

## ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



### MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 AT SARN LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

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#### PRESENT:

Councillors: Shaun Morgan (Chair)

C Booton  
I Curzon (via zoom up to 7.23 pm)  
E Davies (via zoom)  
Y Walton-Davies  
P Deenik (via zoom up to 7.00 pm)  
M John  
D McConnell (via zoom)  
T Thomas (via zoom)  
B Tiltman  
M Williams (via zoom)  
R Williams

Apologies: None

Clerk & RFO: Ann Harris

Public: None

Minute No: 138/25-26

**139/25-26 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	142 & 150/25-26 n/a	Employee Awen Cultural Trust Community Governor Bryncethin Primary School Clerk Ynysawdre Community Council	No/No No/No No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	151/25-26 142/25-26 142/25-26 n/a	Member Coity Higher Community Council Coity Wallia Commoner Rep Board of Conservators for Coity Higher CC Member Local Access Forum	No/No No/No No/No No/No
Paul Deenik	145/25-26 n/a	Chair Ynysawdre Community Council Governor YCCD	No/No No/No
Terry Nicholls	145/25-26	Ynysawdre CC	No/No
Shaun Morgan	n/a n/a	Tenant Allotment Gardens Bryncethin Bryncethin Community Centre and Bryncethin RFC	No/No No/No
Mark John	All relevant 145/25-26	All BCBC Matters incl. Dev Control Committee Vice-Chair Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant 145/25-26	All BCBC Matters Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant 142/25-26 151/25-26	All BCBC Matters incl. Standards Committee Rep Board of Conservators for Coity Higher CC Vice-Chair Coity Higher Community Council	No/No No/No No/No

**140/25-26 ITEM 3 PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

There were no members of the public present.

Resolved: **Noted**

**141/25-26 ITEM 4 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2025  
PRECEPT MEETING**

The Minutes of the December 2025 precept 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.**

## **142/25-26 ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 2025 MEETING**

### **Minute 126/25-26 Consider Matters Arising from the November 2025 Meeting**

**Library Performance Indicator Comparison Figures:** BCBC had provided book comparison figures across 4 days which had been included with the meeting papers.

**Purchase of Land Vale View:** no further update

**Invitation to BCBC's CEO to attend a future meeting:** no response to date

### **MUGA and Footpath Project Ideas**

**Footpath:** process is progressing.

**MUGA:** the contractor does not provide noise assessments and they don't know anyone who carries them out as they have not been asked for one. Any noise from children will be a guess as we have no idea how much it will be used and they provided a link to some information on their noise reduction technology including some testing figures. The CAT Officer has been asked if there is CAT funding to cover the cost of an assessment and we are waiting for a reply. The Clerk has approached other Clerks to see if anyone's got a contact who can carry out this type of work.

**Footpath Sarn Common:** The Chair gave an update on the site visit held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

### **Minute 128/25-26 Precept Budget 2026/27**

The precept request was made the day after the precept meeting and an acknowledgement has been received from BCBC.

### **Minute 131/25-26 Chair's Report**

The Chair had updated members on the possible allotment site in Minute 142/25-26 above.

The Clerk had contacted the person selling the two drams and gave an update. Planning permission is needed but that can't be applied for until the purchases are confirmed and the measurements, weight etc. known. This is likely to take a while.

### **Minute 132/25-26 Urgent Members/Ward Reports**

The Clerk asked if the kerb has been sprayed in Bryncethin Memorial Hall car park?

The letter to the Health Board had not been included on the agenda as requested, as the draft letter had not been received.

As requested a meeting of the representatives has been arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> January, but not many have responded.

## Minute 133/25-26 Clerk's Report

A second working group meeting has taken place to look at updating the Charter. Each council representative has been given two sections to update to include in a first draft by 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Resolved: The information was noted and accepted. The Clerk was asked to invite the BCBC Officer responsible for providing the library comparison figures to the February meeting. The kerb has not yet been sprayed. Councillor Thomas will forward the letter to the Clerk to include on the February agenda. The Clerk was asked to remind representatives about the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and copy in BCBC's CEO and Leader.

### **143/25-26 ITEM 6 CRIME FIGURES NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2025**

There was no PCSO present to give further information on the figures. It was noted that there was a drastic reduction in the number of crimes from November to December 2025 and the largest number of crimes being violence against a person.

Resolved: The information was noted.

### **144/25-26 ITEM 7 MAYOR'S CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

The Awards are now open to receive nominations with a closing date of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The categories and link to the nomination form had been sent out to all members. This was discussed. One member had submitted a nomination.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to submit a nomination on behalf of the council.

NOTE: Councillors Emma Davies, Paul Deenik, Mark John, Terry Nicholls and Tim Thomas left the room for the next item. They were not present to take part in a discussion or a vote. 4 are councillors of both councils and Councillor Davies is the Clerk to Ynysawdre CC.

