

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024 AT SARN LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors: Bernard Tiltman (Chair)

C Booton
I Curzon
E Davies (via zoom)
Y Walton-Davies
M John
S Morgan
T Nicholls
T Thomas
M Williams

Apologies: Councillor P Deenik

No Apologies: Councillor D McConnell

Clerk & RFO: Ann Harris

Public: None

Minute No: 113/24-25

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

114/24-25 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	117 & 119/24-25	Employee Awen Cultural Trust	No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	117/24-25	Member Coity Higher Community Council	No/No
Terry Nicholls	124/24-25	Member Ynysawdre CC	No/No
Shaun Morgan	None relevant 122/24-25	Tenant Allotment Gardens Bryncethin Bryncethin Community Centre and Bryncethin RFC	No/No No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant 124/24-25	All BCBC Matters Member Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant 119/24-25	All BCBC Matters Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council	No/No No/No

115/24-25 ITEM 3 PUBLIC TO SPEAK

There were no members of the public present.

Resolved: The information was noted.

116/24-25 ITEM 4 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2024 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the November 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.

117/24-25 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE OCTOBER 2024 MEETING

Minute 99 Consider Matters Arising from the October 2024 Meeting

Land at Vale View: the Clerk gave feedback from the solicitor and 3 options. These were discussed.

Benches: The benches from Sarn and Bryncoch wards have been installed and following a BCBC referral we now have a response regarding the bench near Daleside. Following some discussion it was agreed that the opposite side of the junction would be preferable.

Coity Wallia Board of Conservators: A request had been received from the Conservators for £3,000 for 23/24 and £3,000 for 24/25. However the Clerk confirmed that £3,000 had not been given in the past the last payment being made on 23rd May 2022 (for the financial year 22/24) which aligns with a letter the Clerk received in November 2020 from the Clerk, Mr Doug John, following a meeting of the minor authorities and the Board.

Minute 105 Library Support 2025/26

As resolved at the last meeting the Clerk had written to Awen, copied in to Andrew Jones at BCBC, to request that they work in partnership to secure funding from the warm hub fund announced by the Government for local authorities and re-introduce a Friday into the library's opening days to provide a 5 day warm hub. The Clerk read out her letter to Awen and the response received from them. This was discussed.

Minute 109 Clerk's Report

Trees Bryncethin: Councillor Mark John had spoken to the resident who lives adjacent to the overgrown trees raised at the November meeting and had raised the matter with the Coity Wallia Board of Conservators who suggested the council take them over. This was discussed.

T&CC Funding: since the last meeting the Clerk has received confirmation in writing of the council's success in securing funding for solar lights along the path at Rowan's Lane. The Clerk had instructed the contractor to go ahead and the work will be carried out in the second week of January.

Resolved: The information was accepted. It was agreed to accept the option to include searches where the legal fee would be £895 plus disbursements including land registry fees, bank transfer fee, AML checks and search fees. The Clerk was asked to request permission for a bench in the preferred location near Daleside. The Clerk was asked to respond to the letter

from the Board of Conservators saying that they had not written to request funding in 23/24 and therefore that money was no longer available, that the council would pay £1,250 for 2024/25 and to request a letter asking for the amount they request for 25/26. The Clerk was also asked to include a copy of the letter dated November 2020 in the correspondence. It was unanimously resolved that the Clerk should write again to Awen to ask them to answer the question and to let the council know what advice they were given by BCBC, and by whom, that it would not be appropriate to utilise this fund for the increase in library hours. The council did not wish to take over the maintenance of the trees in Bryncethin and would write to the Conservators to request that they carry out some maintenance of the trees.

