

# ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 AT SARN LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

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### PRESENT:

Councillors: Bernard Tiltman (Chair)

C Booton

I Curzon

E Davies (via zoom)

Y Walton-Davies

M John

D McConnell (via zoom)

S Morgan

T Thomas (via zoom)

M Williams

Apologies: Councillors P Deenik and T Nicholls

No Apologies: Councillor T Miles

Clerk & RFO: Ann Harris

Public: Two and 3 representatives of Cenin

The Chair welcomed the 3 representatives of Cenin (Martin Popham, Roy Thomas and Jessica King) and the two members of the public to the meeting. The 3 representatives of Cenin introduced themselves.

**147/24-25 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Councillor Name</b>	<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Declaration</b>	<b>Speak/Vote</b>
Emma Davies	151/24-25	Employee Awen Cultural Trust	No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	156/24-25 148/24-25	Member Coity Higher Community Council Coity Wallia Commoner	No/No Yes/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant 151/24-25	All BCBC Matters Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Shaun Morgan	None relevant	Tenant Allotment Gardens Bryncethin Bryncethin Community Centre and Bryncethin RFC	No/No No/No
Mark John	All relevant incl 148/24-25 and 149/24-25 151/24-25	All BCBC Matters  Member Ynysawdre CC	No/No  No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant 156/24-25 153/24-25 154 & 160/24-25	All BCBC Matters Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council Spouse part of the Boundary Review team Friend of Forces Fitness Instructor	No/No No/No Yes/No Yes/No

**148/24-25 ITEM 3 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF CENIN REF. MYNYDD Y GAER WIND FARM PAC**

Cenin had provided a booklet on the project. They introduced themselves and their roles.

Councillors asked questions and Cenin responded. These included questions on the increased number of turbines, the changes to restrictions on a by-way, the M4 junctions, work to the access road near Rockwool, the mining of a large piece of land at the top of the proposed area, consultation dates which are detailed below, links with Hybont and the proposed Llynfi valley project, concerns of residents near the proposed solar farm, if there'd be any community projects, the diversion of footpath 55, the use of the Commons Act 2006, why the Coity Wallia Board of Conservators is not mentioned in the booklet, the funding of the Conservators, where the grid

connection will be and how far away the connection will be, how many acres of land is being taken for roads, how long is the trackway, the scaring of the earth, if there is financial gain to the commoners, conservators and land owners and the consultation letter stating that documents could be viewed in the library though it's been closed for re-decoration for 3 weeks and how residents can get a non-technical copy of the consultation.

Consultations:

- Bryncethin Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Blackmill Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Heol y Cyw Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Pencoed Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Resolved:** Cenin responded to all questions answered. Cenin agreed to send the Clerk the details of how to access a non-technical copy of the consultation. Cenin were asked to obtain a reason why the Commons Act 2006 is being used and not the 1976 Act.

#### **149/24-25 ITEM 4 PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

One member of the public requested to ask questions to the representatives of Cenin in regard to the height of the turbines, power production, the proposal for an Employment hub, using green space and not brownfield sites, trenches on Mynydd y Gaer and a request for improved communication with resident with updates s on work that's being carried out.

**Resolved:** Representatives from Cenin answered the questions.

#### **150/24-25 ITEM 5 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the January 2025 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.

#### **151/24-25 ITEM 6 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 2025 MEETING**

##### **Minute 131/24-25 To Receive Councillor J Spanswick, Leader BCBC**

A response to Councillor M Williams' question on the library had been received and circulated to members. As requested at the last meeting the Chair had written to Councillor Spanswick and arrangements have been made via the Leader's PA to invite Councillor Walton-Davies to a meeting

to give her suggestions on a solution to junction 36 problems.

### **Minute 132/24-25 Consider Matters Arising from the December 2024 Meeting**

**Land at Vale View:** Members had been given the Heads of Terms and a plan. The solicitor has asked for a £350 payment on account.

**Bench:** Councillor Morgan and the Clerk had met on site to look at the best location for the bench. Consultation letters had been sent to the nearest residents in Daleside. One objection had been received so an alternative location would be needed. The Clerk was asked to look into an alternative suggestion.

**Library Support:** Ynysawdre CC have confirmed that they're happy to engage with SBMCC however no funding terms have been agreed on an amount and they away further feedback. Coychurch Higher are unable to contribute as they have set their precept and are unable to allocate funds too far from their direct local area. Newcastle Higher are going to respond once it's been discussed at council and Coity Higher CC will discuss it at their March meeting.

In addition, further correspondence has been received from Awen CEO Richard Hughes which the Clerk had shared with Members.

**Solar Lights:** The lights at Rowan's Lane have been installed, the invoice will be paid this week and the Clerk will make a match funding claim.

### **Minute 137/24-25 Project Suggestions for BCBC's T&CC Fund 25/26**

Two updated quotes for the MUGA have been obtained to include with the funding application and Councillor Miles is assisting by checking the application. The Clerk is working on the footpath application by obtaining advice and quotes.

### **Minute 138/24-25 Proposed Diversion of Footpath 55**

A site meeting has been arranged with BCBC and Cenin on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10.00 am. Councillor Shaun Morgan will attend on behalf of SBM CC but all are welcome.

### **Minute 142/24-25 Clerk's Report**

**Future of Local Service Delivery Meeting:** The Chair and Clerk had attended a meeting at BCBC on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025, the Chair gave feedback.

