

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12th MAY 2025 AT SARN LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors: Shaun Morgan (Chair)

C Booton
I Curzon
E Davies (via zoom)
Y Walton-Davies
P Deenik
M John
D McConnell
T Nicholls
T Thomas
B Tiltman
M Williams

No Apologies: T Miles

Clerk & RFO: Ann Harris

Public: None

Minute No: 1/25-26

2/25-26 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	15/25-26 5/25-26	Employee Awen Cultural Trust Community Governor Bryncethin Primary School	No/No No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	15/25-26 Any relevant	Member Coity Higher Community Council Coity Wallia Commoner	No/No No/No
Paul Deenik	15/25-26	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. 15/25-26	All BCBC Matters Member Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Terry Nicholls	15/25-26	Ynysawdre Community Council	No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant 15/25-26	All BCBC Matters Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant 15/25-26 Any relevant	All BCBC Matters Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council Member BCBC Standards Committee	No/No No/No No/No

3/25-26 ITEM 3 PUBLIC TO SPEAK

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

4/25-26 ITEM 4 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2025 MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the April 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.

5/25-26 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APRIL 2025 MEETING

Vale View: the solicitor has confirmed that the vendor has agreed to contribute £250 pa for the council to continue cutting the grass marked in green on the location plan.

Bench Daleside: the Clerk is still chasing up the licence.

Project Suggestions for BCBC's T&CC Fund 25/26: the Clerk said she was still waiting on the Rights of Way Manager to respond ref. applying to make the location of the temporary footpath a Right of Way and had requested a meeting with the CAT Officer to ask for further information on why both applications were unsuccessful and how the council could improve the applications.

Footpath 55: the council's comments had been fed back to the Rights of Way section who had passed them on to Cenin for comment. The Clerk read out Cenin's response. The matter will now go before the RoW sub-committee and the council will be notified of the outcome along with all prescribed parties when an order is made following which there will be a formal 28 day consultation period.

SBM Hosted Chairs & Clerks Meeting: only 1 response had been received to the SLA letter sent out to all T&CCs for comments.

Borough Council/Ward Reports: a response had been received from BCBC's CEO to the council's letter regarding officer, and councillor behaviour at the Hybont planning meeting. The Clerk read out the response. Councillor T Thomas had also met with the CEO on this matter and gave an update.

Minute 187/24-25 Defibrillator

Councillor T Thomas did not have an update to give.

Minute 195/24-25 Borough Council/Ward Reports

The Clerk had sought advice on contributing to church property and explained the recent change in law in England which had not changed in Wales; it is unlawful for funds to be used for the upkeep of church property. The Clerk explained the possible risk of a legal challenge as there is no current law case.

Minutes 197/24-25 Correspondence

An email of thanks had been received from Bryncethin Primary School for the council's donation to the school's sports kit. They said they'd inform parents of the donation and will look into how they could include the council's logo on the kit.

Resolved: The information was accepted. The Clerk was asked to raise the lack of response to the SLA letter at the next Chairs & Clerks meeting to be held on 28th May at Maesteg Town Council. The Clerk was asked to respond to the CEO's letter. It was agreed that Councillor T Thomas would lead a working group to review councillors' concerns about the Hybont planning meeting and consider what action to take.

6/25-26 ITEM 6 CRIME FIGURES APRIL 2025

The crime figures for April 2025 had been included in the meeting papers and these were discussed.

Resolved: The information was noted.

7/25-26 ITEM 7 MEMORIAL HALL CAR PARK LEASE UPDATE

The Clerk had hoped to have an update for tonight's meeting but that had not been possible. The council's solicitor had written to the landowner's solicitor and had not received a reply.

Resolved: The information was noted.

8/25-26 ITEM 8 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

The revised financial regulations which include reference to the Procurement Act 2023 and the Procurement (Wales) Regulations 2024 had been circulated with the papers.

Resolved: The revisions were unanimously accepted and approved and the Clerk would make the amendments to the council's Financial Regulations.

9/25-26 ITEM 9 ONE VOICE WALES MOTIONS FOR 2025

The details of how to put forward a Motion to the One Voice Wales Annual meeting had been included in the meeting papers for all to read.

Resolved: It was agreed to defer a decision on whether to put forward a motion to the June 2025 meeting and Councillor Y Walton-Davies will write a motion on Quiet Lanes and forward to the Clerk to circulate with the June meeting papers no later than Monday 2nd June 2025.