118/24-25 ITEM 6 RECOMMEDATIONS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE INCLUDING DRAFT MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Councillor Shaun Morgan, Chair of Finance Committee made the following recommendations:

The following recommendations are made by the Finance Committee:

- That there are no threats to the budget for 24/25
- To recommend the draft budget that are in members packs for discussion in the next item
- To accept the draft financial regulations
- Next meeting to be held late March 2025/early April 202

Resolved: All recommendations made by the Finance Committee were accepted including the updated Financial Regulations

119/24-25 ITEM 7 PRECEPT BUDGET 2025/26

The Finance Committee had met and a precept budget for 25/26 had been drafted. This was discussed line by line. To aid discussion the Clerk had provided the letter regarding Band D Equivalent from BCBC, the forecast for the end of 24/25 and information on the library invoice for 25/26, the cost of 3 shelters, the cost of 6 welcome signs and the cost of poppies for the Heol Laethog area.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to accept the draft precept budget for 25/26 and the Clerk would request a precept of £69,359 from BCBC, an increase of 2.6%.

120/24-25 ITEM 8 CO-OPTION BRYNCETHIN WARD

Two applications had been received and the applications had been included in the meeting papers. All had read the applications. A vote was taken.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to co-opt applicant Tracey Miles.

121/24-25 ITEM 9 LEASE BRYNCETHIN MEMORIAL HALL CAR PARK UPDATE

The Clerk had provided copies of correspondence between her and the council's solicitor on this matter and this was discussed.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would instruct the solicitor that the council are happy with the lease except for the clause about the reinstatement of the car park area to agricultural land, that the council would wish to hand the land back as a car park.

122/24-25 ITEM 10 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments

The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for November 2024 totaling for £3,048.22 The balance carried forward to December 2024 is £67,669.10

2. Income

No income had been received in the month.

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

123/24-25 ITEM 11 CHAIR'S REPORT

Resolved: There was no Chair's report this month.

124/24-25 ITEM 12 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies: had attended the Local Access Forum and reported that there is an appetite to go ahead with the Quiet Lanes scheme. Councillor D Unwin will be in touch with councils to ask them for their ideas on what roads are suitable for the scheme.

Councillor Walton-Davies: also informed the council that Santa's sleigh will be travelling through the Sarn and Bryncethin wards on 17th December.

Councillor Mark John: had been dealing with the tree maintenance issue in Bryncethin, bollards on Heol Canola and gave an update on the containers located opposite CCYD.

Councillor Tim Thomas: gave an update on the recent power cuts and falling trees and fences during the recent storms.

It was agreed that BCBC would be asked about their emergency plans and the contact details during emergencies.

Councillor Emma Davies: gave an update on the Christmas Decorations Trails.

Resolved: All information was noted.

125/24-25 ITEM 13 CLERK'S REPORT

Roll of Honour Board: This has now been moved to the main corridor to the library. The Centre Management have agreed to repair and touch up the wall where the board was removed.

Williams Crescent: Following some feedback from the grass cutting contractor Councillor Mark John had inspected the area and confirmed the contractors' findings about a trampoline, broken fencing and soil dumped there.

Sarn Club Event: The Clerk reminded all councillors that they are invited to the Christmas event being held at the Club on Wednesday 11th December at 6.00 pm

Councillor Spanswick: The Clerk gave an update on correspondence received from Councillor Spanswick regarding attendance at a meeting; he has agreed to attend the January meeting.

Resolved: All information was noted. It was agreed that the roll of honour looked great in the main corridor and that it was great that the centre management would repair and touch up

the wall. The Clerk was asked to add another point of discussion to Councillor Spanswick's attendance at the meeting - responses to T&CCs queries from officers.

126/24-25 ITEM 14 URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members and with the Chair's permission 8 further items had been added as they were received after the meeting papers had been distributed.

The following were highlighted by the Clerk:

- One Voice Wales - many consultations taking place including planning resilience, Wales Covid 19 Inquiry, the role, governance and accountability of the T&CC sector etc.
- BCBC - Coychurch Crematorium Christmas Service on 12th December 2024
- Urdd Gobaith Cymru - financial request
- One Voice Wales National Awards 2025

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. The request from Urdd Gobaith Cymru was deferred to the March 2025 meeting.

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

127/24-25 ITEM 15 PLANNING MATTERS

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

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

Resolved: The above information was noted.

128/24-25 ITEM 16 ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 2025 ORDINARY MEETING

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

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 13th January 2025 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

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Chair of Council

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13th January 2025