

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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

PRESENT:

Councillors: Bernard Tiltman (Chair)

C Booton
I Curzon (via zoom)
E Davies (via zoom)
Y Walton-Davies
P Deenik
M John (via zoom)
D McConnell (via zoom)
S Morgan
T Nicholls
T Thomas
M Williams (until 8.05 pm)

Apologies: None

Clerk & RFO: Ann Harris

Public: 3 Members of the public (up to item 4)

Minute No: 94/24-25

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

95/24-25 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	104/24-25	Employee Awen Cultural Trust	No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	104 & 106/24-25	Member Coity Higher Community Council	No/No
Paul Deenik	104/24-25	Member Ynysawdre CC	
Mark John	All relevant 104/24-25 None relevant	All BCBC Matters including Development Control Ynysawdre CC Tenant Community Garden	No/No No/No No/No
Terry Nicholls	104/24-25	Member Ynysawdre CC	No/No
Dan McConnell	104/24-25	Member Ynysawdre CC	No/No
Shaun Morgan	None relevant 103/24-25	Tenant Allotment Gardens Bryncethin Bryncethin Community Centre and Bryncethin RFC	No/No No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant 104/24-25	All BCBC Matters Member Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant 104 & 106/24-25	All BCBC Matters Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council	No/No No/No

96/24-25 ITEM 3 PUBLIC TO SPEAK

3 Members of public were in attendance and wished to raise concerns regarding the Hybont project and traffic concerns.

97/24-25 ITEM 4 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR SPANSWICK, LEADER BCBC

This item did not go ahead as Councillor Spanswick was not present. Councillor Spanswick had accepted the invitation and the points of discussion had been sent to his office along with a separate email of the agenda. Unfortunately, the agenda did not reach Councillor Spanswick due to an error in the email address used. He had checked via email that he was still required at the meeting, but this had been received after the part-time Clerk had left the office for the day and was not picked up until after the meeting. An invitation has now been extended to the January 2025 meeting.

Resolved: The information was noted.

98/24-25 ITEM 5 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2024 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the October 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.

99/24-25 ITEM 6 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE OCTOBER 2024 MEETING

Minute 78/24-25 Consider Matters Arising from the September 2024 Meeting

Land at Vale View: awaiting feedback from the solicitor

Christmas 2024: the 4 new column adaptations for Byncethin and installation of the new features will be carried out prior to the lighting up date.

Bench: despite writing again to BCBC to request permission for the bench installation opposite the Royal Oak the Clerk had not received a reply since the request was submitted on 19th August.

Minute 80 24/25 Lease Update - Bryncethin Memorial Hall Car Park

A response has been received from the landowner and the council's solicitor and the Clerk read out the response and the relevant clauses.

Minute 81/24-25 Coity Wallia Board of Conservators

The Clerk is waiting on feedback from the solicitor and the fees expected. In regard to the possible merger of two of the minor authorities, BCBC has informed the Clerk that the Head of Legal Services is looking at the original legislative documents in order to advise, should the council agree a new structure.

Minute 82/24-25 Councillor Resignation

There had been no call for an election and the Clerk would circulate a Co-option notice to Members to publish on their social media pages and local hubs and publish in the noticeboards and on the website.

Minute 83/24-25 Cwmberry Footpath

The Clerk has written to the Rights of Way Manager at BCBC and is waiting on a reply.

Minute 84/24-25 Rowan's Lane/Green Space

The Clerk has written to the Green Spaces Manager at BCBC and is waiting on a reply.

Minute 86/24-25 Update from MUGA Working Group

I've chased up a response to SBM CC's CAT Expression of Interest submitted in February 2024 for the land next to Sarn Centre for a location for a MUGA; this was due to be considered at a CAT Steering Group meeting on 29th February 2024.

The response I've been given from the CAT Officer is that the available information has been reviewed and the EOI was deferred pending the outcome of a members referral regarding the status of the Centre and suggesting that a members referral to the Corporate Landlord is made regarding the land and the future of the Centre.

