

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11th MARCH 2024 AT SARN LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors: M John (Chair)

I Curzon
E Davies (zoom)
Y Walton-Davies (from 6.25 pm)
D McConnell (from 6.10 pm)
S Morgan
T Nicholls
T Thomas
B Tiltman
J Williams (zoom)
M Williams

Apologies: Councillor R Teahan-Dyer

No Apologies: Councillor P Ford

Clerk: Ann Harris

Minute No: 159/23-24

160/23-24 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	162/23-24	Library Services	No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	171/23-24	Member Coity Higher Community Council	No/No
Mark John	All relevant 174/23-24	All BCBC Matters including Development Control	No/No
	None relevant	Ynysawdre CC Tenant Community Garden	No/No No/No
Shaun Morgan	None relevant	Tenant Allotment Gardens Bryncethin	No/No
Terry Nicholls	174/23-24	Ynysawdre CC	No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant 150/23-24	All BCBC Matters Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
	All relevant 171/23-24	All BCBC Matters Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council Aberkenfig Boys & Girls Football Club	No/No No/No
	166/23-24		No/No

161/23-24 ITEM 3 PUBLIC TO SPEAK

There were no public present.

Resolved: This was noted.

NOTE: Councillor Emma Davies left the meeting at 6.04 pm for item 4 and declared an interest.

162/23-24 ITEM 4 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF AWEN CULTURAL TRUST REF. LIBRARY SERVICES

The Chair welcomed Richard Hughes and Richard Ballinger of Awen Cultural Trust to the meeting.

To aid discussion the Clerk had provided copies of Awen's 2022/23 Annual Report and a copy of the one year Partnership Agreement between Awen and St Brides Minor CC for the additional hours provided at Sarn Library.

Many questions were asked regarding the additional hours and the financial support given by SBM CC, the only council in the borough to contribute to extra hours. Responses and facts were provided by Awen and it was noted that funding for statutory services is difficult to obtain.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that more data is needed and on receipt of that data and a second Annual Report from Awen in May 2024 a further discussion will take place and an agreement formalized.

163/23-24 ITEM 5 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2024 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the February 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 Councillor Jake Williams is no longer a councillor at Ynysawdre Community Council and therefore does not need to declare any future interests.

164/23-24 ITEM 6 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING

Minute 146/23-24 To Consider Matters Arising from the January 2024 Meeting

Noticeboards: The new noticeboards have been delivered, the old Communities First noticeboards have been removed and an advert consent application to install a new noticeboard in each ward has been made. It was noted that the planning cost has increased from £190 to £230.

Solar Lanterns: The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on 2nd April 2024 at 6.00 pm and the solar lanterns quotes will be discussed.

T&CC Grant Funding Ideas: An application for a MUGA has been submitted to this fund, however the price has increased to £52,352 meaning that as the match funding limit is a maximum of £20,000 that even if the application is successful SBM CC will have to fund £32,351 of the cost.

In addition, further to the council's submission of an Expression of Interest on the land to the side of Sarn Centre the CAT Steering Committee's current position is that the future of the Lifelong Centre needs to be determined so the EoI is on hold.

Minute 150/23-24 Welcome Signs

The Clerk was asked if the resolution on the Welcome Signs made at the February 2024 meeting could be reversed and it included on the agenda for April 2024.

Minute 151/23-24 D-Day Anniversary 2024

The lamps have been purchased but not yet received.

Minute 156/23-24 Correspondence

Buckingham Palace Garden Party Nomination: The Clerk explained that she had made an error regarding this nomination.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted and approved. Councillor Mark John was asked to write to BCBC to clarify the situation about the future of the Centre and the Clerk was asked to write to Mark Shepherd to express the council's concerns. It was unanimously agreed to nominate Councillor Mark John for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party Nominations next year. The Clerk would check SBM CC's Standing Orders in regard to the Welcome Signs resolution and advise council.

165/23-24 ITEM 7 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 2024

It was noted that the crime figures remain low.

Resolved: The information was noted and all agreed it is good to see.

Note: Councillor Martin Williams declared an interest in one of the requests and left the meeting for item 8 at 6.57 pm.

166/23-24 ITEM 8 DEFERRED FINANCIAL REQUESTS

A paper giving details of 7 deferred financial requests had been distributed with the meeting papers. These were discussed and considered.

Resolved: A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to donate £100 to the Wales Air Ambulance, SSFA and Kids Cancer Charity. The council were unable to donate to the Ironman fundraising resident, but if Aberkenfig Boys & Girls Football Club write to the council to request a direct donation the sum of £100 has been set aside. All other requests were declined.

167/23-24 ITEM 9 PLAYScheme PROVISION 2024

Youthworks Playscheme had provided a playscheme in the past and provision for 2024 was discussed.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to engage the services of Youthworks again this year, on a Tuesday and Thursday for the Whitsun half term and the 6 weeks of the school summer holidays. One session per week would be held in Sarn/Bryncoch and another in Bryncethin.

168/23-24 ITEM 10 CONSULTATION ON THE SCHOOL YEAR CHANGES

At the 12th February 2024 council meeting a request was made by Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies to discuss this consultation which was due to close on 6th May. However it appears that the consultation closed on 12th February 2024.

