

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10th JULY 2023 AT SARN LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors:	M John (Chair) E Davies (zoom) R Teahan-Dyer D McConnell (zoom) S Morgan T Thomas B Tiltman Y Walton-Davies (from 6.04 pm) M Williams (from 6.05 pm)
Apologies:	Councillors P Ford and T Nicholls
Clerk:	Ann Harris
Public:	1 Member of the Public

Minute No: 37/23-24

38/23-24 **ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	41/23-24	Employee Awen Cultural Trust - Library Services at Sarn Centre	No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	45 & 48 /23-24	Member Coity Higher Community Council	Yes/No
Mark John	All relevant incl. 39/23-24 41/23-24	All BCBC Matters including Development Control Tenant Community Garden	No/No No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant	All BCBC Matters	No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant 45 & 48/23-24	All BCBC Matters Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council	No/No No/No

Note: Councillor Mark John declared an interest as a Member of BCBC’s Planning Committee and did not take part in any discussion. Councillor Bernard Tiltman chaired this item.

39/23-24 **ITEM 3 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF CENIN REF. BRIDGEND ENERGY HUB SCHEME MYNYDD Y GER**

Two representatives from Cenin attended the meeting and Mr Martin Popham gave some information regarding the scheme at Mynydd y Ger and a planned formal consultation later this year. Many questions were asked and discussed, including why a barn was taken down, measures being taken to improve Heol Laethog and its connectivity to paths and the rest of the ward, why a greenfield rather than a brownfield site has been chosen for junction thirty-six, what makes Cenin believe that this scheme will work when a similar one in Newport has failed, how many public vehicles use Stormy Down, what volume of traffic is expected, how will it improve accessibility, where will the electricity supply come from, how the public who are not online access information, why junction thirty-six and not thirty-five etc. Martin Topham answered the questions.

Resolved: Councillor Tiltman thanked the representatives for attending the meeting to update Councillors and for answering the many questions raised.

40/23-24 **ITEM 4 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2023 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the June 2023 Ordinary meetings had been distributed with the meeting papers.

Resolved: The council agreed to accept the minutes of the June 2023 Ordinary Meetings held on 12th June 2023 as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes

41/23-24 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JUNE 2023 ORDINARY MEETING

Minute 22/23-24 Consider Matters Arising from the May 2023 Meetings

T&CC Funding Application: The Clerk had received confirmation from BCBC that the application had been unsuccessful due to not meeting the criteria. An Expression of Interest for the land was submitted some months ago aligning it to a CAT transfer.

Bench Jubilee Cresent: The council's proposal had been put forward to V2C, but no response had been received.

Community Gardens Update: The council are still waiting for a response from their solicitor.

Sarn Library Agreement: The council's amendments to its agreement with Awen Cultural Trust have been made, the Chair has signed the agreement and it's been returned to Awen.

Children's Activity Scheme: Bryncethin Rugby Club have agreed that its outside space can be used for the council's summer play scheme.

There were no further updates on the replacement bin at Wigan Terrace, the repair to the fencing at Heol Canola has been carried out by BCBC and the Coronation gift presentation photos have now been received.

Minute 23-23-24 Crime Figures for May 2023

The Clerk has made a request for more information to be included in the crime figures. The only additional information given is how the violence against a person figures are broken down.

Minute 27/23-24 Quiet Lanes

Councillor Tim Thomas did not have an update and would chase up the matter. The Clerk had requested this as an agenda item for the T&CC Forum. The response was that 'they have 2 or 3 items for the July Forum meeting and that they plan to have a Clerk's meeting in August. There we can build a forward work programme of items for future meetings, as well as discussing certain other T&CC concerns, which we can then feed onto the relevant officers'.

Minute 28/23-24 Coity Wallia Conservators

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on 19th July 2023. Borough Councillors and Community Council Coity Wallia Board of Conservators representatives have been invited.

Minute 29/23-24 Welcome Signs

Councillor Tim Thomas confirmed that there are four signs, two in Bryncethin and two in Sarn. The Clerk has asked BCBC for its criteria and has been told that the Council will need to submit proposed

locations and designs for an assessment for the highways department, which will carry a cost. Despite a request for a cost none had been given.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted. BCBC Councillors would request to meet with BCBC regarding the T&CC application outcome. Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies would email a reminder to all regarding the meeting on the 19th. The Borough Councillors would make further enquiries about the criteria and costs involved in the welcome signage.

42/23-24 ITEM 6 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR JUNE 2023

The crime figures for June 2023 had been distributed with the meeting papers. 3 South Wales Pol representatives attended the meeting. Discussions took place on the figures and the Council asked where RTAs are reported. PC Harper said he'd investigate this.

Resolved: The crime figures were discussed and noted.

43/23-24 ITEM 7 CHRISTMAS 2023

The Clerk asked if Members are happy to continue with the provision they had last year for all 3 wards. The Clerk had previously been asked to look at more column lighting in Bryncethin particularly on the road to Blackmill, but there is only one metal column there which could be used as they are mainly wooden columns which do not meet BCBC's criteria for Christmas lighting. A discussion followed.