### **145/25-26 ITEM 8 REQUEST FROM YNYSAWDRE CC TO MERGE WITH ST BRIDES MINOR CC**

A letter had been received from Ynysawdre CC asking St Brides Minor CC to merge as one council. This was discussed in some detail.

Resolved: A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to write to Ynysawdre CC to accept their offer of a merger and to write to BCBC to inform them of this decision, ask for guidance on how to move forward and to merge asap and before the election in 2027.

## **146/25-26 ITEM 9 DRAFT BIODIVERSITY REPORT**

A draft Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025 had been prepared by the Clerk and sent out with the papers.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed to accept the report and publish it on the council's website. Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies thanked the Clerk for her work on the document.

## **147/25-26 ITEM 10 RENAMING GEORGE THOMAS AVENUE**

The council had written to BCBC to request renaming this street and had received a detailed response on the way forward. A copy had been included in the meeting papers and this was discussed.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed not to go ahead with this process due to the considerable cost.

## **148/25-26 ITEM 11 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

### **1. Payments**

The Clerk requested authority to make the payments listed for December 2025 totaling £9,829.06. The balance carried forward to January 2026 is £73,401.72

### **2. Income**

There was no income in the month.

### **3. External Audit**

There has been no correspondence to date.

**Resolved:** The information was noted and accepted and authority given to make the payments listed for December 2025. The budget monitoring sheet was accepted.

## **149/25-26 ITEM 12 CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair had received complaints about the Heras fencing placed around the Bryncethin Christmas tree and asked why it was there. The Clerk said that when she'd asked previously and was told it was for H&S reasons due to it being located so close to a roundabout.

**Resolved:** The Clerk was asked to investigate the reasons.

## **150/25-26 ITEM 13 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS**

**Councillor Tim Thomas:** said BCBC seem to have been caught out with the recent winter weather conditions, all grit bin issues had been referred to BCBC. He informed members about a Llais consultation taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> and 22nd January 2026 in Sarn Library.

**Councillor Ian Curzon:** reported street lighting issues on Maes Brynach, Ogmore Terrace and Brynmenyn Industrial Estate.

**Councillor Mark John:** same as Councillor Curzon, a number of lights not working and all reported. Social housing issues continue, the condition of the outside of Ynysawdre swimming pool has been raised, there have been flooding issues and fencing issues to deal with; all have been reported to BCBC.

**Councillor Emma Davies:** directed councillors to surveys on display in the library should they wish to take one.

**Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies:** thanked Councillor Tim Thomas for making a referral re. gritting on Cefn Carfan Road.

**Resolved:** All information was noted. Councillor Mark John has already made referrals about the lighting issues.

## **151/25-26 ITEM 14 CLERK'S REPORT**

**Buckingham Palace Garden Party:** an opportunity to nominate an individual to attend a King's Garden Party in May as been received. The Clerk read out the details.

**T&CC Chairs & Clerks Meeting:** this takes place on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and is being hosted by Bridgend Town Council. The Clerk asked if anyone wanted to suggest an agenda item?

**T&CC Clerks Meeting:** this take place on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and will not have a formal agenda, it will be an opportunity for Clerks to set the dates, times and agenda for future meetings.

**Working Groups Community Bus and Digital Footpath Map:** the next meetings are taking place on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Representatives from neighbouring councils will bring their routes for both projects to see if a circular route can be completed to take the projects forward.

**Training:** the Clerk is attending a Biodiversity and Resilience Annual Plan workshop in the week.

**Resolved:** There was a unanimous vote that the Chair would be nominated to attend the King's Garden Party. There were no suggested agenda items for the T&CC Chairs & Clerks meeting. The Chair and Clerk will attend the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **152/25-26 ITEM 15 CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence had been forwarded by email to Members. With the Chair's approval some additional correspondence and planning matters received since the papers were circulated had been sent out on an additional sheet.

The following were highlighted by the Clerk:

- Newcastle Higher CC - suggested inviting a Maesteg Town Councillor to the working group meeting on the community bus route
- What you need to know about the Community Boundary Review webinar
- BCBC - opportunity to join a focus group

**Resolved:** The items of correspondence were noted. The Clerk was asked to invite Councillor Abedalkarim to the working group meeting. The Chair will attend the Community Boundary Review webinar.

NOTE: There was nothing contentious on the planning list this evening so Cllr M John remained at the meeting for item 16.

#### **153/25-26 ITEM 16 URGENT PLANNING MATTERS**

1. 2 planning requests had been sent out in the month and 1 decision and 0 appeals.
2. 1 Planning Aid Wales items of correspondence had been sent out in the month.

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

#### **154/25-26 ITEM 17 ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING**

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

- Invite Sophie Moore, BCBC to the meeting
- Letter to the Health Board
- Items for the April 2026 T&CC Forum agenda
- Grass cutting, weed spraying, footpath maintenance and floral display quotes for 2026

**155/25-26 ITEM 18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will be an ordinary meeting and will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via zoom at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.21 pm

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**Chair of Council**

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**9<sup>th</sup> February 2026**