

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024 AT SARN LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors:

M John (Chair)

I Curzon

E Davies (zoom)

Y Walton-Davies

R Teahan-Dyer (zoom from 6.15 pm)

D McConnell

S Morgan

T Nicholls

T Thomas (zoom from 6.30 pm to 7.23 pm)

B Tiltman

J Williams (zoom)

M Williams (zoom)

Apologies:

Councillor P Ford

Clerk:

Ann Harris

Public:

Three members of the public

Minute No: 124/23-24

Note: The Chair called a minute silence for Members to remember retired councillor Elaine Jones who had recently passed away.

125/23-24 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	134/23-24	Library Services	No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	None relevant	Member Coity Higher Community Council	No/No
Mark John	All relevant 130/23-24	All BCBC Matters including Development Control Ynysawdre CC Tenant Community Garden	No/No No/No No/No
Terry Nicholls	None Relevant	Ynysawdre CC	No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant	All BCBC Matters Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
J Williams	None relevant	Ynysawdre CC	
Martin Williams	All relevant	All BCBC Matters Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council	No/No No/No

126/23-24 ITEM 3 PUBLIC TO SPEAK

There were three members of the public present at the meeting, one wished to speak on agenda item 9 and 10 the PEDW solar farm consultation and the published footprint for the proposed Cenin Transport Hub.

Resolved: The information was noted.

127/23-24 ITEM 4 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2023 PRECEPT MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the December 2023 Precept 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.

128/23-24 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 2023 MEETING

Minute 116/23-24 To Discuss the 2024/25 Precept Budget

The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted the council's precept request to BCBC and had received acknowledgement of the request.

Minute 120/23-24 Clerk's Report

Bank Signatories: The Clerk explained that due to the recent passing of Elaine Jones she had not been able to progress the change of signatories further. She asked for time to deal with this matter.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted and approved. The Clerk's request regarding bank signatories was approved and accepted.

129/23-24 ITEM 6 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2023

These were discussed and were encouraging for the period covered.

Resolved: The information was noted.

Note: Councillor M John left the meeting at 6.15 pm and Councillor B Tiltman took over the role of Chair until 6.24 pm.

130/23-24 ITEM 7 COMMUNITY GARDENS UPDATE

Members had received a copy of a draft letter prepared by the solicitor from St Brides Minor CC to Bridgend County Borough Council. This was discussed.

Resolved: The Clerk was given authority to instruct the solicitor to send the letter subject to the date being updated, the letter being addressed to P Kestle at BCBC and the last line of the 3rd paragraph being removed.

131/23-24 ITEM 8 D-Day 80th ANNIVERSARY 2024

The Clerk had updated the anniversary papers prepared when this item was last discussed.

Resolved: Due to the number of items on tonight's agenda, some which needed lengthy discussions, it was agreed that this item would be deferred to the February 2024 meeting.

132/23-24 ITEM 9 PEDW CONSULTATION

Copies of correspondence received from members of the public had been circulated to all members

to aid discussion. The deadline for comments to the consultation was noted at ‘by 12th January 2024’.

Many points were discussed including why junction 36, not 35 or 37, all the residents’ very valid and concerning points, the lack of community fund, the wording ‘land north of M4 and solar farm’ on the consultation.

Resolved: It was unanimously resolved that the Clerk would submit a council response; individual councillors could also object. The council’s objection would be sent with the correspondence from residents attached. The council resolved to strongly object to the proposed development of a Solar Farm with battery storage facility and associated hardstanding and ancillary development as Junction 36 is a bottle neck and already at capacity, the council strongly objects to any construction traffic and deliveries travelling through Bryncethin, objects to Heol Laethog being used for egress and access and strongly supports the residents’ objections.

133/23-24 ITEM 10 PUBLISHED FOOTPRINT FOR THE PROPOSED CENIN TRANSPORT HUB

Included in Members’ papers for the meeting was a document received from Dr P Davies to aid discussion on this matter. The document raised Dr Davies’ concerns by himself and residents of Bryncoch and Sarn regarding this published footprint. The document along with other concerns were raised and discussed.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to strongly object to this Transport Hub as it is being proposed in the wrong location on a motorway junction that is more than at capacity. The Clerk was asked to write to Cenin.

