

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9th JUNE 2025 AT SARN LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillors: Shaun Morgan (Chair)

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

Apologies: Councillors T Miles and P Deenik

Clerk & RFO: Ann Harris

Public: Three

Minute No: 19/25-26

20/25-26 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	33/25-26 n/a	Employee Awen Cultural Trust Community Governor Bryncethin Primary School	No/No No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	31/25-26 Any relevant	Member Coity Higher Community Council Coity Wallia Commoner	No/No No/No
Shaun Morgan	n/a n/a n/a	Tenant Allotment Gardens Bryncethin Bryncethin Community Centre and Bryncethin RFC	No/No No/No
Mark John	All relevant incl planning n/a	All BCBC Matters Member Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Terry Nicholls	n/a	Ynysawdre Community Council	No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant n/a	All BCBC Matters Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant 31/25-26 Any relevant	All BCBC Matters Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council Member BCBC Standards Committee	No/No No/No No/No

21/25-26 ITEM 3 PUBLIC TO SPEAK

There were three members of the public in attendance. One member of the public asked for an update on the outcome of the recent Electoral Boundary Review.

Resolved: Councillor Mark John said the Review is being considered by BCBC at its full council meeting on 25th June 2025.

22/25-26 ITEM 4 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY ANNUAL & ORDINARY 2025 MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the May 2025 annual and ordinary meetings 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.

23/25-26 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MAY 2025 MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from the Annual Meeting.

Ordinary Meeting:

Minute 5/25-26 Consider Matters Arising from the April 2025 Meeting

Bench Daleside: the Clerk is still waiting on a licence from BCBC and will continue to chase it up.

Working Group: had not yet met and it was unanimously agreed that any letter regarding the Hybont planning meeting should be addressed to the Monitoring Officer rather than the new CEO.

Chairs & Clerks Meeting: The meeting had been hosted by Maesteg Town Council. The level of engagement was disappointing, but it was held in half term. The next meeting will be hosted by the Garw Valley Community Council on 9th September in Llangeinor. The Chair gave an update on the meeting. Maesteg Town Council had given an update on a bus route they are funding two days a week and a digital footpath map they've had produced for their area.

Minute 14/25-26 Borough Council/Ward Reports

Play Equipment Sarn Nursery: the Clerk had reported the issues to BCBC who said they'll investigate making the area more secure. They'd inspected the site and will introduce a lock for the main gate.

Minute 16/25-26 Correspondence

Councillors confirmed that this item had been resolved.

Resolved: The information was accepted. The Clerk was asked to include the bus route and digital footpath map on the July agenda.

24/25-26 ITEM 6 CRIME FIGURES MAY 2025

The crime figures for May 2025 had been included in the meeting papers and these were discussed. A request was made to receive a comparison on the monthly figures for the year.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk would request a comparison from SW Police.

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

An update on the lease had been circulated with the meeting papers. This was discussed.

Resolved: The information was noted. The solicitor's recommendations were agreed in principle, however the Clerk was asked to find out further information on the matter and was

given authorization to increase the budget for the solicitor fees as this now requires further work.

26/25-26 ITEM 8 ONE VOICE WALES MOTIONS FOR 2025 INCLUDING QUIET LANES DRAFT PROPOSAL

Member Councils have been invited by One Voice Wales to propose a maximum of two motions for debate at their AGM on 1st October 2025, which must be received no later than noon on 20th June 2025. Motions must reflect a national issue or problem. Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies had suggested in the May 2025 that the Quiet Lanes scheme might be an option.

Resolved: It was agreed that SBM CC's concerns ref. Quiet Lanes was a more local matter and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Tim Thomas would request a motion at BCBC's full council meeting on this issue and no motion would be put forward for this year's OVW AGM.

27/25-26 ITEM 9 FEEDBACK ON T&CC GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk had met with the CAT Officer and Group Manager to discuss both unsuccessful funding applications. Contrary to the funding letter received from BCBC they do not require further information on the MUGA application, but said that until they know what the future of Sarn Centre holds they cannot agree a CAT for the land next to the Centre as that green space may be required. They would consider a CAT on the Centre and the land but not the land only.

In regard to the footpath in Bryncethin, the panel appreciated the problems with safe access from the front of the properties but there are grazing rights on the land behind the houses dated 1976. Going forward the CAT Officer will talk to the legal department about it and it could be possible for the council to submit an EOI on that land.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would request a meeting with the CAT Officer and the Group Manager and that the Chair, Councillor Tim Thomas and the Clerk will attend.