**Resolved:** The information was accepted. The Heads of Terms were unanimously accepted and the Clerk was given authority to make the account payment of £350.

### **152/24-25 ITEM 7 CRIME FIGURES JANUARY 2025**

The crime figures for January 2025 had been included in the meeting papers. There were no SW Police present. The crime figures were discussed.

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

#### **153/24-25 ITEM 8 ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENT REVIEW**

The relevant pages of the review had been copied for councillors and these were discussed.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to include this on the March 2025 agenda for further discussion.

#### **154/24-25 ITEM 9 PLAYScheme 2025**

Details of the availability and costs from the current provider, Youthworks, had been included with the papers. In addition, a financial request had been received from Forces Fitness detailing their offer and costs. These were discussed.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed to use Youthworks' services to provide 2 sessions a week, 1 in Sarn/Bryncoch and 1 in Bryncethin for a total of 8 weeks - 2 at Easter and 6 in the school summer holidays. The Clerk was asked to respond to Forces Fitness.

#### **155/24-25 ITEM 10 TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM**

A letter has been received from the Leader of BCBC following the recent Future of Local Service Delivery meeting asking for views on the future of the Town and Community Council Forum, specifically the timing, format and frequency of the meetings moving forward. This was discussed.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed to feedback that the agenda should have only two items until they are resolved: The Future of Local Service Delivery and What the Forum should be going forward and that the meeting is open to the public.

#### **156/24-25 ITEM 11 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

##### **1. Payments**

The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for January 2025 totaling £2,691.01. The balance carried forward to February 2025 is £60,728.03.

##### **2. Income**

No income was received in the month.

**Resolved:** The information was noted and accepted and authority given to make the payments listed for January 2025.

#### **157/24-25 ITEM 12 CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair had attended a second Future of Local Service Delivery meeting at BCBC, along with the Clerk and gave feedback on the meeting.

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

#### **158/24-25 ITEM 13 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS**

**Councillor Mark John:** had been invited to Tondu Rugby Club for an update on their asset transfer of Pandy Park. He updated members on the plans including the inclusion of 2 MUGAs. He was concerned how Aberkenfig Boys & Girls football club would be affected.

**Councillor Tim Thomas:** explained that the asset transfer would be split into phases and the MUGAs were part of phase two. Councillor Thomas gave updated on fly tipping on unadopted land at Clos Tyn y Coed, Hybont and the plans for a nuclear plant at Llynfi.

**Resolved:** All information was noted. It was noted that a consultation on the Llynfi proposals will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00 pm at Coytrahen Community Centre and there are other consultations planned which can be viewed via the following link <https://www.cleanenergyllynfi.wales/events> . In addition it was unanimously agreed to continue with the council's application for match funding to build a MUGA on land next to Sarn Centre.

#### **159/24-25 ITEM 14 CLERK'S REPORT**

**Buckingham Palace Garden Party:** the opportunity to put a name forward to attend this year's party has arisen again. In line with the resolved minute from last year the outgoing Chair, Councillor Mark John's name has been put forward.

**Grass Cutting:** The Clerk would obtain 3 quotes.

**Flower Planting:** The new legislation for procurement Act 2023 is due to come into force in February 2025. One Voice Wales' legal team have not yet issued advice notes regarding this new legislation and therefore it was felt that the council cannot test the market at this time and agreed to continue with our existing long term contractor.

**SBMCC Hosted Chairs & Clerks Meeting:** the next meeting is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 6.00 pm

**Resolved:** All information was approved and noted.

## **160/24-25 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:

- Information Commissioner's Office - annual renewal receipt
- Residents - correspondence on Mynydd y Gaer wind farm, the de-registration of land and the creation of an Employment Hub.
- Resident - thank you for the opportunity to speak at the January 2025 meeting
- CISS - financial request
- Forces Fitness - financial request to provide play scheme events
- Coity Wallia Board of Conservators - request for £1,250 funding for 25/26
- RPS Tetrtech - had sent letters to all members asking for feedback on the proposed Employment Hub by 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025.
- RPS Tetrtech - had sent letters to all members asking for comments by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to a proposed development at Mynydd y Gaer Common, Land to the north of Heol y Cyw, Bridgend.

**Resolved:** The items of correspondence were noted. The financial request from CISS would be considered at the March 2025 meeting, the request from Coity Wallia Board of Conservators was noted and would be considered in the next financial year. The Clerk was asked to write to ask the Board to write to the council by November each year to request funding for the following year, prior to the council's budget setting. The correspondence from residents which had been acknowledged by the Clerk were noted and the financial request from Forces Fitness was not agreed. The Clerk was asked to respond to the RPS Tetrtech letter and feedback the members' objection to the proposal and comments. The second letter from RPS Tetrtech would be discussed at the March 2025 meeting.

NOTE: Councillor Mark John declared an interest and did not take part in item 16.

**161/24-25 ITEM 16 PLANNING MATTERS**

0 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.

Information on Mynydd y Gaer Wind Farm’s PAC had been sent to Members.

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

**162/24-25 ITEM 17 ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 2025 ORDINARY MEETING**

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

- Electoral Arrangement Review
- Deferred Financial Requests
- Response to Proposed Development at Mynydd y Gaer Common

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

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm

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**Chair of Council**

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**10<sup>th</sup> March 2025**