

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11th MAY 2026 AT SARN LIFELONG LEARNING CENTRE AND VIA TEAMS

PRESENT:

Councillors: Shaun Morgan (Chair)

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

Apologies: None

Public: One member of the public

Clerk & RFO: Ann Harris

Minute No: 01/26-27

02/26-27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	05 & 11/26-27 05, 07 & 17/26-27	Employee Awen Cultural Trust Clerk Ynysawdre Community Council	No/No No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	n/a 05/26-27 15/26-27 05/26-27	Member Coity Higher Community Council Coity Wallia Commoner Grazier Rep Board of Conservators for Coity Higher CC Member Local Access Forum	No/No No/No No/No No/No
Paul Deenik	05, 07 & 17/26-27 17/26-27	Ynysawdre CC (Chair) Local Health Board	No/No No/No
Terry Nicholls	05, 08 & 17/26-27	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 05, 07 & 17/26-27	All BCBC Matters incl. Dev Control Committee Vice-Chair Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant 05, 07 & 17/26-27	All BCBC Matters Ynysawdre CC	No/No No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant 15/26-27 n/a	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
Robert Williams	05, 07 & 17/26-27	Ynysawdre Community Council	No/No

03/26-27 PUBLIC TO SPEAK

There had been no request to speak at the meeting.

Resolved: Noted.

04/26-27 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2026 ORDINARY MEETING

The Minutes of the April 2026 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.

05/26-27 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APRIL 2026 MEETING

Minute 199/25-26 To Receive Claire Marchant and Sophie Moore, BCBC ref Library Services

Sophie Moore had been invited to the meeting. An update will be given in item 11.

Minute 200/25-26 Matters Arising from the February 2026 Meeting

Ynysawdre Merger with St Brides Minor CC: update will be given in item 7 on the agenda.

Draft Lone Worker Policy: progress will be made on the app by the June meeting.

Pride in Place Funding: update in item 8 on the agenda

Minute 201/25-25 Crime Figures March 2026

Update in item 10 on the agenda.

Minute 203/25-26 Update on Coal Drams

Permission has been sought and granted from Bryncethin Memorial Hall. Councillor Morgan has asked for the Bryncethin location to be included on the next Board of Conservators meeting so that he can seek permission. The Clerk had sought advice from BCBC's planning department and had been informed that planning permission is required for both dramms.

Minute 204/25-26 Playscheme 2026

Bilingual posters have been drafted and checked. Amendments are due shortly and they will be shared and published as soon as they are satisfactory.

Minute 206/25-26 Update Cwmeri Footpath Correspondence

A reply had been sent to Councillor Unwin via BTC and the Clerk is awaiting a response. Mr Huw Griffiths has been in touch again. The Rights of Way Manager has not responded.

Minute 209/25-26 Chair's Report

The Digital Footpath meeting will take place in early June.

Minute 212/25-26 Correspondence

There was nothing of note to report from the Larger Council's Meeting. Bryncethin Primary School have accepted the offer of two apple trees in the autumn.

Minute 213/25-26 Planning Matters

The Clerk had carried out both actions. The request for an ecological report had been responded to and the Clerk updated members.

Resolved: The information was noted and accepted. The Clerk was asked to include Huw Griffiths in the site visit with Councillor Unwin and to chase Councillor Unwin for a response to possible dates for the site visit.

06/26-27 CRIME FIGURES APRIL 2026

There were no SW Police present. The crime statistics for April 2026 had been circulated with the meeting papers. These were discussed.

Noted were e-bikes riders two abreast reported to the PCSO.

Resolved: The information was noted. Members were asked to record any misuse of e-bikes and scooters and report it to the police with evidence. It was noted that it was interesting to see damage figures on the statistics although it was not clear what damage had been caused.

07/26-27 UPDATE REF MERGER WITH YNYSAWDRE CC

A letter dated 8th May 2026 had been received from BCBC's CEO in response to the council's letter dated 22nd January 2026.

The letter said that 'in order to have approval by the May 2027 elections, the Democracy and Boundary Commission have advised that they need the council's final proposals by early July. Unfortunately, given the process required this deadline is unachievable and we are unable to progress and conclude by May 2027. This will be reported to Full Council in Bridgend at their June meeting when they will consider whether to carry out the requested review.'