28/25-26 ITEM 10 DRAFT OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

Councillor Booton gave some information on this consultation. The purpose of this SPC is to support and provide further direction on the implementation of the policies for Outdoor Recreation Facilities contained within the adopted (March 2024) Replacement LDP. It had been sent to all via email to read.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that Councillors would make individual representations which must be received by 11.59 pm on 2nd July 2025.

29/25-26 ITEM 12 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1.Payments

The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for May 2025 totaling £12,474.78
The unaudited balance carried forward to June 2025 is £93,522.73

2.Income

There was no income in the month.

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

30/25-26 ITEM 12 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair raised his concerns about the amount of glass and china that has been revealed by the gas works being carried out at Pandy Park, near the Pavillion. He expressed his concern that once the works are completed, glass may still find its way to the surface.

Resolved: The Chairs' concerns were noted.

31/25-26 ITEM 13 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Tim Thomas: updated Members with further information on the request for an outside defibrillator at Pandy Park. This was discussed.

Councillor Bernard Tiltman: had attended the Coity Wallia Board of Conservators meeting representing the Chair in his absence. He gave an update. In response to Councillor Tiltman's update on his attendance at the Board of Conservators' meeting, Councillor Tim Thomas suggested that the lack of transparency should be referred to BCBC's Monitoring Officer as there did not appear to be minutes of meetings, responses to FOIs and the public are unable to attend the meetings.

Councillor Emma Davies: said that a BCBC consultation on funding for libraries will take place between 10.00 am and midday on Wednesday 18th June.

Councillor Mark John: said he'd made referrals about the signage for lorries approaching Sarn Hill and the camber on the Pant Hirwaun to Heol y Cyw road. He'd also made many referrals regarding

drainage, street lighting and gave an update on the lack of grass cutting which is a great concern to councillors and the public.

Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies: informed members of an RTA on Cefn Carfan Road. No police were involved.

Resolved: All information was noted. It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Tim Thomas would draft a motion to request a discussion at a future BCBC meeting regarding the lack of transparency of the Coity Wallia Board of Conservators. It was unanimously agreed that Councillors Tim Thomas and Emma Davies would work together to apply for funding for a defibrillator for Pandy Park. Councillor Davies would send Councillor Thomas the funding details.

32/25-26 ITEM 14 CLERK'S REPORT

Defibrillators: the Clerk had found a funding stream for two defibrillators and asked for suggested locations in Bryncoch and Bryncethin.

VJ 80th Anniversary - 15th August 2025: this was discussed and it was agreed that Councillors would light the lamps of peace in the three wards and the Clerk would draft an Armed Forces Covenant as an agenda item for the July 2025 meeting.

Risk Assessments: the Clerk asked if any Councillors had a qualification in risk assessment; a few had.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to apply for defibrillator funding and was asked to approach Bryncethin Memorial Hall and Gwyn Jones coaches for permission to install them there. A draft Armed Forces Covenant would be considered at the July meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would send any contractor risk assessments to Councillor Curzon to evaluate and agree.

33/25-26 ITEM 15 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:

- Maesteg Town Council - invite to the Mayor's Civic Service on 20th July 2025

- Kids Cancer Charity - request to place a clothing bin on the council's land
- Awen Cultural Trust - information on B-Leaf and Wood-B services and information on a Fun in the Park event 5th July at Newbridge Fields.
- Bridgend Samaritans - invitation to the Chair to attend their AGM on 10th July.

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. The Chair is unable to accept the Civic Service invitation so the Vice-Chair will accept and represent SBM CC. The information from Awen Cultural Trust was noted. The council has no land to place a clothing bin on, the Clerk was asked to respond. The Chair accepted the invitation to attend the Bridgend Samaritans AGM.

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

34/25-26 ITEM 16 PLANNING MATTERS

2 planning request had been sent out in the month and 1 decision and 0 appeals.

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

Resolved: The information was noted, there were no objections.

35/25-26 ITEM 17 ITEMS FOR THE JULY 2025 ORDINARY MEETING

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

- Digital Footpath Map
- Local Bus Service
- Christmas 2025
- Draft Armed Forces Covenant
- To invite the new BCBC CEO, Jake Morgan, to the council's September 2025 meeting.

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 7th July 2025 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

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Chair of Council

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7th July 2025