

## ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



### **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT SARN LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM**

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PRESENT: Councillor M Williams (Chair)

E Davies  
R Teahan-Dyer (via zoom)  
D McConnell (via zoom)  
S Morgan  
T Nicholls  
T Thomas  
L Thorne  
B Tiltman (via zoom) (left 6.21 pm  
returned 6.38 pm)  
Y Walton-Davies

Clerk: Ann Harris

Minute 119/22-23 - Councillors Paula Ford, Elaine Jones and Mark John

## 120/22-23 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	125/22-23	Employee Awen Cultural Trust - Library Services at Sarn Centre	No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant Any relevant Incl.	All BCBC Matters	No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant incl. Development Control	All BCBC Matters	No/No

## 121/22-23 ITEM 3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2022 PRECEPT MEETING

The minutes of the December 2022 Precept Meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

**Resolved:** The council agreed to accept the minutes of the December Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

## 122 /22-23 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 2022 MINUTES

### Ordinary Meeting:

#### Minute 111/22-23 Matters Arising from the November 2022 Minutes

**Climate change/Highways:** the Clerk reminded Councillors Thomas and Walton-Davies that she needed photos and text to draft a letter regarding this matter.

#### Minute 112/22=23 Precept Budget 2023/24

The Clerk confirmed that she'd requested a precept budget of £61,957 from BCBC by the due date. She had asked for confirmation of receipt and had received it.

**Resolved:** All information and action of the Clerk was noted.

**123/22-23 ITEM 5 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2022**

A crime figures graph and narrative had been circulated to Members for September and October 2022 and these were discussed. PC Argent-Tingle attended the meeting and answered some of the questions raised. These included concerns about anti-social behaviour, the number of unable to prosecute suspect outcomes, explained the local resolution outcome.

**Resolved:** PC Argent-Tingle will investigate the legal process for dog crimes.

**124/22-23 ITEM 6 COMMUNITY GARDENS**

The Clerk reminded Members of the information received to date on the lease. These were discussed.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would write to the Chair of the Community Gardens Committee regarding the lease.

**125/22-23 ITEM 7 LIBRARY SERVICES**

The Clerk had circulated an aide memoire of previous meetings and information. She also gave information on Section 137 Expenditure which permits a T&CC council to incur expenditure for purposes for which it has no other specific powers.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would write to Awen Cultural Trust and BCBC to find out the outcome of their meetings.

**126/22-23 ITEM 8 DEFERRED FINANCIAL REQUESTS**

A list of deferred financial requests and their request details was circulated with the papers and each one was discussed, a proposal and seconder made and voted on and a resolution made. Tyn y Coed Volunteers had submitted two financial donation requests 1 for litter picking equipment and one for a skip (see correspondence section). It was noted that only one donation can be given to an organization in a budget year.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed to:

Tyn y Coed Volunteers - a large skip would be provided for the sole use of the volunteers. The Clerk was asked to contact them for a date, time and location to order the skip for them.

Community Gardens - defer a decision until the lease is sorted

Cerebral Palsy Wales - defer until March

Kids Cancer Charity - defer until March

**127/22-23 ITEM 9 GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE**

The list of the grass cutting schedule was discussed.

**Resolved:** The Clerk was asked to request that the contractor plot his cutting on a map. Councillor Morgan would walk the footpaths to identify the exact areas. Concerns regarding the footpath that leads down the Cymdda and crosses the dual carriageway were raised and it was agreed that this is a dangerous route which the Clerk was asked to bring to the RoW Officer at BCBC's attention and not to cut it back.

**128/22-23 ITEM 10 PLAY SCHEME ATTENDANCE FIGURES 2022**

The Clerk had circulated the attendance figures in advance of the meeting and these were discussed. The equivalent of 381 children attended the sessions: a cost per session of £7.35. It was noted that a Monday session clashed with a youth session at CCYD.