Note: Councillor E Davies left the meeting at 7.10 pm and did not take part in the discussion on item 11.

134/23-24 ITEM 11 LIBRARY SERVICES

It had been noted during precept discussions that the 1 year agreement for the library services stated that the agreement would be reviewed with a meeting in October 2023. The Clerk had written to Awen to ask if a meeting was going ahead and is awaiting a reply.

The agreement was discussed and concerns regarding the lack of joint branding regarding the library was raised.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would request a meeting with BCBC and Awen to talk about the Lifelong Learning Centre and Library Services. It was agreed that Councillors M John, B Tiltman and M Williams and the Clerk would attend.

135/23-24 ITEM 12 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments

The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for December 2023 totaling £1,892.23. The unaudited balance carried forward to December 2023 is £66,557.88.

2.Audit 2022/23

Nothing to report.

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

136/23-24 ITEM 13 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair informed Members that he would be attending Elaine Jones' funeral in a personal capacity and representing St Brides Minor Community Council. He said he felt it would be fitting as an homage to Elaine's service on the council and to the community to wear his chains of office and he had discussed this with Elaine's family and the Clerk.

Resolved: The information was noted and it was unanimously agreed that the chains of office should be worn.

137/23-24 ITEM 14 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Councillor S Morgan - gave an update on a recent planning matter which had not had a planning application submitted. He said it is worth persevering if you have concerns on any matter as enquiries had led to a satisfactory outcome.

Councillor E Davies - had approached V2C regarding selecting a Community Champion and said any ideas from councillors would be gratefully received.

Councillor M John - informed Members of a thank you letter received from a member of the Public.

Resolved: All information was noted including that Aberkenfig Library is closed until the end of March for refurbishment.

138/23-24 ITEM 15 CLERK'S REPORT

Noticeboards: the council had agreed to purchase a noticeboard for each ward and put provision in the budget. The Clerk would now order the noticeboards but would need recommendations for locations to enable a planning application to be submitted.

Solar Lanterns Rowan's Lane: the Clerk asked for authority to review the budget and accept the quote for £2,944 and carry out the work in this year's budget.

Town & Community Council Fund: the Clerk had sent out the covering letter and application form for this fund which included the criteria. Applications need to be submitted by the end of February.

MUGA: the Clerk asked for written feedback on the MUGA consultation to forward to BCBC. This was discussed and a request for 4 rather than the 2 stated in the quote was made.

Website: it was noted that the website had been reconfigured and is now easier to navigate, though a further breakdown of the Finance page is needed.

Resolved: The information was noted. It was unanimously agreed that outside the Lifelong Learning Centre, next to the bus stop at the Memorial Hall car park and near the bus stop off the roundabout opposite the Masons were the 3 preferred areas for the noticeboards. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for 4 solar lanterns, ideas for T&CC Funding were asked to be sent to the Clerk by the end of the week; the only suggestion on the night was for the MUGA.

139/23-24 ITEM 16 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members.

The Clerk highlighted some items:

- OVW Area Meeting 29/1/24
- Post Office Ltd - Aberkenfig Post Office Consultation (closes 26/1/24)
- Resident - removal of banners on railings near Masons
- Urdd Gobaith Cymru - funding request

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. The Clerk was asked to defer the Urdd Gobaith Cymru funding request to March 2024. Councillors did not have any information regarding the removal of the banners.

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

140/23-24 ITEM 17 PLANNING MATTERS

0 planning request had been sent out in the month and 1 decision and 0 appeals.

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

Resolved: There were no comments or observations on the planning matters.

141/23-24 ITEM 18 ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2024 ORDINARY MEETING

- Welcome Signs
- D-Day 80th Anniversary 2024

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 12th February 2024 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

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Chair of Council

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12th February 2024