Resolved: Due to the information given the item was not discussed.

169/23-24 ITEM 11 REMEMBRANCE BENCH

Councillor Tim Thomas had requested this item on the agenda as he had been approached by a bereaved family to ask if a remembrance bench could be placed on the Cymdda. This was discussed and various points raised.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that it was not in SBM CC's gift to grant permission and it was suggested that Sarn Cemetery would be an alternative site. Councillor Tim Thomas was asked to contact Joanne Hamilton to request permission and speak to the bereaved family.

170/23-24 ITEM 12 CHAIR/CLERK MEETINGS

Councillor Martin Williams had noted, following some matters raised by the Clerk, that there is no forum for Chairs and Clerks of the T&CCs to meet on a regular basis to share information, best practice etc. and this was discussed.

Resolved: A proposal was made and seconded that Councillor Williams takes a lead on this and writes to the Chairs and Clerks of the T&CCs to arrange a first meeting which SBM CC would host and Chair; this was unanimously agreed.

171/23-24 ITEM 13 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments

The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for February 2024 totaling £24,991.83. The unaudited balance carried forward to March 2024 is £40,972.42

2. Income

Income of £3,633.89 had been received following a VAT reclaim made for 2022/23.

3. Budget Monitoring Sheet

3 budget lines were showing slight overspends and the Clerk explained the reasons.

Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies noted that there is provision in the budget for Coity Wallia Conservators and a discussion followed regarding the history of the provision.

4. Audit 2022/23

Nothing to report.

Resolved: The information was noted and accepted and authority given to make the payments listed for February 2024. It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Mark John would write to the Clerk of Coity Wallia Conservators to ask that the 4 Chairs of the minor authorities with interest in the Common be invited to the next Conservators meeting. It was also noted that the minor authority's Clerks need a contact at the Conservators that they can communicate and correspond with.

172/23-24 ITEM 14 CHAIR'S REPORT

Resolved: The Chair had not attended any events or meetings on behalf of St Brides Minor CC this month, so there was nothing to report.

Note: Councillor Mark John left the meeting at 7.40 pm and did not take part in the section of item 15 that referred to planning.

173/23-24 ITEM 15 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Tim Thomas: gave an update on matters relating to the Hybont project and the transfer of land to CCRD.

Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies: raised questions about the traffic monitoring on Heol Laethog some weeks ago.

Councillor Mark John: issues raised this month were the many potholes in the borough, drains not cleaned and a social housing event he'd attended.

Resolved: All information was noted. The Clerk was asked to write to Kelly Berne to ask for clarification on matters relating to the Hybont project and transfer of land to CCRD.

174/23-24 ITEM 16 CLERK'S REPORT

Aluminium Lighting Columns

Following information regarding the changing of lighting columns to aluminium ones when change is due the Clerk had asked the borough members to make a referral as she'd been told that Christmas motifs and flower baskets would not be permitted on aluminium columns and this will affect SBM CC forward planning. Councillor Tim Thomas had received a response which confirms the policy and outcome for motifs and baskets.

Training

Councillors Emma Davies and Ian Curzon had attended One Voice Wales training on Community Engagement, Making Effective Grant Applications and The Council. These would be added to the council's training plan.

Flower Beds

The gardener has been asked to provide red, white and blue flowers in the flower beds to commemorate D-Day 80th Anniversary. The flower baskets will remain multi coloured.

Annual Leave

The Clerk updated councillors on her annual leave request for July 2024.

Resolved: The information was noted.

175/23-24 ITEM 17 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members.

The following were highlighted by the Clerk:

- One Voice Wales Awards Conference 27th March 2024
- RCT Pension Fund - reminder that employers contributions decrease from 1st April 2024
- Hiscox Insurance Co - Clerk to complete survey in order to quote for renewal
- Noah's Ark - financial request
- Ironman Event - financial request
- Ogmore Valley CC - correspondence regarding a Community Impact Report on the Cenin Windfarm
- Councillor D Unwin - Rights of Way Forum request for response to a letter

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. The Chair is unable to attend the One Voice Wales Awards Conference and Councillor Martin Williams was asked to attend on SBM CC's behalf as he is representing another Community Council at the event. The financial requests had been dealt with in item 8 on the agenda. The Clerk was asked to respond to Councillor Unwin's letter supporting the two points he raises on Rights of Way agency agreements and the Quiet Lane's Scheme and to respond to the Ogmore Valley CC offering support and requesting a copy of the draft for consideration and discussion.

NOTE: Councillor Mark John left the meeting at 8.05 pm and did not take part in item 18. Councillor Bernard Tiltman chaired this item.

176/23-24 ITEM 18 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.

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

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

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would write and object to P/24/82/HAZ and that Councillor I Curzon would draft the objection for the Clerk and speak at the planning meeting.

176/23-24 ITEM 119 ITEMS FOR THE APRIL 2024 ORDINARY MEETING

- Welcome Signs (BT)
- Land Use
- Adverse Possession
- Finance Committee Recommendations

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 April 2024 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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Chair of Council

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8th April 2024