

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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

PRESENT: Councillor M Williams (Chair) (from 6.04 pm)

E Davies
R Teahan-Dyer
P Ford (from 6.10 pm)
M John
E Jones (from 6.04 pm)
D McConnell
S Morgan
T Nicholls
T Thomas
L Thorne
B Tiltman
Y Walton-Davies

Clerk: Ann Harris

Minute 87/22-23 - no apologies

88/22-23 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	96/22-23	Employee Awen Cultural Trust - Library Services at Sarn Centre	No/No
Rob Teahan-Dyer	100/22-23	Partner of Chair of Ynysawdre Community Council	No/No
Mark John	All relevant including Development Control 97/22-23	All BCBC Matters Community Garden Tenant	No/No No/No
Terry Nicholls	Any relevant incl. 100/22-23	Member Ynysawdre Community Council	No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant Any relevant Incl. 100/22-23	All BCBC Matters Member Ynysawdre Community Council	No/No No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant incl. Development Control	All BCBC Matters	No/No

89/22-23 ITEM 3 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF CENIN RENEWABLES

The Chair welcomed the 3 representatives of Cenin Renewables to the meeting and Martin Popham took the members through the Tyn y Waun solar energy brochure. A Q&A session followed including questions of the period of public exhibition, the power supply and possible licence, feeding into the national grid, public meetings, employment, the transport hub and other sites.

Resolved: All the information given was noted.

90/22-23 ITEM 4 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2022 ORDINARY AND MEETING

The minutes of the October 2022 Ordinary Meeting dated 10th October 2022 had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

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

91 /22-23 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE OCTOBER 2022 MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting:

Minute 74/22-23 To Receive Mark Holmes:

Attendance figures had been received but not in time to be able to include the information in the papers. The Clerk would prepare figures for the January 2023 meeting.

Minute 76/22-23 Matters Arising from the July Minutes:

Planter Wigan Terrace - the contractors had issues removing it as in its base there was a large tree root so it had to be dug out.

Memorial Bench - it has come to light that neither BCBC nor Dunraven Estates own the Cymdda so land ownership needs to be established before this matter can be progressed.

Climate Change/Highways - the Clerk was still waiting for information from a councillor to enable her to draft the requested letter.

Noticeboards - The Clerk had received quotes which would be discussed under agenda item 7.

Lest We Forget Bench - has now been installed in Morse Row and has been well received.

Christmas 2022 - all the Christmas lighting motifs are now in place and will be lit on 2nd December. However there is an issue with switching on at the requested time.

Minute 80/22-23:

A list of grass cutting locations had been circulated to Members and will be discussed as a separate agenda item.

Minute 82/22-23 Members/Ward Reports:

The Clerk reminded Councillor Thomas to forward the information for her to circulate amongst members.

Minute 83/22-23 Clerk's Report:

The action had been carried out. A new solicitor needs to be selected by the council asap in order to complete the lease agreement for Bryncethin Memorial Hall car park.

Minute 84/22-23 Correspondence:

The Clerk had attended the OVW/SLCC Conference which was interesting.

Resolved: All information and action of the Clerk was noted. The attendance figures would be included for discussion at the January 2023 meeting. Land ownership at the Cymdda would be investigated. Councillor Tim Thomas would send photos to the Clerk and Councillor Walton-Davies would provide text to enable the Clerk to draft a letter. Councillor M John would make enquiries regarding the Christmas light switch on. Councillor Tim Thomas would pass on the information to the Clerk to circulate. The engagement of a new solicitor will be considered by the Finance & Resources Committee.

92/22-23 ITEM 6 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR AUGUST 2022

The Chair welcomed 3 South Wales Police officers to the meeting, including PC Argent-Tingle. The crime figures for August had been circulated to Members and these were discussed. Questions were asked about the unable to prosecute suspect outcome, what constitutes a violent or sexual offence and why there is no further information on anti-social behaviour. The difficulties in reporting crime via 101 was highlighted as was PCSOs building relationships with the public.

Resolved: The information was noted. Some councillors said how good the PCSOs are in building relationships.

Note: Councillor M John left the meeting for the Community Garden Committee item and returned after it had finished.

93/22-23 ITEM 7 PRECEPT BUDGET/5 YEAR PLAN SUGGESTIONS

As previously agreed, the Clerk had obtained quotations for the suggested items to be included in the precept budget and/or 5 year plan and these were discussed.

Resolved: The priorities for the precept budget/5 year plan was agreed.

94/22-23 ITEM 8 YOUTH BOXING OPPORTUNITIES

Councillor Tim Thomas said he'd been approached by a boxing club regarding some opportunities. There is currently a club in Maesteg and he explained the possible travel arrangements and the costs of attending.

Resolved: Councillor Tim Thomas would speak to the organisers and suggest they make a formal funding request.

95/22-23 ITEM 9 COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Clerk had made enquiries regarding the lease of the land and had prepared a retrospective planning application. These were discussed.

Resolved: It was proposed that the Clerk continues discussions with BCBC and the planning information was noted.

Note: Councillor Emma Davies left the meeting at 7.45 pm and returned after item 10 was discussed.

