

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 1st JULY 2024 AT SARN LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors: Bernard Tiltman (Chair)
I Curzon (via zoom)
Y Walton-Davies (from 6.17 pm)
M John
D McConnell
S Morgan
T Nicholls
T Thomas (via zoom)
M Williams (via zoom)

Apologies: Councillor E Davies
No Apologies: Councillor J Williams

Clerk & RFO: Ann Harris

Public: None

Minute No: 37/24-25

38/24-25 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Yvonne W-Davies	41/24-25	Member Coity Higher Community Council	No/No
Mark John	All relevant	All BCBC Matters including Development Control	No/No
	41/24-25	Ynysawdre CC Tenant Community Garden	No/No No/No
Terry Nicholls	42/24-25	Ynysawdre CC	No/No
Dan McConnell	41/24-25	Ynysawdre CC	No/No
Shaun Morgan	n/a	Tenant Allotment Gardens Bryncethin	No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant	All BCBC Matters	No/No
	41/24-25	Ynysawdre CC	No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant	All BCBC Matters	No/No
	41/24-25	Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council	No/No

39/24-25 ITEM 3 PUBLIC TO SPEAK

There were no members of the public present.

40/24-25 ITEM 4 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2024 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the June 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.

41/24-25 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JUNE 2024 MEETING

Minute 21 and 22/24-25

The Clerk had received confirmation that the points made in the council's objection had been noted.

Some of the points Dr Davies had made in his objection had been included in the request for clarification from the applicant on the Tyn y Waun Solar Farm consultation.

Minute 23/24-25

To date no reply to the invitation to Councillor Spanswick to attend the council's September meeting

has been received.

Minute 25/24-25 Matters Arising from the May Minutes

The Clerk and contractor had met to look at the noticeboard locations and the re-hanging of the roll of honour.

Coity Wallia Board of Conservators

The Clerk had written to the Board of Conservators to ask for a meeting with them, along with the other minor authorities, BCBC and Dunraven Estates and received a response saying that the request will be raised at their next meeting on 31st July.

Ynysawdre CC

The Clerk had written to them about the MUGA funding and the working group. One Member had already responded to their Clerk showing interest.

Minute 27/24-25 Cost of Land Maintained but not owned by SBM CC

Vale View has had a one-off cut. Pier Management has confirmed that the land comes as part of a package with the land bearing very little value to the buildings that their client holds the freehold on. They state that the cost of maintenance cannot be recovered from the leaseholders and as such no funds are held or available to pay towards the regular maintenance.

Minute 29/24-25 Draft Lease Bryncethin Memorial Hall Car Park

The council's insurance has been increased to £10m at no additional cost.

Minute 32/24-25 Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports

There was no update on finding the child who's looking after the memorial.

Minute 33/24-25 Clerk's Report

Footpath Cwmberry: the Rights of Way department has written confirming that it does not have funding for this project, however, should funding become available in the year they will consider the project. They've written to the Commoner who requested further information on it.

Aluminium Lighting Columns: BCBC has informed the Clerk that the brackets were damaged when the columns failed and the baskets have not been returned.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted and approved. The Clerk was asked to reiterate its offer to Pier Management to purchase the land at Vale View for £1. The Clerk was asked to invoice BCBC for the cost of the missing basket and broken brackets.

42/24-25 ITEM 6 CHRISTMAS 2024

This was discussed.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to arrange the same provision as 2023 and to purchase the additional motifs for Bryncethin for the lighting columns the council had adapted ready in 2023.

43/24-25 ITEM 7 LOCATIONS FOR BENCHES 3 WARDS

The locations for the 3 new benches were discussed and some suggestions made.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to arrange the necessary permissions/licences to install the benches on land opposite the Royal Oak in Bryncethin, on the green space near Heol Bryncwils in Bryncoch and on the green space on Heol Llansanffraed near the bridge. The benches would be made out of recyclable materials.

44/24-25 ITEM 8 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 23-24

The Clerk had drafted an Annual Report for 23/24 which had been included in the papers for the meeting.

