

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2023 AT SARN LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors:

M John (Chair)

Ian Curzon

Y Walton-Davies

P Ford

D McConnell

T Nicholls

T Thomas

B Tiltman

J Williams (zoom)

M Williams (zoom until 6.45pm)

Apologies:

Councillors E Davies, R Teahan-Dyer
and S Morgan

Clerk:

Ann Harris

Public:

Two members of the public

Minute No: 111/23-24

112/23-24 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Yvonne W-Davies	None relevant	Member Coity Higher Community Council	No/No
Mark John	All relevant 115/23-24	All BCBC Matters including Development Control Ynysawdre CC Tenant Community Garden	No/No No/No No/No
Terry Nicholls	None Relevant	Ynysawdre CC Bridgend Carers	No/No No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant	All BCBC Matters Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant	All BCBC Matters Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council	No/No No/No

113/23-24 ITEM 3 PUBLIC TO SPEAK

There were two members of the public present at the meeting, but neither wishes to speak.

114/23-24 ITEM 4 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the November 2023 Ordinary meeting had been distributed with the Meeting papers.

Resolved: The Minutes were accepted and approved as being a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.

115/23-24 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING

Minute 96/23-24 Consider Matters Arising from the October 2023 Meeting

BCBC Funding: Councillors Mark John and Tim Thomas gave an update on the recent consultation held at Sarn Library and the responses received, including one objection to the location not the idea of the MUGA and had suggested an alternative location. Concern regarding access for emergency vehicles was raised.

Land at Vale View: It was noted that Pier Management appear to have instructed contractors to price the costs of cutting the grass in this area.

Quiet Lanes: Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies said she'd provide the Clerk with the information regarding the roads at the end of the meeting. Councillor Davies also gave an update on progress

to date including a request to inform the Local Access Forum on the scheme; Councillor Davies also informed Members of a possible opportunity of linking in with RCT.

Minute 98/23-24 Community Gardens Update

The Clerk had instructed the solicitor as agreed at the last meeting but had not received a reply or an update on that matter to enable a response to the Community Garden Committee's request.

Minute 107/23-24 Clerk's Report

Queen's Jubilee Trees: It was noted that 3 rowan trees have been planted and the Queen's Green Canopy plaques installed; 1 in each ward.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted and approved. The Clerk would continue to seek a response from the solicitor.

116/23-24 ITEM 6 TO DISCUSS THE 2024/25 PRECEPT BUDGET

The Clerk had provided a copy of the net base figure for Band D properties, a graph showing where the council's precept sat in the borough in comparison to other T&CCs, a budget monitoring sheet showing the forecast for the year and a draft precept budget for 2024/25. The budget is recommended to full council by the Finance Committee following a meeting held on 29th November 2023 and this was discussed.

It was noted that if all suggested projects were included the precept would need to be vastly increased. The Clerk reminded Members of the recommended project and gave a quote to supply and install two solar lanterns with 6m drop down columns of £2,944. It was proposed that the Library Services budget line should be moved to the reserves section of the budget tbc following a separate discussion. A vote was taken on whether to accept the proposed budget.

Councillor Bernard Tiltman, Chair of the Finance Committee, thanked the Clerk, Councillor M Williams and the Finance Committee for the work they put into pulling together a draft budget for consideration in the first instance by the Finance Company followed by Full Council. The Clerk was also thanked for being so quick in obtaining quotes for the recommended projects.

Resolved: The information and comments were noted. It was unanimously agreed to move the Library Services budget line and to request a precept of £67,200 an increase of £2.24p per year/£0.04p per week.

117/23-24 ITEM 7 URGENT BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Paula Ford gave an update on a flooded soak away at Heol Maendy.

Councillor Tim Thomas gave an update on a PACT meeting and a Christmas Carols and Mince Pie Event taking place on Wednesday afternoon.

Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies said that the 20mph changes to some unsuitable roads is being bounced back from WG to the local authority to deal and they are being flexible on their funding options.

Resolved: All information was noted.

118/23-24 ITEM 8 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments

The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for November 2023 totaling £5,811.30. The unaudited balance carried forward to December 2023 is £68,450.11.

2. Audit 2022/23

Nothing to report.

Resolved: The information was noted and authority given to make the payments listed for November 2023.

119/23-24 ITEM 9 URGENT CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair had attended a meeting of Coity Wallia Board of Conservators; Councillors Paula Ford and Yvonne Walton-Davies had also attended. Some observations on the meeting were made.

Resolved: The information was noted.

120/23-24 ITEM 10 URGENT CLERK'S REPORT

Bank Signatories - the Clerk gave an update following a visit to the Swansea Building Society. The next step is to arrange for the current signatories to complete the necessary forms.

Christmas 2023 - the Clerk thanked Councillors Mark John and Tim Thomas for their help in contacting BCBC to speed up a response for permission to construct a proper Christmas tree pit at Sarn Centre following the discovery that the one that was there was not up to the required standard.

Library Services - the Clerk confirmed that Awen had been in touch to inform the council that the 2024/25 costs will increase to £13,998. It was noted that the agreement with Awen to review the 1 year agreement in October 2023 had not taken place.

V2C - the Clerk had met with representatives of V2C and had raised the issue with the bench at Jubilee Crescent. V2C have confirmed in writing that they will deal with the issue direct.

Annual Leave - the Clerk reminded Members of the dates of her December annual leave.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk would contact Awen.

121/23-24 ITEM 11 URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members.

The Clerk highlighted some items:

- One Voice Wales - Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill consultation closes 15th January 2024
- IRPW - Draft report responses were due by 8th December 2023.
- BCBC - Coychurch Crematorium Christmas Service - 14th December 2023 at 7.00 pm
- REACH - funding for free defibrillators closes 15/3/24
- Resident - Concerns regarding the published footprint for the proposed Cenin Transport Hub.

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. The Clerk was asked to include the resident's concerns on the January 2024 agenda for discussion.

Note: As there were no planning matters to discuss, the Chair Councillor Mark John continued to Chair the meeting.

122/23-24 ITEM 12 URGENT PLANNING MATTERS

0 planning request had been sent out in the month and 0 decision and 0 appeals.

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

PEDW Correspondence: Details of a PEDW consultation had been received with responses requested by 12th January 2024.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to include the PEDW consultation as a January 2024 agenda item.

123/23-24 ITEM 13 URGENT ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 2024 ORDINARY MEETING

- Concerns regarding the published footprint for the proposed Cenin Transport Hub
- PEDW Consultation
- Library Services

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

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 8th January 2024 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

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Chair of Council

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8th January 2024