

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of St Brides Minor Community Council held on Monday  
22nd May 2023 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via Zoom**

**Attendance:** Councillors E Davies\*, P Ford\*, M John (Chair)), D McConnell, S Morgan, T Nicholls, T Thomas\*, B Tiltman (Vice-Chair), Y Walton-Davies and M Williams.

\*Attended via zoom

**Apologies:** Councillors R Teahan-Dyer and E Jones

**Also in Attendance:** 1 Member of the Public

**Declarations of Interest:**

Declarations of Interest in all relevant BCBC matters were given by Councillors Mark John, P Ford, Tim Thomas and Martin Williams.

Councillor M John declared an interest as a tenant of the Community Gardens.

Declarations of Interest in the Library Service at Sarn Centre were made by Councillor E Davies.

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
1/23-24	Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As above</li></ul>
2/23-24	Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As above</li></ul>
3/23-24	To approve the Minutes of the April 2023 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The council agreed to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes</li></ul>
4/23-24	To Consider Matters Arising from the April 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The information and action of the Clerk was noted</li></ul>
5/23-24	To Receive the Crime Figures for April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The crime figures were discussed and noted.</li></ul>
6/23-24	Community Gardens Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The information given by the Clerk was noted.</li></ul>
7/23-24	Sarn Library Annual Report and Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Annual Report was noted. The Clerk was asked to request that Awen Cultural Trust make the following changes to the agreement:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Point 2 - to include St Brides Minor Community Council's base as c/o Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre, Merfield Close, Sarn.</li></ul></li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Point 3 - to change the agreement review date to October 2023 from December 2023.</li> <li>➤ Point 5.4 - to read ‘to visibly recognize the partnership at the venue and within all relevant marketing and promotional resources including joint branding.</li> </ul>
8/23-24	Land Ownership/Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that the Clerk was asked to write to the management company who own land the Community Council currently cuts to confirm ownership and to ask for a contribution towards the costs in the future.</li> <li>• The Clerk was also asked to investigate adverse possession of one of the areas and to contact Western Power about trees with ash dieback that are growing amongst power lines. Some queries would need to be made with the Corporate Landlord at BCBC and footpath maintenance at Heol Laethog was queried.</li> </ul>
9/23-24	Biodiversity Suggestions (All)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestions were made including the common rewilding up to junction 36, future grass cutting including No Mow May, bird and bat boxes and to include biodiversity regularly on the Community Council’s agenda.</li> </ul>
10/23-24	Remembrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Tim Thomas would provide the Clerk with a draft text to include in a letter that the Clerk would write on behalf of the Community Council to BCBC.</li> </ul>
11/23-24	Draft Allowances Policy Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The updated allowances policy was accepted and adopted.</li> </ul>
12/23-24	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted. Authority was given to make the payments listed totalling £22,885.96.</li> </ul>
13/23-24	Chair’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair made his apologies for the</li> </ul>

		June 2023 meeting.
14/23-24	Members/Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information was noted.</li> </ul>
15/23-24	Clerk's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted.</li> <li>• Councillor Martin Williams had provided the quote and Councillor Mark John had attended the photo opportunity.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to publish both on the council's website.</li> </ul>
16/23-24	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The items of correspondence were noted.</li> <li>• It was agreed to include Revised Standing Orders, Motions for the 2023 OVW AGM and V2Cs request on the June agenda.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to defer the financial request to the November 2023 meeting.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to purchase flowers to present to Councillor Elaine Jones and the Chair would write a letter thanking her for her work as a Councillor over many years. The Chair and Clerk would visit Councillor Jones to present the flowers and letter to her.</li> </ul>
17/23-24	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk was asked to object to P/23/218/FUL on the following grounds and to ask for a representative of the Community Council to speak at the Planning Committee:</li> <li>• Concerns regarding the planned location due to its proximity to residential properties.</li> <li>• Concerns that accurate traffic surveys have not been carried out as the suggested volume of traffic is questionable as the traffic survey was carried out during covid when there was less traffic on the roads.</li> <li>• The road network is insufficient to deal with the additional traffic.</li> <li>• That consideration has not been given to the close proximity of other existing businesses such as Guardian Gas and a Brewery. Whilst the safety of the plant itself appears to have been partly addressed by the developer the</li> </ul>

		<p>impact of fire or explosion at neighbouring properties on the hydrogen plant has not.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insufficient water supply for the plant (Dwr Cymru Welsh Water consultation response).</li> <li>• LDP shows the solar farm area as an area for sport and leisure. As such this development is contrary to the LDP.</li> <li>• This area of land needs to be protected for future use.</li> </ul>
18/23-24	Items for the June 2023 Ordinary Meeting	<p>The agenda would be kept open for any other items that may arise during the month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request from V2C ref. Planters</li> <li>• Revised Model Standing Orders</li> <li>• Motions for the OVW AGM</li> <li>• Quiet Lanes</li> <li>• Coity Wallia Conservators Funding</li> <li>• Welcome Signs</li> </ul> <p>The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Sarn Life Long Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.20 pm</p>