Resolved: There were no amendments and the Clerk was asked to publish the report. The Clerk was thanked for her work on the report.

45/24-25 ITEM 9 VACANCY - STAFF & DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Councillor Rob Teahan-Dyer's resignation had left a vacancy on this committee. Councillor Ian Curzon was proposed and seconded.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Curzon would take up the vacancy on the Staff & Disciplinary Committee.

46/24-25 ITEM 10 ALLOWANCES POLICY UPDATE

The Clerk had made suggestions of changes to the council's allowances policy, removing now out of date information and dates and adding some additional wording and this was discussed. The payment of the attendance allowance was discussed.

Resolved: The suggested changes were accepted and approved. It was unanimously agreed the payment of the attendance allowance would continue as it is and the Clerk will review the payment against attendance during the year.

47/24-25 ITEM 11 T&CC FUND - 2nd ROUND

A covering letter and application form had been received for the 2nd round of BCBC's Town and Community Council Fund. This was discussed.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to submit an application for solar lights at Rowan's Lane and some additional tree planting.

48/24-25 ITEM 12 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments

The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for June 2024 totaling £11,222.59. The unaudited balance carried forward to July 2024 is £94,474.98.

2. Income

There was no income in the month.

3. External Audit 23/24

Had been prepared and posted to the Wales Audit Office.

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

49/24-25 ITEM 13 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair had attended Bridgend Samaritans annual meeting. It was interesting and eye opening to hear how many calls they deal with and the services they offer. It was noted that they will have a financial shortfall this year.

Resolved: The information was noted.

50/24-25 ITEM 14 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Councillor M John: there were no BCBC meetings due to the pre-election period. Councillor John had attended the Armed Forces Day arranged by Bridgend Town Council and Jam in the Castle arranged by Coity Festivals. He'd also taken part in 3 hustings and continues to deal with the usual enquiries and assistance from the public.

Councillor T Thomas: said complaints continue about the length of the grass in the borough, he continues to deal with residents' enquiries and concerns and he mentioned the anti-social behaviour involving a caravan which has now moved on.

Councillor Y Walton-Davies: enquired about the closed gates in relation to P/24/281/FUL as she'd received phone calls about it.

Resolved: All information was noted.

51/24-25 ITEM 15 CLERK'S REPORT

Annual Leave: The Clerk reminded Members of her annual leave dates in July and August/September.

Resolved: The information was noted.

52/24-25 ITEM 16 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members and with the Chair's permission 5 further items had been added as they were received after the meeting papers had been distributed.

The following were highlighted by the Clerk:

- The agenda for the One Voice Wales area meeting on 15th July
- The Notice of Vacancies published for the Sarn Ward
- The new consultation: draft priorities for Culture 2024/2040.
- Age Cymru's Listen and Connect Telephone Listening Service scheme info.
- Cenin Renewables: Bridgend Energy Hub: Summer 2024 Project update
- Request for information on the council's Welsh Policy from Maesteg Town Council
- Awen Cultural Trust's request for information on defibrillators in the community
- Resident: enquiry ref. vacancy in the Sarn ward
- Resident: complaint re dog mess in the lane between Rees Row and Elm Rise and a request for a bin

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. The Clerk had provided the information on the defibrillators and the Welsh Policy. Councillor Tim Thomas will submit a referral to BCBC for a bin in the lane between Rees Row and Elm Rise.

NOTE: Councillor Mark John did not take part in agenda item 17

53/24-25 ITEM 17 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.

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

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

3 items of correspondence from PEDW.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to seek further information on what the containers are being used for and about drainage in relation to application P/24/184/FUL and to make an objection to this application on the council’s behalf and to state that the council supports Councillor John’s objections made independently. Councillor Y Walton-Davies noted that the Green Infrastructure Statement had been prepared in late 2023 and has only just been sent out. It was noted that it also contains errors.

54/24-25 ITEM 18 ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2024 ORDINARY MEETING

- Grass cutting service
- Vacancies Sarn Ward

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 9th September 2024 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.02 pm.

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Chair of Council

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9th September 2024