

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 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)
D McConnell (zoom)
S Morgan
T Nicholls
T Thomas
B Tiltman
J Williams (zoom)
M Williams (from 6.10 pm)

Apologies: Councillor P Ford

Clerk: Ann Harris

Public: PC C Harpur (zoom for item 6)

Minute No: 142/23-24

143/23-24 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	149/23-24	Library Services	No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	None relevant	Member Coity Higher Community Council	No/No
Mark John	All relevant 150/23-24 148/23-24	All BCBC Matters including Development Control Ynysawdre CC Tenant Community Garden	No/No No/No No/No
Terry Nicholls	150/23-24	Ynysawdre CC	No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant 150/23-24	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

144/23-24 ITEM 3 PUBLIC TO SPEAK

There were no public present.

Resolved: This was noted.

145/23-24 ITEM 4 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2024 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 2024 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. It was noted that the word precept should be removed from the front page of the minutes and replaced with the word ordinary.

146/23-24 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 2024 MEETING

Minute 138/23-24 Clerk's Report

Noticeboards: 3 have been ordered and will be delivered shortly. Permission has been given by BCBC to remove the old Communities First noticeboards and the Clerk will need to apply for advert consent from planning at BCBC at a cost of £190. The Clerk asked if the council wishes all Communities First noticeboards to be removed?

Solar Lanterns: The Clerk had obtained a quote for 4 solar panels for Rowan's Lane path of £5,888.

T&CC Grant Funding Ideas: No further ideas had been received by the deadline

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted and approved. It was agreed to ask the contractor to remove all the noticeboards, that the Finance Committee would consider the Solar Lanterns quote and make a recommendation to full council and that the Clerk would obtain up-to-date MUGA quotes and apply to the T&CC grant fund.

147/23-24 ITEM 6 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR JANUARY 2024

PC Craig Haripur joined the meeting remotely and explained the figures. It was noted that the crime figures were low, which may be attributed to the recent stormy weather.

Resolved: The information was noted.

Note: Councillor M John left the meeting 6.25 pm and Councillor B Tiltman took over the role of Chair until 6.29 pm.

148/23-24 ITEM 7 COMMUNITY GARDENS UPDATE

The Council's solicitor had written to Pippa Kestle at BCBC on 15th January 2024 but had not received an acknowledgement or response. The solicitor would chase this up.

Resolved: The information was noted. It was agreed that no further action was needed at this time and any future spend on this matter would be considered by full council.

Note: Councillor E Davies left the meeting for item 8 and did not take part in the discussion; she returned to the meeting at 6.47 pm.

149/23-24 ITEM 8 FEEDBACK REF. LIBRARY SERVICES MEETING

The Chair, Vice-Chair, Councillor M Williams and the Clerk had attended a meeting with BCBC Cabinet Members Councillors H Williams, J Geeble and N Farr, along with two representatives of Awen and a BCBC Officer.

Councillor M John updated Members on the meeting along with input from Councillors B Tiltman and M Williams and answered questions raised by other councillors.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to invite the representatives of Awen Cultural Trust to the next ordinary council meeting to discuss the licence renewal.

150/23-24 ITEM 9 WELCOME SIGNS

The Clerk had previously been asked to look into Welcome signs for the 3 wards and updated Members on the cost, the installation cost comparisons between BCBC and an external contractor and the process of obtaining permission for such signs and these were discussed.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to resolve to go ahead with purchasing 2 per ward and to include the costs in the 2025/26 budget when it is likely that the outcome of BCBC's boundary review for T&CCs in regard to amalgamation will be known.

151/23-24 ITEM 10 D-DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY 2024

Information on beacons, lamp light of peace and the arrangements for the anniversary on 6th June were discussed.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to purchase a lamp light of peace for each ward which could be lit on the anniversary and used on future Remembrance Days.

152/23-24 ITEM 11 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments

The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for January 2024 totaling £4,227.52. The unaudited balance carried forward to February 2024 is £62,330.36.

2. Income

No income has been received in the month, though the Clerk reported that she had made the VAT reclaim for 22/23 of £3,633.89.

3. Audit 2022/23

Nothing to report.

Resolved: The information was noted and authority given to make the payments listed for January 2024.

153/23-24 ITEM 12 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair and Clerk had attended Elaine Jones' funeral and the family had been pleased to see the Council represented and that the Chair wore the chains of office.

Resolved: The information was noted.

154/23-24 ITEM 13 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Tim Thomas: gave updates on recent flood issues, including Heol Laethog. He also gave updates on Cenin developments and a land dispute.

Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies: had attended Go Safe's recent speed event where community councils are being encouraged to monitor speed and purchase a monitoring gun which costs £200. Councillor Walton-Davies said the purpose is to change attitudes and thinking. In addition, Councillor Walton-Davies had attended a climate change event.

Councillor Mark John: had also attended the Go Safe event. He said you need 3 people present during the monitoring - 1 to hold the gun, 1 taking the vehicle details and 1 extra. He said the monitoring gun is not calibrated.

Resolved: All information was noted.

155/23-24 ITEM 14 CLERK'S REPORT

BCBC Information:

The Clerk asked Borough Members to keep her up-to-date with relevant, useful BCBC information such as Cabinet Member changes, the removal of dog waste bag dispensers in the borough etc.

Councillor M Williams suggested a meeting of Chairs and Clerks in the borough may be useful to share information and experiences and to be one voice.

Change of Meeting Room:

The meeting had trialed using the Library as a meeting venue, which had worked well.

Representing Council at External Meetings:

The Clerk reminded Members that even though they may attend meetings as a councillor and the meeting is relevant to council work, they are only representing the council and its views if they are nominated to speak on the council's behalf such as T&CC Forum, OVW area meetings etc.

Resolved: The information was noted. It was agreed to hold future meetings in the library and to inform the public on the agenda of the change and that the centre doors will be locked

at 6.00 pm. It was unanimously agreed to agenda an item in March 2024 regarding Councillor Williams joint meeting suggestion.

156/23-24 ITEM 15 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members. With the Chair's consent the Clerk had send out 1 item of correspondence received since the papers for the meeting were distributed.

The following were highlighted by the Clerk:

- Nomination for Buckingham Palace Garden Party
- Kids Cancer Charity - financial request

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. It was agreed to nominate the Chair, Councillor Mark John for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party and to defer the Kids Cancer Charity financial request to the March 2024 meeting.

157/23-24 ITEM 16 PLANNING MATTERS

With the Chair's consent the Clerk had send out some additional planning information received since the papers for the meeting were distributed.

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

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

Resolved: There were no comments or observations on the planning matters. It was noted that the information on P/23/380/FUL floodlights for Ysgol Bryn Castell state they are replacement lights, but there are none to replace. It also states that an ecology and bat survey has been carried out in September during the day when bats are not active and that the area of woods is 2km away but that is not correct. The Clerk would make these comments to planning.

158/23-24 ITEM 17 ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 2024 ORDINARY MEETING

- Deferred Financial Requests
- Playscheme Provision
- Consultation on the school year (closes 6th May 2024)
- Awen Cultural Trust ref. Library Services Agreement
- Chair/Clerk Meetings

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 11th March 2024 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.47 pm.

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Chair of Council

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11th March 2024