

# ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13th MARCH 2023 AT SARN LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors: M Williams (Chair)  
E Davies (via zoom)  
M John  
D McConnell  
S Morgan  
T Nicholls  
T Thomas (via zoom)  
B Tiltman  
Y Walton-Davies (from 6.07 pm)

Apologies: Councillors R Teahan-Dyer, P Ford, E Jones and L Thorne

Clerk: Ann Harris

Public: No public in attendance

Minute No: 156/22-23

**157/22-23 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Councillor Name</b>	<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Declaration</b>	<b>Speak/Vote</b>
Emma Davies	158/22-23	Employee Awen Cultural Trust - Library Services at Sarn Centre	No/No
Mark John	160/22-23	Tenant - Community Gardens	No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant	All BCBC Matters	No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant including Development Control	All BCBC Matters	No/No

**158/22-23 ITEM 3 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2023 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

**Resolved:** The council agreed to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

Note: Councillor Emma Davies did not take part in the discussion regarding the Library Services.

**159/22-23 ITEM 4 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FEBRUARY 2023 ORDINARY MEETING**

**Minute 138/22-23 To Receive Representative Consultants on the Hybont Project**

All 3 had been invited to the meeting but declined due to the consultation timing.

**Minute 140/22-23 Consider Matters Arising from the January 2023 Minutes**

The Clerk is still waiting for photos and text from Councillors Tim Thomas and Yvonne Walton-Davies.

**Minute 142/22-23 Ballot for T&CC Representative on Local Access Forum**

The Council's ballot had been submitted by the Clerk but there is no result to date.

### **Minute 143/22-23 Children's Activity Scheme**

Youthworks had agreed to provide a scheme on Tuesdays and Thursdays for school holiday periods. There is currently £3,000 in the budget will facilitate 7.5 weeks, the Clerk asked if Members wished to increase the budget using monies from the general reserve for provision each school holiday week except Christmas. This was discussed.

### **Minute 145/22-23 Library Services**

The Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk had an in person meeting with Cabinet Member Rhys Goode and BCBC Officer, Andrew Thomas on 29<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Minute 148/22-23 T&CC Grant Funding Scheme**

The Clerk had submitted an application, but to date had been unable to obtain a second quotation. She has explained the situation to the BCBC officers operating the scheme. It was suggested that the Community Council may wish to complete an Expression of Interest form to asset transfer the land proposed for use. This was discussed.

### **Minute 151/22-23 Members/Ward Reports**

The Clerk gave an update on the Credit Union opening hours. It was noted that the Centre Association Committee will cease on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and the management of the Centre going forward is unclear.

### **Minute 152/22-23 Clerk's Report**

**Bench Jubilee Crescent:** This has been replaced though V2C have raised some concerns. The Clerk explained.

**Jubilee Tree Planting:** The Clerk explained the delays in planting the trees due to use of land permission from Dunraven Estates and BCBC.

**Chain Engraving:** The Clerk would obtain the Chain from the Chair and send for engraving.

**Resolved:** The information and action of the Clerk was noted. The Clerk was asked to move £1,000 from the General Reserve into the Playscheme budget to provide all school holidays with a scheme except Christmas. The Clerk was asked to complete an Expression of Interest to CAT the land for the MUGA. Rhys Goode would be asked regarding the future Life Long Learning Centre management at the library meeting scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> March. It was suggested that the old swing park on the green could be used for tree planting and the Clerk would seek permission. The Clerk was asked to include 20mph speed limit on the April agenda.

### **160/22-23 ITEM 5 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 2022**

The crime figures for December 2022 had been distributed with the meeting papers. 3 members SW Police were present. The figures were discussed. Sgt Lea offered to produce more up to date and meaningful figures for each meeting. Councillor Thomas thanked the police for attending the recent walk about.

**Resolved:** The crime figures were discussed and noted. PC Harper was asked to pass on all their contact details to the Clerk to share with Members. The Clerk would provide Sgt Lea with a list of dates the crime figures would be due for distribution with the council papers.

Note: Councillor M John left the room for item 6

### **161/22-23 ITEM 6 COMMUNITY GARDENS RESPONSE**

The Clerk read out the Community Gardens' response to the correspondence sent to them regarding the lease and this was discussed. The Clerk had searched the cupboard referred to in their correspondence for a lease but it had not been found.

**Resolved:** The Clerk was asked to write once again to BCBC to ask them to double check if there's a formal lease for the land. To seek legal advice as to everyone's status and defer the rent collection for 2022/23 until the lease issues were solved. The Clerk was asked to write to the Community Gardens Chair to let him know what action the council is taking for him to share with the Committee.