**Resolved:** The Clerk was asked to ask the current provider if there was any flexibility in changing the Monday session to another day for 2023. In addition to see if the Aberkenfig Boys and Girls Club and Halo can offer a service so that a decision can be made on what provision for 2023 will be provided. The item would be included on the February agenda.

**129/22-23 ITEM 11 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

**1. Payments December 2022**

Authorisation was requested for the December 2022 payments of £1,618.66. The balance carried forward to January 2023 was £75,539.47

**2. Income**

There was no income in the month.

**3. 2021/2022 Audit**

No conclusion had been received to date.

#### 4.Christmas Event

A previous request from Councillor Davies for a financial contribution towards books, Father Christmas etc. for a community event to be held at the library had been agreed. Councillor Davies informed Members that she had received a donation of books and a volunteer Santa had attended so there was no longer a need for a financial contribution.

**Resolved: The payments for authorisation for December were accepted and authorized. Councillor Davies' information was noted and accepted.**

#### **130/22-23 ITEM 12 CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair attended the One Voice Wales Innovation Conference and gave some feedback on a question raised on the General Power of Competency.

**Resolved: The information was noted.**

#### **131/22-23 ITEM 13 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS**

Councillor Tim Thomas said he'd received many requests regarding housing issues, particularly mould issues and updated Members on a change in the rental law. He also updated Members on the CAT ref. Pandy Park and suggested that a public meeting is organized and gave an update on the proposed memorial bench as well as the boundary reviews which will be agreed by September 2024 to be implemented in time for the local elections in 2027.

Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies updated Members on her attendance at BCBC's T&CC Forum and the 20mph traffic speed limits.

Councillor Emma Davies shared details of a V2C event to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> January from 1 to 4.30 pm V2C Community Housing Partner's details with Members.

Councillor Martin Williams proposed that representatives from BCBC are invited to the February meeting to discuss the Hybont project.

**Resolved: All information was noted. The Clerk would email the V2C details to all Members. It was unanimously agreed to invite representatives to the February meeting to discuss the Hybont project.**

### **132/22-23 ITEM 14 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reminded all Members to let her know in advance of a meeting if they were joining via zoom so that papers were not printed for them.

**Resolved:** The Clerk's request was noted.

### **133/22-23 ITEM 15 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk drew Members attention to the following items of correspondence; some items had been received as an additional paper, with the Chair's approval, as they'd been received since the papers for the meeting were circulated:

- Resident - funding request for Wales under 16 basketball boys' squad.
- Resident - enquiry on how to set up a Residents' Association (passed on to Councillor John to respond)
- Resident - concerns regarding the Hybont project
- Tyn y Coed Litter Picking Group - additional request for a skip as detailed in item 8 above.
- Wales Air Ambulance - financial request
- Mariberi Europower - stakeholder preview and public events
- RPS Group - notification of proposed works to land at Brynmenyn Industrial Estate (Hybont project) and an invitation to submit comments.
- BCBC - covering letter and application form for the T&CC grant funding scheme

**Resolved:** The action of the Clerk was noted regarding the Residents' Association. It was unanimously agreed to refer the applicant for the funding request for the basketball to the £250,000 grant for the Halo Sport Foundation funding. The resident's concerns regarding the Hybont project were noted as was the RPS Group invitation to submit comments on the same project. It was unanimously agreed to submit comments on the Community Council's concerns about the project to RPS. The Wales Air Ambulance financial request will be deferred to March.

NOTE: Councillor Martin Williams did not take part in the next item. Councillor Tim Thomas chaired this item.

### **134/22-23 ITEM 16 PLANNING MATTERS**

4 planning applications have been received, 2 decisions and no appeals; two emails from Planning Aid Wales were received.

**Resolved:** No objections were made to any of the applications. The Planning Aid Wales information was noted.

**135/22-23 ITEM 17 ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6.00 pm at Sarn Centre and/or via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm

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Chair of Council

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13<sup>th</sup> February 2023