

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of St Brides Minor Community Council held on Monday  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via Zoom**

**Attendance:** Cllrs C Booton, I Curzon\*, E Davies\*, Y Walton-Davies, P Deenik, M John\*, D McConnell\*, T Miles, S Morgan, T Nicholls, T Thomas, B Tiltman (Chair) and M Williams

\*via zoom

**Apologies:** None

**Public:** None

**Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	167 & 178/24-25	Employee Awen Cultural Trust	No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	169/24-25 170/24-25	Member Coity Higher Community Council Coity Wallia Commoner	No/No Yes/No
Paul Deenik	178/24-25	Ynysawdre Community Council Chair	No/No
Shaun Morgan	None relevant None relevant	Tenant Allotment Gardens Bryncethin Bryncethin Community Centre and Bryncethin RFC	No/No No/No
Mark John	All relevant incl 178/24-25 173/24-25	All BCBC Matters Member Ynysawdre CC Knows both contractors	No/No No/No No/No
Terry Nicholls	178/24-25	Ynysawdre Community Council	No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant 178/24-25	All BCBC Matters Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant 169/24-25 169/24-25	All BCBC Matters Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council Spouse part of the Boundary Review working group team	No/No No/No Yes/No

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
163/24-25	Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above</li> </ul>
164/24-25	Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above</li> </ul>
165/24-25	Public to Speak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no members of the public in attendance.</li> </ul>
166/24-25	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting February 2025 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minutes were accepted and approved as being a true and accurate record and</li> </ul>

		the Chair signed the minutes.
167/24-25	To Consider Matters Arising from the February 2025 Ordinary Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was accepted.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to circulate the responses from Cenin on the diversion of footpath 55 to all.</li> </ul>
168/24-25	Crime Figures February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted.</li> </ul>
169/24-25	Electoral Arrangement Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk was asked to feedback the following by 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025:</li> <li>• SBM does not accept the proposed new arrangements and wishes to strongly reiterate its previous recommendation that St Brides Minor Community Council and Ynysawdre Community Council should be amalgamated into one council, in line with the arrangements for borough councillor representation of these wards. In particular it will not split communities.</li> <li>• SBM accepts that the part of SBM which sits south of the M4 should be excluded and accepts the review's view that these should sit within Coity Higher Community Council.</li> <li>• That the council's name should be St Brides Minor and Ynysawdre Community Council.</li> <li>• That councillor representation should be in line with the equation mentioned in the review.</li> <li>• The review proposals are not compatible with the two Coity Wallia Acts of 1976 and 2006. BCBC will be aware that the terms of these Acts in their present form must be complied with. Should the review wish to amalgamate Coychurch Higher with another council, with the legislation of the acts in mind, SBM suggest that consideration be given to amalgamate Coychurch Higher CC with Ogmores Valley CC.</li> </ul>
170/24-25	Response to Proposed Development Mynydd y Gaer	<p>The Clerk was asked to feedback the following by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lapwings are in severe decline in the UK due to habitat loss, they have very particular needs. It is considered that the</li> </ul>

		<p>mitigation as offered in this application will not meet these needs. Consequently these birds would be at serious risk of become locally extinct.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The statement on the Bridgend Energy Hub website is misleading. It states that the combined output of both the solar and wind projects will supply 72,000 homes; these two projects will not be connected to the grid and will only deliver energy to private customers. Therefore there will be zero benefit to local people who will have to live with the environmental losses, seriously affecting mental health and social inconveniences for a generation or more.</li> <li>• Many people enjoy the hobby of driving and riding off-road vehicles. Yet there are few opportunities to partake of this hobby legally. The public byway ( believed to be an historic highway ) is one of those few. The council believes that extinction of this right will clearly lead to an increase in illegal use of the site. How is the proposer going to monitor this illegality twenty four hours a day and ensure police attendance when illegal vehicles are detected?</li> <li>• SBM CC disagrees with the application of the Coity Wallia Commons Act 2006 in this proposal and believe the correct legislation is the 1976 Act which should be used.</li> <li>• SBM CC supports Dr Paul Davies' response to this PAC.</li> </ul>
171/24-25	Feedback from SBM hosted Chairs & Clerks Meeting 26/2/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The feedback and resolutions were accepted.</li> </ul>
172/24-25	Deferred Financial Requests 2024/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed to donate £250 to the Gateway Church Easter Egg Hunt and to ask them to acknowledge SBM CC's donation and logo on any published material.</li> </ul>
173/24-25	Grass Cutting 2025/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vote was taken and a unanimous decision was made to award the work for 25/26 to quote two. The Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.</li> </ul>
174/24-25	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted and accepted and authority given to make the</li> </ul>

		payments listed for February 2025.
175/24-25	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was no Chair's Report.</li> </ul>
176/24-25	Members/Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information was noted.</li> <li>• It was agreed that Councillor Miles would submit an Awards for All application and conduct an up-to-date consultation.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to write to CEO of BCBC regarding the behaviour of some of the attendees at the Hybont planning meeting and to write a separate letter asking what the Hybont storage enforcement will entail and how the monitoring will be carried out.</li> </ul>
177/24-25	Clerk's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information was approved and noted.</li> </ul>
178/24-25	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The items of correspondence were noted.</li> <li>• The Clerk had responded to the OVV request for information, AJG Insurance, Youthworks, Ynysawdre CC, Coity Wallia Commoners and acknowledged the multiple residents' correspondence which she had also forwarded to councillors.</li> <li>• Newcastle Higher CC's response was noted.</li> <li>• A request was made to include the Regional Transport Plan consultation on the April agenda. The funding requests had been considered as part of agenda item 10.</li> </ul>
179/24/25	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted.</li> </ul>
180/24-25	Items for the Next Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The agenda will be kept open for any items that may arise during the month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Regional Transport Plan</li> <li>➤ Observations by the Standards Committee</li> <li>➤ BCBC Business Support Group Manager</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.</li> </ul>