Councillor Tim Thomas made that referral and the Group Manager Corporate Landlord has suggested that suitable plans be provided so BCBC can establish exactly what SBM CC are proposing in order to work through any perceived challenges we might face with a MUGA development in this location. He said he cannot comment on some matters in relation to the MUGA but as the manager of the land is happy for it to be explored as an option for this proposal.

Resolved: The information was accepted. The Clerk was asked to request a written summary of the solicitor's feedback in ordinary terms. A co-option notice will be circulated and published for the Bryncethin ward vacancy. The action regarding the MUGA was noted.

100/24-25 ITEM 7 CRIME FIGURES AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2024

No representatives of SW Police were present. The crime figures for October were discussed, it was noted the crime figures are low.. It was noted that there was no breakdown of the Drugs category as promised at the last meeting. A large quantity of fly tipping was noted on Cefn Carfan Road, which has been reported and a number of fires on Jubilee Crescent and fly tipping outside the nursery were noted.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to request the Drugs category breakdown.

101/24-25 ITEM 8 RESPONSE TO THE FUTURE OF LOCAL DELIVERY SERVICE MEETING HELD AT BCBC

The Chair gave feedback on the meeting attended by the Chair and Clerk at BCBC on 24th October 2024. Since the meeting a letter has been received from the CEO stating that a further meeting has been set for 21st January and a formal invite will follow. The main points of the meeting and a copy of the CEO's presentation had also been received. Councils had been asked to consider what they could work in partnership with BCBC on for inclusion in the 2026/27 budget and feed back to BCBC. This was discussed. The additional cost for employees to cover the additional work was noted.

Resolved: It was agreed to hold a second SBM CC hosted Chair and Clerks Meeting in the second week of January to discuss T&CCs working together.

102/24-25 ITEM 9 MINERS' MEMORIAL

Councillor Sean Morgan suggested putting a coal dram in memoriam to the 5 miners who died in the 1874 local pit explosion and use the top as a floral display, placing it on land north of the Mason's Arms.

Resolved: Councillor Sean Morgan would make additional enquiries on the supply of a dram and the Clerk would also do some research on the costs in time for the draft precept budget.

103/24-25 ITEM 10 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT PRECEPT BUDGET 25/26

Members had been asked to bring ideas for projects for the precept budget to the meeting. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain updated quotes for the shelters and welcome signs previously discussed, the miners' memorial discussed in item 9 above and at putting poppies on columns at Heol Laethog.

Resolved: The Clerk will obtain quotes for the items discussed for inclusion in the draft precept budget.

104/24-25 ITEM 11 DEFERRED FINANCIAL REQUESTS MARCH TO NOVEMBER 2024

A paper detailing the deferred financial request had been circulated. There is £1,000 in the budget and £350 had recently been donated to Bryncethin Rugby and Community Centre for their Christmas event. All requests on the sheet were discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed not to donate to the Llangollen National Eisteddfod and the Urdd National Eisteddfod and to defer the request from the Wales Air Ambulance until March 2025. It was agreed to donate £300 to Sarn Club's Christmas Light Switch On event.

NOTE: Councillor E Davies declared an interest and left the meeting for item 12.

105/24-25 ITEM 12 LIBRARY SUPPORT 2025/26

The invoice for 2025/26 had been received from Awen for the sum of £8,010 an increase from £7,999 in the last year. It was noted that councillors were disappointed that Awen Cultural Trust did not seek alternative funding when SBM CC reduced its contribution to the cost of the library services. This was discussed.

Resolved: The Clerk will write to Awen and BCBC to ask them to apply for the funding announced recently to be given to local authorities to fund warm hubs to enable the library to open 5 days a week. It is already established as a warm hub. In addition, the Clerk will write to

neighbouring councils (Ynysawdre, Coity Higher, Newcastle Higher and Coychurch Higher) to ask them to contribute to the costs as the library is open to all borough residents.

106/24-25 ITEM 13 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments

The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for October 2024 totaling for £2,563.08 The balance carried forward to November 2024 is £70,717.32.

2. Income

Income of £95.00 was received as a refund from One Voice Wales.