### **162/22-23 ITEM 7 DEFERRED FINANCIAL REQUESTS TO MARCH 2023**

Details of all deferred funding requests had been distributed with the meeting papers. They included Eisteddfod yr Urd,, Cerebral Palsy Cymru, Wales Air Ambulance, Heol y Mynydd Community Gardens, Ronald McDonald House Charities, McMillan Cancer Support, Yes Cymru and Marie Curie.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to donate £300 to Heol y Mynydd Community Gardens towards their recent Open Day.

### **163/22-23 ITEM 8 KING'S CORONATION 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 COMMEMORATIVE IDEAS**

The Clerk had circulated some ideas for commemorative gifts for the 280 Bryncethin Primary School children. These were discussed and a proposal made.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed to order 330 commemorative water bottles and give one to every child in Bryncethin Primary School. To offer the remainder to anyone else, via the website and social media hubs, who live in one of the 3 wards but attends another school. The Clerk would put a news item on the council's website.

#### **164/22-23 ITEM 9 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

1.The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for February 2023 totaling £4,656.08

2.It was noted that the balance carried forward to March 2020 was **£68,952.86**

3.Collection of the Community Gardens rent was discussed.

4.The Wales Audit Office had sent some questions to the Clerk which she had answered.

**Resolved:** The information was noted. Authority was given to make the payments listed totalling £4,656.08. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chair of the Community Gardens Committee to let him know that the rent for this year will be collected after the lease is resolved. The Audit response will be put on the April agenda.

#### **165/22-23 ITEM 10 CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair had attended Ynysawdre Community Council's St David's Day Concert which had been Excellent.

**Resolved:** This was noted.

#### **166/22-23 ITEM 11 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS**

Councillor Tim Thomas updated everyone on the bench in memory of Logan Mwangi. He reminded everyone about the Hybont meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at the Old Bakery, Bryncethin.

Councillor Mark John gave an update on the metal bollards on Heol Canola. Yvonne agreed to raise the matter at the next Conservators meeting. In addition he said a bin had been removed on Wigan Terrace and V2C had agreed that a replacement could be put on their land, near the planter. Councillor John asked if the Clerk could investigate more Christmas lights for Bryncethin for further discussion.

Councillor John gave a brief update on the Bryncethin Clinic which appeared to be part of a land swap.

Councillor Shaun Morgan said that there was no further information since the December meeting regarding the Hybont project apart from the cable route.

Councillors John and Thomas had arranged a meeting with Cenin Renewables.

Councillor Walton-Davies reported that she'd requested litter to be removed from Cefn Carfan and said the potholes outside Bryncethin Farm were very large. She had represented the council at the recent T&CC Forum meeting where among the agenda items discussed were an overview of the Corporate Plan and an interesting presentation by Maxine Barrett on warm hub funding.

**Resolved:** Councillor Thomas would send an email regarding the bench to all Councillors. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements for a new bin. The Clerk would investigate more Christmas lights.

#### **166/22-23 ITEM 12 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reminded everyone that due to the Easter bank holidays the April meeting had moved to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and reminded everyone of her annual leave dates.

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

#### **168/22-23 ITEM 13 CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members. With the Chair's permission some additional correspondence had been included in the papers as they had been received after the papers had been distributed.

The Clerk highlighted some items:

- IRPW Report 2023
- Consultation launched on new registration rules for bid keepers in Great Britain.
- Llamau introduction and request
- Invitation to Bridgend Local Area Committee Meeting Cwm Taff Morgannwg CIC

**Resolved:** The items of correspondence were noted. The IRPW Report would be included as an April agenda item.

Note: Councillor M Williams left the meeting at 7.41pm and returned at 7.44 pm. Councillor B Tiltman chaired item 14 on the agenda.

**169/22-23 ITEM 14 PLANNING MATTERS**

With the Chair’s permission and additional planning request and an additional email from Planning Aid Wales were included in the papers as they had been received after the papers had been distributed.

3 planning request had been sent out in the month and 2 decisions and 0 appeals. 5 emails from Planning Aid Wales had been circulated for information.

**Resolved: No observations or objections were made regarding the planning information.**

**170/22-23 ITEM 15 ITEMS FOR THE APRIL 2023 ORDINARY MEETING**

The agenda would be kept open for any other items that may arise during the month.

- IRPW Report
- Grass Cutting Schedule
- 20mph Speed Limit
- Audit 2021/2022

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place at the later date of 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at Sarn Life Long Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm

The meeting closed at 7.48 pm

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Chair of Council

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24<sup>th</sup> April 2023