

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2025 AT SARN LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors: Bernard Tiltman (Chair)

C Booton
I Curzon (via zoom from 6.16 pm)
E Davies (via zoom from 6.26 pm)
Y Walton-Davies
P Deenik
M John (via zoom)
S Morgan
T Miles
M Williams

Apologies: Councillors D McConnell and T Nicholls
No Apologies: Councillor T Thomas

Clerk & RFO: Ann Harris

Public: One

Minute No: 129/24-25

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including Councillor Tracey Miles to her first council meeting, Councillor J Spanswick Leader BCBC and one member of the public.

All councillors were asked to introduce themselves for the guests' information.

130/24-25 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	131/24-25	Employee Awen Cultural Trust	No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	134/24-25	Member Coity Higher Community Council	No/No
Paul Deenik	134/24-25 143/24-25 None relevant	Chair YCC Governor Bryncethin Primary Governor YCCD	No/No No/No No/No
Shaun Morgan	None relevant 139/24-25	Tenant Allotment Gardens Bryncethin Bryncethin Community Centre and Bryncethin RFC	No/No No/No
Mark John	All relevant 134/24-25	All BCBC Matters Member Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant 134/24-25	All BCBC Matters Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council	No/No No/No

131/24-25 ITEM 3 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR J SPANSWICK LEADER BCBC

Councillor Spanswick addressed an administrative error being the reason he hadn't attended a previous meeting. He also addressed the council's unsuccessful T&CC application for a MUGA made in 2024 and gave the reasons. Poor communication and lack of replies between T&CCs and BCBC were raised as was the council's concerns regarding the Hybont project. Councillor Spanswick could not discuss the details of the Hybont project as it is a live planning application. Council concerns were the H&S aspect, that junction 36 is over capacity, local people's concerns about its location and the lack of access and egress into the industrial estate and that the emergency services which would deal with an incident at the site would likely be affected by an incident and be unable to attend. Also of concern was the sale of land in Bryncethin previously earmarked for a rugby field following investment by BCBC to reclaim the land, which is also in the LDP. Councillor M Williams also raised unresolved issues with the library funding and asked Councillor Spanswick to investigate this with Awen Cultural Trust and BCBC Officers. Councillor Spanswick also addressed the current budget consultation process. Councillor Yvonne-Walton Davies asked if Councillor Spanswick was open to hearing some suggestions for a solution to the

junction 36 issue.

Resolved: That Councillor Spanswick would investigate the unresolved issues regarding the library funding with Awen Cultural Trust and BCBC Officers and report back to the council. Councillor Spanswick asked the Clerk to get in touch with his PA to arrange for him to meet with Councillor Walton-Davies to discuss her suggestions for a solution to junction 36 problem. At the end of the item the feedback regarding the MUGA application was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that the council would write to Councillor Spanswick to express their disappointment in the comments made.

132/24-25 ITEM 4 PUBLIC TO SPEAK

There was one member of the public present who spoke on their concerns about the Hybont project.

Resolved: The information was noted.

133/24-25 ITEM 5 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2024 PRECEPT MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the December 2024 precept 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.

134/24-25 ITEM 6 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 2024 MEETING

Minute 118/24-25 Consider Matters Arising from the November 2024 Meeting

Land at Vale View: Berry Smith solicitors are now on board and are dealing with this acquisition as per the council's previous instructions.

Bench A4061: The Clerk and Councillor S Morgan were meeting on site to look at the best location.

Coity Wallia Board of Conservators: The Clerk had been given a copy of a letter written by J Golunski to the previous Clerk of the Board, this was discussed. The Clerk had written to the current Clerk to the Board to ask for their bank details to make the agreed donation for 24/25 and to ask them to write a letter to request an amount for 25/26. On another matter the Board has agreed to discuss maintenance of the trees to the side of Gwyn Jones Coaches at their next meeting.

Library Support: The Clerk had received confirmation from Newcastle Higher CC that they will

include a request for a contribution to the library at their next meeting. In addition Coity Higher CC had acknowledged receipt of the letter and have deferred a discussion on a contribution to their March 2025 meeting. Ynysawdre CC and Coychurch Higher CC have not replied.

Solar Lights Rowan's Lane: The Clerk confirmed that she has a site meeting tomorrow and if no issues arise then the lights will be installed on 17/1/25.

Minute 119/24-25 Precept Budget 2025/2026

A precept amount of £69,359 has been requested from BCBC and acknowledgment of the request received.

Minute 121/24-25 Lease Bryncethin Memorial Hall Car Park

The council's solicitor has given the council's feedback on the draft lease to the landowner.

