022 Ordinary Meeting dated 14<sup>th</sup> March had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

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

## 162/21-22 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FEBRUARY 2022 MINUTES

### Minute 143/21-22 To Receive Mark Holmes Ref. Activity Scheme

The Clerk had booked Mark Holmes for two sessions from 12 - 2 pm each week during the Whitsun, Summer and Autumn school holidays. It had not been possible for Mark to accommodate an Easter activity scheme due to his other work commitments. The scheme is for 8+ year olds but under 8s can attend if accompanied by an adult. The scheme will run on a Monday in Sarn/Bryncoch and on a Thursday in Bryncethin.

### Minute 145/21-22 To Consider Matters Arising from the January 2022 Minutes

**Allotment Gardens:** A quote for the raised beds has been received from the new contractor of £780 per plot x 54 = £42,120.

**Cenin Renewables:** Due to the local elections in May the Clerk had suggested to Cenin that a visit to the wind turbine at Stormy Down would be best held after May.

**Clerk's Report:** A quote has been obtained from the tree surgeon for the copse on Heol Canola. Three options had been given of £600, £1,100 and £1,250. The surgeon did not recommend option 2 of a reduction of all trees in group by 40 - 50%. He did recommend that part of option 1 which is to remove a conifer damaged by fire at its base and this should be carried out as the tree may fall if the work isn't carried out.

**Footpath Clos Tyn y Coed:** The Clerk informed members that the work is complete and has been signed off by the Rights of Way department. At a recent site visit with Andrew Mason and the contractor, Andrew asked them to provide a quote for further work to the path from the wooden bridge up the steps to the main road. This has been provided and once Andrew is aware of the internal and Welsh Government grant funding available to him, he will decide if the work can go ahead. This also applies to the quote for the work from the top of Heol Spencer to Cwmbéri cottages.

#### **Minute 147/21-22 Litter**

The Mission Statements from the food outlets at McArthur Glen had not been provided by Councillor Davies for circulation to Members. BCBC Officer, Joanne Choat, had been invited to the meeting, but declined due to purdah. She has now been invited to the June meeting, though she is yet to accept.

#### **Minute 150/21-22 Deferred Financial Donations 2021/22**

The contribution towards the Sarn Club defibrillator cabinet was £456.71.

#### **Minute 154/21-22 Members/Ward Reports**

The Clerk had contacted the V2C estates manager for an update on the line painting and he said he had been waiting to hear from BCBC as part of that road is adopted and part unadopted. The Clerk would continue to chase a response.

**Resolved:** All information and action of the Clerk was noted. It was suggested that a site meeting should be held at the Allotment Gardens to look at the scale of the problem and that the new council in May should discuss this further. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote for option 1 from the tree surgeon at a cost of £600. The Clerk was asked to email everyone a list of the activity scheme dates.

#### **163/21-22 ITEM 5 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF SW POLICE AND RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 2022**

The crime figures graph for February 2022 had been circulated with the meeting papers. It had not been possible to provide a narrative due to a problem on the Police UK website. Unfortunately, no

representative of SW Police was present. A table showing the March crimes had been provided by SW Police

**Resolved:** The figures were noted.

164/21-22 **ITEM 6 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE INCLUDING ATTENDANCE OF THE CHAIR OF SARN CLUB**

This item had not been discussed as the Chair of Sarn Club was not present.

**Resolved:** Noted.

165/21-22 **ITEM 7 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

The Clerk had drafted a report for discussion.

**Resolved:** The report was accepted and would be published on the council's website.

166/21-22 **ITEM 8 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

**1. Payments March 2022**

Authorisation was requested for the March 2022 payments totaling £68,352.09. The unaudited balance carried forward to April 2022 was £24,917.13

**2. Income**

Allotment Garden rental income of £322 had been received.

**3. Reclaims**

Repayments of £22,017.60 and £34,249.60 from BCBC for payments part 1 and 2 of the footpath work at Parc Tyn y Coed. However, BCBC have made an error in the smaller repayment which the Clerk was sorting out with the budget manager. A 3<sup>rd</sup> and final payment would be made shortly minus the £6,250 ear marked by the Community Council for the project.

A VAT reclaim of £10,521.62 for 2021/22 and £11.58 for 2020/21 had been made.

#### 4. Budget Lines

Some of the budget lines show slight overspends and these were explained by the Clerk.

**Resolved:** The payments for authorisation for March 2022 were accepted and authorized. All other information was noted.

#### **167/21-22 ITEM 9 CHAIR'S REPORT**

Councillor D Lewis gave an update which included issues with traffic obstructions, working with Shared Regulatory Services and V2C regarding two houses in Sarn, his attendance at licensing meetings and of planning meetings to come. He wished to note his disappointment with some of the comments serving councillors are receiving via social media. He thanked Members for their support in his time as Chair and said he thought Members from all parties had worked well together.

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

#### **168/21-22 ITEM 10 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS**

Councillor G Thomas said he'd attended 5 planning meetings and that this would be his last Community Council meeting.

Councillor J Lewis updated Members on issues with flue tipping, the bin overflowing outside Bryncethin School, a burnt-out car and thanked everyone for their support and kind words. She too highlighted the problem with comments via social media, email and by phone.

Councillors Yvonne Walton-Davies, Mark John, Martin Williams and Mel Nott thanked all Members for their contributions to the Community Council. The Clerk was also thanked for her work and support.

**Resolved:** All information was noted.

#### **169/21-22 ITEM 11 CLERK'S REPORT**

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party:** Councillor Tim Thomas' nomination had not been successful on this occasion.

**Planter Wigan Terrace:** This needs repair and the Clerk had asked the contractor to quote for a repair. Councillor G Thomas suggested that the new council may wish to replace it with a 3-tier planter.

**Grass Cutting:** The Clerk asked if Members wished to continue with the grass cutting contractor in 2022/23? The costs had remained the same over recent years, but this year there would be an overall increase in cost of £381.

**Fence Heol Canola:** It was noted that the contractor had repaired the damage fence on Heol Canola.

**Resolved:** The information and action of the Clerk was noted. It was unanimously agreed to accept the contractor's quote for grass cutting in 2022/23.

#### **170/21-22 ITEM 12 CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members.

The Clerk drew Members' attention to the following:

- Annual Insurance Renewal
- Email of thanks for a donation to Marie Curie
- Email of thanks for a donation of the cost of the defibrillator cabinet from Sarn Club

**Resolved:** The correspondence was noted.

**Note:** Councillor G Thomas left the meeting at 7.00 pm

#### **171/21-22 ITEM 13 PLANNING MATTERS**

2 applications had been circulated in the last month; there were 3 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, but the Clerk was asked to make comments on planning application P/22/168/FUL regarding bin and recycling provision, likely noise late at night, likely littering as people discard their take away food containers on their way home.

**172/21-22 ITEM 14 ITEMS FOR THE MAY 2022 ORDINARY MEETING**

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 Annual Meeting followed by Ordinary May Meeting and will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6.00 pm at Sarn Centre and/or via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm

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**Chair of Council**

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**9<sup>th</sup> May 2022**