

# ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2024 AT 6.00 PM AT SARN LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

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### PRESENT

Councillors: B Tiltman (Chair of Committee)  
E Davies (zoom)  
M John  
T Nicholls

Apologies: Cllr M Williams

Clerk: Ann Harris

Public: No public in attendance

Minute No: 23FC/23-24

The Chair, Councillor Bernard Tiltman, wished to express his sincere condolences for his recent bereavement to Councillor M Williams on behalf of St Brides Minor community Council Members

**24FC/23-24      ITEM 2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
E Davies	28FC/23-24	Sarn Library (Employee)	No/No
M John	All relevant	Member BCBC and Ynysawdre Community Council	No/No
T Nicholls	None relevant	Member Ynysawdre Community Council	No/No

**25FC/23-24      ITEM 3 TO RECORD THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 2023**

The Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and the Chair signed the Minutes.

**Resolved:** This was noted.

**26FC/23-24      ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 2023 MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the November 2023 minutes.

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

**27FC/23-24      ITEM 5 TO REVIEW THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND IDENTIFY ANY POTENTIAL RISKS, RESERVES AND END OF YEAR FORECAST**

The latest budget monitoring sheet was distributed to Members showing the balance carried forward to the following year. It was noted that this is an unaudited figure and that some income had not been received ie interest on Swansea Building Society, Rights of Way claim and VAT reclaim.

**Resolved:** There were no potential risks identified in the review of the budget. The Committee would recommend to full council earmarking the following reserves:

- External Audit 2022/23: £375

- Coity Wallia Conservators: £3,000 (though there was no recommendation to donate to the Conservators at this point)

Note: Councillor E Davies left the meeting for the library services part of the discussion of the precept budget.

#### **28FC/23-24 ITEM 6 LIBRARY SERVICES**

The discussions on the Library Services were on-going with no final decisions being made, these were discussed further.

**Resolved:** The Committee agreed to recommend to full council that any decisions are deferred to May 2024 following receipt of the Annual Report from Awen Cultural Trust.

#### **29FC/23-24 ITEM 7 SOLAR LANTERNS**

Quotes had been obtained to install 4 solar lighting columns along the path at Rowan's Lane and this was discussed. It was agreed that this won't be a critical issue until the darker nights in the autumn.

**Resolved:** The Committee agreed to recommend to full council that a decision is deferred until after the end of April 2024.

#### **30FC/23-24 ITEM 8 GRASS CUTTING AND FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE 2024/25**

It was noted that as the grass cutting season started earlier this year due to the mild but rainy weather, that a one-off cut had been made before a resolution on the year was made. The cost and quality of the service was discussed.

**Resolved:** The Committee agreed to recommend to full council continuing with the contractor for 2024/25 and to ask him to keep a close eye on Vale View as Pier Management had not confirmed it was taking over the cutting of the grass which is in their ownership.

#### **31FC/23-24 ITEM 9 FLOWER BASKETS AND BEDS 2024/25**

Last year the contractor had agreed to guarantee the costs would be the same for this year if a two year agreement was made and this was discussed.

**Resolved:** The Committee agreed to recommend to full council continuing with this contractor.

#### **32FC/22-23 ITEM 10 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**

The agenda will be kept open for items for the next agenda.

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

**33FC/23-24 TO AGREE A DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in June or July unless there is a need for a meeting before then.

The meeting closed at 6.59 pm.

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Chair of Committee

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7<sup>th</sup> May 2024