10/25-26 ITEM 10 REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN CONSULTATION DRAFT LETTER

The Clerk had not received a draft letter to include in the meeting papers. Councillor Tim Thomas gave a verbal update on what he had included in the draft letter.

Resolved: Councillor Thomas was asked to provide the Clerk with a written copy and the Clerk was given authority to accept it and submit it to Mr Ken Skates and the consultation by Monday 19th May 2025.

11/25-26 ITEM 11 FEEDBACK ON T&CC GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk had hoped to have feedback to present to council but this had not been possible. A meeting has been scheduled with the CAT Officer for Friday 16th May 2025.

Resolved: The Clerk would report any feedback from that meeting to the June 2025 meeting.

12/25-26 ITEM 12 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1.Payments

The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for April 2025 totaling £4,136.09
The unaudited balance carried forward to May 2025 is £105,997.51

2.Income

Income of the council's precept for 25/26 had been received for £69,359.00

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

13/25-26 ITEM 13 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair had no report to give for May 2025.

14/25-26 ITEM 14 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Martin Williams: had reported fly tipping on the common.

Councillor Ian Curzon: expressed his on-going concerns about the access into Sarn Centre. The Clerk had contacted BCBC and raised those concerns and they said they'd look into making the area more secure.

Councillor Mark John: gave an update on issues with road traffic signage being in the wrong place which recently resulted in an artic lorry which was too big to go under the bridge at the bottom of Sarn Hill being stuck. He also reported on BCBC grass cutting issues.

Councillor Bernard Tiltman: gave an update on his Lamp Light of Peace lighting experience.

Councillor Terry Nicholls: said there were two broken trees on Heol Cwrdy.

Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies: updated members on recent road traffic accidents on the Pant Hirwaun to Heol y Cyw road. Councillor Walton-Davies also expressed her concerns about the camber in that road.

Councillor Tim Thomas: had been dealing with numerous individual referrals.

Councillor Emma Davies: asked when the play areas would be refurbished and was informed May and September.

Resolved: All information was noted. The Clerk would contact BCBC about access to the Centre. Councillor John would make referrals regarding signage about the road camber and installing road traffic signage about the bridge and Sarn Hill.

15/25-26 ITEM 15 CLERK'S REPORT

Library Donations: Responses had now been received from all 4 T&CCs that the council had written to requesting a donation towards the library services. Coychurch Higher CC and Newcastle Higher CC had written saying they couldn't donate. Coity Higher CC had said they'd be happy to contribute the equivalent of 30 hours of the librarian's pay rate as the librarian has worked at both primary schools in their wards and Ynysawdre CC had said they were happy to engage with SBM CC and wait to hear the responses from the other T&CCs that SBM CC had approached.

Footpath 3: There was no further update on the re-opening of Footpath 3, but the Clerk would continue to chase this up.

Resolved: The information was noted.

16/25-26 ITEM 16 CORRESPONDENCE

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

The following were highlighted by the Clerk:

- AJG Annual Insurance Renewal
- Section 6 Information - biodiversity training new modules
- Resident - enquiry ref. Hong Kong Terrace
- Mynydd y Gaer Action Group - invitation to meeting 10th May 2025.

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. The Clerk was given authority to accept the insurance quote and renew the council's insurance. It is believed that the name of Hong Kong Terrace was part of the naming of streets in Bridgend as part of the Commonwealth ie. Australian Terrace off Coity Road. Councillor John gave an update on the Mynydd y Gaer Action Group meeting. Chris Bryant MP and his PA had attended, however neither Chris Ellmore MP or Huw Irranca-Davies MS were present. It had been a successful meeting with many issues

discussed including turbine height and speed, the affects on biodiversity, history, King Arthur, an ecology report on bats. It was unanimously agreed that Councillor John would write to Chris Bryant MP to ask him to raise a question in parliament on the primacy of the 1976 Act and copy in Chris Ellmore MP and Huw Irranca-Davies MS.

Note: Councillor M John did not take part in the next item on the agenda.

17/25-26 ITEM 17 PLANNING MATTERS

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

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

Other Matters: PEDW Ref: CAS-04119-V1K7LO (further comments by 23rd May 2025)

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to respond to the PEDW correspondence that the council's reiterates its point that the 1976 Act is the primary act and not the 2006 Act.

18/25-26 ITEM 18 ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 2025 ORDINARY MEETING

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

- Motions for OVW Annual Meeting 2025 (Cllr Y Walton-Davies to draft a proposed motion on Quiet Lanes by 2nd June 25)
- Feedback on T&CC Grant Funding Applications

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 9th June 2025 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

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Chair of Council

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9th June 2025