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

107/24-25 ITEM 14 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair had attended the Future of Local Delivery Service meeting at BCBC on 24th October 2024. On 10th November 2024 he'd attended remembrance services in Bridgend Town and Bryncethin Memorial Hall.

Resolved: The information was noted.

108/24-25 ITEM 15 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Councillors Tim Thomas: said there are issues with parking on Wigan Terrace, including parking on yellow lines which he will raise at the next PACT meeting. Councillor Thomas had attended Remembrance services at Aberkenfig and Bryncethin Memorial Hall.

Councillor M John: said there were issues with parking on Ogmores Terrace which have been reported to SW Police several times.

Councillor E Davies: had attended an Awen funding event at Bryngarw House; the representative from BAVO had been very helpful. Councillor Davies offered to organize a Christmas Decorations trail event and explained the concept. This was discussed.

Councillor M Williams: had attended the One Voice Wales Larger Councils Meeting representing both SBM CC and Coity Higher CC. It had been reiterated at the meeting that the gold standard for CAT transfers is a freehold. Councillor Williams had also attended a call for evidence session on the T&CC sector, held by the Welsh Government, and again had represented both councils.

Councillor S Morgan: had attended the Remembrance Service at Bryncthin Memorial Hall.

Resolved: All information was noted. The contact information for the organiser of the Bryncthin Memorial Hall service would be passed on to the Clerk. Councillor Davies' Christmas Decorations Trail Event was unanimously agreed and Councillor Davies would prepare the sign up forms, posters etc. and cc the Clerk into any published materials. It was agreed that the Chair would judge the competition.

109/24-25 ITEM 16 CLERK'S REPORT

Trees Bryncthin: The Clerk had received correspondence from a resident regarding maintenance of the trees behind the bus stop on the main road between the houses next to the Masons Arms and Gwyn Jones. This was discussed.

New Model Financial Regulations: These have been received from One Voice Wales though they are unable to let councils know what the changes are from the last issue. The Clerk would compare the two and add this as an item to the forthcoming Finance Committee meeting.

Draft IRPW Report 25/26: The Clerk informed Members that there are no changes to the determinations for T&CC, although it is noted that the £52 consumables payment is tax exempt and the council no longer has to publish names of those taking allowances, merely the totals.

Resolved: Councillor Mark John asked the Clerk to forward the correspondence and he would take up the matter with the resident and the Board of Conservators. The other information was noted.

110/24-25 ITEM 17 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members and with the Chair's permission 10 further items had been added as they were received after the meeting papers had been distributed.

The following were highlighted by the Clerk:

- OVW/SLCC Event 20th November 2024
- NALC pay agreement for 2024/25 for Clerks

- BCBC T&CC Fund 2025/26
- Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2025 - closes 17th January 2025
- BCBC - postponed T&CC Forum meeting
- National Grid - request for information for unmetered use of electricity.

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. Councillor M Williams will attend the OVW/SLCC event and represent both SBM CC and Coity Higher CC and share the cost. The NALC pay agreement was accepted and approved in line with the Clerk's Contract of Employment will be back paid and increased to the relevant salary scale. It was noted that the Clerk had not received written confirmation about the outcome of the 2nd round of T&CC funding for 24/25, Councillor Mark John said he would make a referral to obtain written confirmation of the outcome. The Mayor's Citizenship Awards would be included on the January 2025 agenda. It was noted that the Clerk had submitted the information to National Grid for the Christmas motifs and lights.

NOTE: Councillor Mark John declared an interest and did not take part in item 18.

111/24-25 ITEM 18 PLANNING MATTERS

3 planning request 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.

An update on P/23/218/FUL Hybont Project had been received.

Resolved: The above information was noted.

112/24-25 ITEM 19 URGENT ITEMS FOR THE DECEMBER 2024 PRECEPT MEETING

The agenda will be kept open for any urgent items that may arise during the month.

- Precept Budget Setting
- Co-option Bryncethin Ward

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 9th December 2024 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.26 pm.

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Chair of Council

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9th December 2024