

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 2022 AT SARN LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Councillor M Williams (Chair)

E Davies (via zoom)
P Ford (via zoom)
M John
D McConnell (from 6.15 pm)
S Morgan
T Thomas
L Thorne
B Tiltman
Y Walton-Davies

Clerk: Ann Harris

Minute 108/22-23 - Councillors Rob Teahan-Dyer, Elaine Jones and Terry Nicholls

109/22-23 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	111 & 112/22-23	Employee Awen Cultural Trust - Library Services at Sarn Centre	No/No
Mark John	All relevant including Development Control 113/22-23	All BCBC Matters Community Garden Tenant	No/No No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant Any relevant Incl.	All BCBC Matters	No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant incl. Development Control 113/22-23	All BCBC Matters	No/No

110/22-23 ITEM 3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2022 ORDINARY AND MEETING

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

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

111 /22-23 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 2022 MINUTES**Ordinary Meeting:****Minute 91/22-23 Matters Arising from the October 2022 Minutes**

Planter Wigan Terrace: this is now complete.

Memorial Bench: the Clerk updated Members on the land registry search carried out.

Climate Change/Highways: the Clerk reminded Councillors Thomas and Walton-Davies that she still required the information to draft a letter to the MP/AM etc.

NOTE: Councillor Emma Davies left the meeting for the next item.

Minute 96/22-23 Library Services

Councillor Martin Williams gave an update on recent meetings held regarding the library costs.

Minute 104/22-23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk had not yet received a response from BCBC to Councillor Tiltman's enquiry regarding speed limit changes on the common.

The Clerk had carried out land registry searches on Y Cymdda and land off Heol Canola and gave an update of her findings.

Resolved: All information and action of the Clerk was noted. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the sides of the new planter at Wigan Terrace to be planted. The Clerk was asked to obtain advice on running costs.

NOTE: Councillor Emma Davies did not take part in any discussion on library services during The precept budget setting.

112/22-23 ITEM 5 PRECEPT BUDGET 2023/24

Councillor Mark John as Chair of Finance ran through the draft precept budget prepared by the Finance Committee.

Each budget line was discussed and some amendments made. It was agreed to build the budget for a MUGA year on year, but in the meantime to apply for any grant funding that might be suitable for the project.

Resolved: It was unanimously resolved to request a precept budget of £61,957 for 2023/24.

NOTE: Councillors Mark John and Martin Williams left the room and did not take part in the next item. Councillor Bernard Tiltman chaired this item.

113/22-23 ITEM 6 CONSULTATIONS

There were lots of concerns regarding recent pre-planning consultations and many Members planned to attend a drop in consultation to ask questions on safety and highways.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that a telephone conference call would be held on 3rd January 2023 in order for Members to discuss the proposed hybont planning application and to plan a response which is due before the January meeting. Members were asked to send their comments to the Clerk in advance of that conference call.

114/22-23 ITEM 7 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments November 2022

Authorisation was requested for the November 2022 payments of £4,278.73. The balance carried forward to December 2022 was £77,158.13.

2. Income

There was no income in the month.

3. 2021/2022 Audit

No conclusion had been received to date.

Resolved: The payments for authorisation for November were accepted and authorized.

115/22-23 ITEM 8 CHAIR'S REPORT

Resolved: There was nothing to report.

116/22-23 ITEM 9 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Mark John updated Members on some on-going issues including issues with pot holes, V2C repairs etc.

Councillor Paula Ford updated Members on matters regarding the solar farm, hybont project and parking.

Councillor Tim Thomas said homeless issues were increasing.

Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies had attended the T&CC Forum where amongst other matters the 20mph speed limit was discussed.

Resolved: All information was noted.

117/22-23 ITEM 10 CLERK'S REPORT

Biodiversity Report:

It had not been possible to draft the update , it would be drafted in January.

Christmas:

There had been no-one present at the Christmas switch on at Sarn Centre. Consideration needs to be given next year to either put an event on or not have the lights switched on at a cost. Councillors were pleased with the additional Christmas motifs in Sarn/Bryncoch.

Leave:

The Clerk reminded Councillors of her forthcoming leave.

Bench Jubilee Crescent:

The Clerk confirmed that a licence was not needed to replace the bench in Jubilee Crescent as it is a like for like replacement.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was accepted. The Clerk was asked to request a grit bin on Davies Avenue, near the steps to Williams Crescent. Authority was given for the Clerk to purchase a bench and arrange its installation. The Clerk was asked to purchase small signs to put on items supplied by the Community Council.

118/22-23 ITEM 11 ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 2023 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 take place on Monday 9TH January 2023 at 6.00 pm at Sarn Centre and/or via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 6.58 pm

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Chair of Council

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9th January 2023