Resolved: The information given by the Clerk was noted. It was agreed that as the additional lights were extremely limited and there is no provision for extras in this year's budget, that further consideration would be given to this at the next precept planning stage and in the meantime the Clerk would obtain permission to adapt the columns that could be used in readiness for Christmas 2024.

44/23-24 ITEM 8 CO-OPTION BRYNCETHIN WARD

One application had been received and this was discussed. One late application enquiry was received and the Clerk guided them to the co-option to the Sarn Ward which had been published that day.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Jake Williams to the Community Council to represent the Bryncethin Ward.

45/23-24 ITEM 9 COUNCIL EQUIPMENT

Councillor Bernard Tiltman said that following on from previous discussions he would like to propose that a laptop is purchased for the Clerk to use. He noted that there is already funding in place in the earmarked reserves of £1,000. He said the Clerk should have the equipment to carry out her work and now relied on the use of another council's laptop, although all SBM CC files are stored on a removeable device and not on that laptop's hard drive.

Councillor Tiltman also proposed that the Council has an asset replacement scheme in place.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should purchase a suitable laptop asap for sole use of SBM CC, using the allocated funds in the earmarked reserves and that an asset replacement scheme should be considered. The Clerk would provide Members with a list of current assets.

46/23-24 ITEM 10 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS INCLUDING AUDIT AND AUDIT STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023

1. The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for June 2023 totaling £15,583.55 giving an unaudited balance carried forward of £87,280.31.

2. The signed Internal Audit Report and Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023 had not yet been received. The Clerk would call an Extraordinary Meeting as soon as possible after receipt of the documents to action this agenda item.

Resolved: The information was noted. Authority was given to make the payments listed totalling £15,583.55. The Extraordinary Meeting was agreed and it would be a remote access meeting only.

47/23-24 ITEM 11 CHAIR'S REPORT

As noted earlier in the Matters Arising item, BCBC have repaired the broken fence on Heol Canola. Councillor John had attended some walkabouts with Councillor Tim Thomas and the SW Police; these focus on the Jubilee Crescent area. However, they've requested that future walkabouts take place elsewhere in the wards.

The Chair reported that he'd also attended a Hybont public meeting as an observer only. It had been well attended and very interesting.

Resolved: The information was noted.

48/23-24 ITEM 12 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Tim Thomas had made a number of BCBC referrals in the month. He gave an update on V2C including police engagement and the social housing supply. He said he'd be attending the musical performance at CCYD the following day.

Councillor Martin Williams confirmed he'd made a referral to BCBC regarding the Coity Wallia Conservators funding.

Councillor Bernard Tiltman had also attended a Hybont public meeting which he agreed was very interesting. He had concerns regarding the H&S record of the Japanese company involved, its previous financial problems, their location on the other side of the world and that they appeared not to have the skills for this type of project.

Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies had also attended, would attend the forthcoming T&CC Forum meeting and informed Members that she'd been successfully appointed as an independent member to BCBC's Local Access Forum. In addition, Councillor Walton-Davies raised her concerns regarding the use of library services by schools in other areas of the borough.

Resolved: All information was noted. It was unanimously agreed to agenda Library Support on the September meeting agenda.

49/23-24 ITEM 13 CLERK'S REPORT

Lease Bryncethin Memorial Hall Car Park:

The Clerk has now engaged the services of Simon Thomas of David Prosser to check the lease received from Dunraven Estates, to ensure there are no issues with SBM CC signing the lease.

BCBC Electoral Arrangement Review:

The first part of this review is to invite Councils to submit any proposals or changes they may have to assist BCBC in preparing draft reports. This may include boundary amendments, the merging of communities, the warding of communities, the renaming of communities or wards and the electoral arrangements within communities. All responses are to be received by 23:59 on 30th September 2023.

Annual Leave:

The Clerk informed Members that she would be on annual leave in late August/early September.

Resolved: The information was noted. All Members were asked to submit their proposals or changes to the Clerk by 20th August so that the Clerk could collate them and agenda a discussion on the September meeting agenda in time to respond by the deadline given.

50/23-24 ITEM 14 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:

- Consultation on extending the term of office for the Older People's Commissioner for Wales from 4 to 7 years
- Vacancy - Board Associate - Welsh Revenue Authority
- Blue Deltas Jazz Band - thank you for the donation
- Pier Management - request for further information re land Vale View
- Western Power - request for further information re tree branches in overhead cables Y Cymdda
- BCBC Electoral Arrangement Review
- Heol y Mynydd Community Gardens - invitation to their Open Day on 23rd July 2023 at 10.00 am

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. The Clerk had been asked in the previous item to add BCBC Electoral Arrangement Review to the September agenda.

51/23-24 ITEM 15 PLANNING MATTERS

With the Chair's permission to include 3 additional emails from Planning Aid Wales in the papers as they had been received after the papers had been distributed.

0 planning requests had been sent out in the month and 0 decisions and 0 appeals.

1 Planning Aid Wales event details had been sent out in the month.

Resolved: The information was noted.

52/23-24 ITEM 16 ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2023 ORDINARY MEETING

- Co-option Sarn Ward
- Ward Noticeboards
- Library Support (Y W-D)
- BCBC Electoral Arrangement Review

The agenda will 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 11th September 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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11th September