Resolved: The information was accepted.

135/24-25 ITEM 7 CRIME FIGURES NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2024

There were no SW Police present. The crime figures were discussed.

Resolved: It was noted that drug crime has now been included under its own heading on the figures.

136/24-25 ITEM 8 MAYOR'S CITIZENSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS

The details of the award had been included in the meeting papers. This was discussed. The deadline for entries is 17th January 2025. One Member had already submitted a nomination.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that nominations would be submitted by individual councillors not as a council nomination.

137/24-25 ITEM 9 PROJECT SUGGESTIONS FOR BCBC'S T&CC FUND 25/26

Details of the fund had been circulated to Members with their meeting papers and ideas were discussed.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to investigate and apply to install a footpath behind the bungalows near Bryncethin Uchaf Farm and to re-submit an application for the MUGA.

138/24-25 ITEM 10 PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH 55

Details of the proposed diversion had been included in the papers. Some feedback had been received from Councillors M Williams, S Morgan and B Tiltman. The feedback and the proposal were discussed.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would request a site visit and object to the proposal on the grounds of the feedback given by the 3 councillors.

139/24-25 ITEM 11 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments

The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for December 2024 totaling for £4,354.99. The balance carried forward to January 2025 is £63,304.11.

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 December 2024.

140/24-25 ITEM 12 CHAIR'S REPORT

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

141/24-25 ITEM 13 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Mark John: had dealt with many social housing queries and Llanw repairs.

Councillor Emma Davies: said there had been only 1 entry for the Christmas trail competition. Councillor Davies invited everyone to a community drop in event at 10.00 am on 10th February 2025 to see the changes to the library.

Resolved: All information was noted.

142/24-25 ITEM 14 CLERK'S REPORT

Coity Wallia Board of Conservators T&CC Representation: as requested the Clerk had written to Mark Shepherd regarding the council's concerns should the electoral arrangement review affect the T&CC representation on the Board of Conservators; the Clerk read out the reply.

Local Delivery Service Meeting: a second meeting is being held on 21st January, the Chair and Clerk will attend. For information the Clerk shared the agenda items for that meeting with councillors.

Cenin: have requested to attend the February council meeting to answer questions on Pre Application Consultation for Mynydd y Gaer wind farm.

SBM Chairs & Clerks Meeting: the next meeting will be held on 4th February 2025 at Sarn Centre.

Right of Way Footpath Cwmeri: the Clerk had received a response to the request to cut back the brambles overhanging the footpath that runs parallel to the M4 - the RoW department at BCBC will contact the landowner to make the request. The request to carry out work to improve the beginning of the path nearest to Cwmeri cottages has been acknowledged and RoW will obtain costs for the work for consideration should funding become available.

Resolved: All information was noted. The Electoral Arrangement Review consultation begins w/c 13/1/25 and will be included on the February agenda.. It was agreed to accept Cenin's request to attend the February meeting.

143/24-25 ITEM 15 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:

- BCBC - confirmation of receipt of request for £69,359 25/26 Precept
- BCBC - email regarding how to contact BCBC via the Report It portal
- BAVO - request for information on community venues
- Awen Cultural Trust - information on Sarn Library Refurbishment and Closure Dates
- Bryncethin Primary School - email regarding financial contribution to the toilet refurbishment
- SW Police - Police Funding Survey reminder (closes 13/1/25)

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. The Clerk had provided the community venue information to BAVO. The Clerk read out the email received from Bryncethin Primary School. The Clerk had requested more information on costs etc but these had not been received. It was noted that school repairs are the responsibility of BCBC.

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

144/24-25 ITEM 16 PLANNING MATTERS

3 planning request had been sent out in the month and 3 decisions and 0 appeals.

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

Correspondence from PEDW re an application to change of use for common land at Cefn Hirgoed & Hirwaun Common, Sarn had been received stating that it had noted the council’s comments that the application should have been made under the Coity Wallia Commons Act 1976 rather than the Commons Act 2006 therefore no further action is being taken on the application.

Resolved: The above information was noted. The Clerk was asked to:

P/24/741/FUL to ask Planning for further information regarding the lack of a drainage plan and make a comment on the application about this concern. To object to P/24/788/HAZ regarding access, egress etc. and to object to P/24/728/RLX as this changes the nature of the business at the Designer Outlet.

145/24-25 ITEM 17 ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2025 ORDINARY MEETING

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

- Playscheme 2025
- Electoral Review Arrangement Consultation
- Cenin - PAC Mynydd y Gaer wind farm

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 10th March 2025 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.58 pm

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Chair of Council

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10th February 2025