96/22-23 **ITEM 10 LIBRARY SERVICES**

The latest correspondence from Awen Cultural Trust was discussed including the estimated costs up to 2025/26. It was proposed that the Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk meet with the Chief Executive to discuss further and a vote was taken.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that a meeting would be set up prior to the precept meeting with Awen Cultural Trust.

97/22-23 **ITEM 11 DEFERRED FINANCIAL REQUESTS**

Resolved: Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the January 2023 Ordinary Meeting.

98/22-23 **ITEM 12 BANK SIGNATORIES**

Resolved: Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the Finance & Resources Committee.

99/22-23 **ITEM 13 GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE**

Resolved: Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the January 2023 Ordinary Meeting.

Note: Councillors Tim Thomas, Terry Nicholls and Rob Teahan-Dyer declared an interest and left the room for this item.

100/22-23 **ITEM 14 STAFF CONFIDENTIAL**

A proposal had been received from Ynysawdre Community Council for consideration by the council. This was discussed and the Clerk was asked for her opinion as there would be a direct effect on her workload. A proposal was made and a vote taken.

In addition new salary scales have been set by NALC which is aligned to the Clerk's salary scale. The increase is effective from April 2022.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the council did not have capacity due to a probable increased workload to be able to agree to the proposal. The salary increase was noted and authority was given to implement the back pay to April 2022 and the increase going forward.

101/22-23 ITEM 15 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments October 2022

Authorisation was requested for the October 2022 payments of £5,158.47. The balance carried forward to November 2022 was £81,436.86

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 October were accepted and authorized.

102/22-23 ITEM 16 CHAIR'S REPORT

Resolved: There was nothing to report.

103/22-23 ITEM 17 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Mark John had attended the Bridgend Town Council remembrance parade and laid a wreath on behalf of the council. He confirmed that work in the cemetery has now been completed.

Councillor Paula Ford had attended meetings with the Fire & Rescue Service and had been dealing with issues with weed cut back behind St John's Terrace.

Councillor Tim Thomas suggested the donated bench could be installed the w/c 9th January 2023.

Councillor Dan McConnell had attended the Aberkenfig remembrance service and laid a wreath on behalf of the council

As there had been no service at Bryncethin Memorial Hall this year there had been no service to enable the laying of a wreath in the community. Councillor Elaine Jones requested that the council ensure a wreath is laid in 2023.

Resolved: All information was noted. Councillor Jones' request was unanimously agreed.

104/22-23 ITEM 18 CLERK'S REPORT

Biodiversity Reporting:

Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 requires all community and town councils to prepare and publish a plan every 3 years in the form of a report setting out what they propose to do to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote resilience. The second report must be completed by 31st December 2022.

Tree at the Cymdda:

A resident has raised an issue with a tree on the Cymdda which backs onto their house. Both BCBC and Dunraven Estates say it's not their land and the community council cuts the grass though it is not the council's land. The Clerk requested authority to carry out a land search.

Note: Councillor Bernard Tiltman asked if there was any news on the progress of changing the speed limit on Heol Spencer, something that had been agreed by BCBC 3 years ago?

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was accepted. The Clerk will prepare the Biodiversity Report for approval at the December 2022 meeting to submit and publish by 31st December 2022. Authority was given for the Clerk to carry out a land search. The Clerk would chase up a response to Councillor Tiltman's enquiry.

105/22-23 ITEM 19 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members and with the Chair's permission some additional correspondence had been included which had been received following the circulation of the meeting papers.

The Clerk drew Members' attention to the following:

- IRPW Draft Report 2023 and the proposals for T&CCs
- New Salary Scales for Clerks 2022/23 (backdates to April 2022)
- Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2023
- T&CC Forum meeting 21st November 2022

- Invitation to the Chair to the Remembrance Day Service hosted by Bridgend Town Council (Vice-Chair attended)
- Bryncethin Community Centre - thank you for financial donation towards autumn/winter/Christmas events
- Ty'n Y Waun pre-application consultation
- Invitation from the Community Gardens Committee to their Christmas Party on 18th November at Sarn Club
- Urdd Eisteddfod - financial request
- T&CC Fund Letter from BCBC

Resolved: The correspondence and action of the Clerk was noted. The new salary scales aligned to the Clerk's contract were noted. The Urdd Eisteddfod financial request was deferred to the January meeting. Members were asked to consider projects for the T&CC match funding; a MUGA was highlighted as a possible project.

Note: Councillors John and Williams declared an interest and did not take part in item 20 on the agenda. Councillor Elaine Jones chaired this item on the agenda.

106/22-23 ITEM 20 PLANNING MATTERS

With the Chair's permission some additional planning applications had been included which had been received following the circulation of the meeting papers with a response needed before the next meeting.

There were no applications, decisions or appeals circulated in the last month; In addition, 3 emails from Planning Aid Wales had been sent to Members.

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

107/22-23 ITEM 20 URGENT ITEMS FOR THE DECEMBER 2022 PRECEPT 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 12th December 2022 at 6.00 pm at Sarn Centre and/or via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm

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Chair of Council

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12th December 2022