

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

**Attendance:** Cllrs C Booton, I Curzon, E Davies\*, Y Walton-Davies (from 6.07 pm), P Deenik, M John, D McConnell, T Miles, S Morgan, T Nicholls, T Thomas\* (from 6.44 pm), B Tiltman (Chair) and M Williams

\*via zoom

**Apologies:** None

**Public:** 2 representatives of SW Police

**Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	None relevant 197/24-25	Employee Awen Cultural Trust Community Governor Bryncethin Primary School	No/No No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	193/24-25	Member Coity Higher Community Council Coity Wallia Commoner	No/No Yes/No
Paul Deenik	187/24-25	Ynysawdre Community Council Chair	No/No
Shaun Morgan	None relevant None relevant None relevant	Tenant Allotment Gardens Bryncethin Bryncethin Community Centre and Bryncethin RFC	No/No No/No
Mark John	All relevant incl. 187/24-25	All BCBC Matters Member Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Terry Nicholls	187/24-25	Ynysawdre Community Council	No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant 187/24-25	All BCBC Matters Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant 193/24-25 190/24-25	All BCBC Matters Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council Member BCBC Standards Committee	No/No No/No Yes/No

The Chair informed members that as resolved in minute 180/24-25 the Group Manager Business Support at BCBC had been invited to the meeting, but unfortunately could not attend as the date is after his retirement date and there is no current successor to his post to invite.

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
181/24-25	Apologies for Absence	• As above

182/24-25	Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above</li> </ul>
183/24-25	Public to Speak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no members of the public in attendance.</li> </ul>
184/24-25	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting March 2025 Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Meetings were accepted and approved as being a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the minutes.</li> </ul>
185/24-25	To Consider Matters Arising from the March 2025 Ordinary and Extraordinary Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was accepted.</li> <li>• It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the land without the section marked in green, with the proviso that a contribution of £250 is made by the land owners to the council each year for the cost of cutting the grass.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to let the Rights of Way Department know that they had no objection to a temporary diversion of footpath 55, however it must revert to its original definitive path when the project ends.</li> <li>• Authority was given to Councillor T Miles to carry out the consultation.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to chase up a full response from the Leader at BCBC.</li> </ul>
186/24-25	Crime Figures March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted.</li> </ul>
187/24-25	Defibrillator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following a discussion it was resolved that Councillor Thomas would find out more information and report back at the May meeting.</li> </ul>
188/24-25	Bryncethin Memorial Hall Car Park Lease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was accepted and approved.</li> </ul>
189/24-25	Regional Transport Plan Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was unanimously agreed that a letter voicing the council's concerns would be sent to the email consultation address and copied to Ken Skates and Huw Irranca-Davies.</li> <li>• Councillor T Thomas agreed to draft a letter and send it to the Clerk to include in the next meeting papers on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025.</li> </ul>

190/24-25	Standards Committee Best Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously agreed that the Standing Orders would be updated to include that councillors announce themselves at the start of each meeting so that they can be identified by any members of the public in attendance.</li> </ul>
191/24-25	VE Day 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Llansantffraid Church to ring its bells at 6.30 on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025, part of a UK wide plan.</li> </ul>
192/24-25	IRPW Annual Report 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no changes to the determinations and it was agreed that the council's Allowances Policy covers the requirements stated including how to recover any payments made to a member who leaves mid-year. It was noted that there is no longer a requirement to publish the names of councillors who take the allowances, only the total amount of each allowance paid.</li> </ul>
193/24-25	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The information was noted and accepted and authority given to make the payments listed for March 2025.</li> </ul>
194/24-25	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair's report had been covered in Minute 185/24-25 - meeting with solicitor ref. land at Vale View.</li> </ul>
195/24-25	Members/Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted.</li> <li>The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC to express the council's concerns about potential damage to the nursery's play equipment and injury to users who are tunnelling under the gate.</li> <li>The Clerk was asked to check on the governance around contributing funds to church property.</li> </ul>
196/24-25	Clerk's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted and the Clerk was asked to obtain an auditor asap to enable her to complete the audit paperwork in time for its deadlines.</li> <li>The Clerk was asked to find an alternative contact to summarise the Coity Wallia Acts.</li> </ul>
197/24-25	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The items of correspondence were noted.</li> <li>The OVW Motions for AGM would be included on the May agenda. The two</li> </ul>

		<p>financial requests would be deferred to November 2024, the poster could be published on the website and in the council's noticeboards, the comments from residents were noted and it was unanimously agreed to donate £600 towards a sports kit for Bryncethin Primary School and to request that the council's logo is included somewhere on the kit.</p>
198/24/25	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The information was noted.</li> <li>➤ The Clerk was asked to object to P/25/144/OUT and to ask for a council representative to speak at any site and planning meetings:</li> <li>➤ The application's use of the incorrect act of parliament; it is using the 2006 Act but should be using the 1976 Act</li> <li>➤ There are two BCBC representatives on the Board of Conservators and they have a duty to uphold the correct Act</li> <li>➤ BCBC's LDP 2018 - 2033 states no industrial developments north of junction 36</li> <li>➤ The application contradicts BCBC's Nature Emergency Plan</li> <li>➤ It is not necessary to move footpath 1 as one side of the footpath will remain useable by the public. The other side is currently not useable as it exits onto the A4063 and continues on the opposite side of the road where it is impossible to cross.</li> <li>➤ Disagree with a further road junction onto such a short stretch of the busy A4063. The existing junctions are controlled by traffic lights, necessary for highway safety and traffic flow</li> <li>➤ The application does not specify its specific use as an employment unit</li> <li>➤ There is no capacity for carbon sequestration</li> <li>➤ The area acts as a natural soak away protecting lower lying areas from flooding during heavy rain. If the site is built and paved over it will cause rainwater to run off and flood those areas.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The council also asked the Clerk to object to P/24/746/FUL as there is no provision for off road parking.</li> </ul>
199/24-25	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>➤ One Voice Wales Motions for 2025</li> <li>➤ Regional Transport Plan Draft Letter (TT)</li> <li>➤ Feedback on T&amp;CC Grant Funding Applications</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.</li> </ul>

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