The response was discussed and it was noted that Councillor Luke Richards of Ynysawdre Community Council had a suggestion.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to invite Councillor Richards to an informal meeting to hear his idea. Councillor Martin Williams proposed that the two councils write a joint statement of a motion of regret at this outcome, this was seconded and unanimously agreed. Councillor T Thomas will table a motion at BCBC.

08/26-27 PiPIF AND CAT UPDATE FOR THE MUGA PROJECT

Councillor T Thomas had submitted an FOI to the CEO asking for a list of successful and unsuccessful

bids and their wards.

BCBC's CEO had responded suggesting meeting with the council.

Members expressed their disappointment to the smaller grant application to create a footpath in Bryncethin and the Chair suggested another option could be a refuge in the centre of Blackmill Road.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to invite Jake Morgan to the June meeting of the council. The Clerk was asked to find out from BCBC who the grazing tenant of the land of Blackmill Road is and what the term of their lease is.

09/26-27 COMMUNITY AWARD 2025/26

A draft notice had been included in the meeting papers for approval.

Resolved: The notice was approved with an amendment to two of the dates. The notice will be shared on social media, the council's noticeboards and website and in Sarn Centre.

10/26-27 PROJECT IDEA FOR HEOL CWRDY

Councillor T Thomas raised concerns regarding the muddy area near the bench on Heol Cwrdy and suggested that it might benefit from a path from the pavement to the bench. Some members suggested that there is a path along that route, though it is grassed over.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to contact V2C to ask them to clear the path.

11/26-27 LIBRARY UPDATE AND 2025/2026 REPORT

The Sarn Library Annual Report 2025/2026 had been circulated to members; this was discussed.

Sophie Moore had not accepted SBM CC's invite to attend this meeting as BCBC has appointed Urban Foundry to undertake a feasibility study of a number of community assets, including Sarn Centre and as this is in the initial stages there are no further developments to update councillors on. Sophie will be keeping communication open over the coming months to explore how and what the community engagement session/sessions may look like.

Resolved: Sophie Moore's update was noted. The Clerk was asked to find out what the cost per book is from the Performance Indicators table set out on page 2, how much Awen/BCBC pay for the library cleaning and how SBM CC's contribution is broken down?

12/26-27 LAUNCH OF THE ONE VOICE WALES CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

There were two documents in the meeting papers on this pledge. One explaining the reason behind it and the other a form for the council to complete and sign.

Resolved: The information was unanimously accepted and approved and agreement given to complete the form and sign it.

13/26-27 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS including Financial Request and approval of the Risk Management Schedule 26/27

1.Payments: April 2026 payments totalling £7,109.94 were submitted as below:

<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>p</i>
BP01	Clerk	Salary April 2026		
BP02	RCT Pension Fund	Staff Costs March 2026		
BP03	HMRC	NI & PAYE March 2026		
BP04	D Evans G Services	Grass Cutting Service March 2026	670	00
BP05	D Evans G Services	Footpath Maintenance Service March 2026	195	00
BP06	S Farrer	Purchase and delivery of two coal drums	1,900	00
BP07	On Tap Services	Noise Assessment Report for MUGA	2,003	76
BP08	Councillor	Reimbursement for purchase of yellow warning paint for Memorial Hall car park	21	50
D/D	Lloyds Bank	Bank service charges	4	25
BP09	Garw Valley CC	Invoice for use of storage room Jan, Feb, March	30	00
BP10	Clerk	Stationery	7	49
BP11	D Evans G Services	Footpath Maintenance Service April 2026	195	00
BP12	D Evans G Services	Grass Cutting Service March 2026	670	00
BP13	Clerk	April 2026 Mileage	9	54
Total			£7,109	94

2.Income: the precept money for 26/27 has been received of £69,268.00.

3.External Audit: the Conclusion of Audit 2024/25 had been received, but not in time to be included in the meeting papers. The audit is unqualified, but with some points raised. This will be included on the June agenda.

4.Financial Request: A financial request from Bryncethin Primary School had been included with the papers. The request is for £500 to purchase additional sports equipment. They have not approached other organisations and £500 is the total cost.

5.Risk Management Schedule 26/27: A draft risk management schedule for 26/27 had been included with the papers.

Resolved: The information was noted and accepted and authority given to make the payments listed for April 2026. A proposal was made and seconded to donate £500 to Bryncethin Primary School and a vote was taken. Councillor E Davies abstained from the vote, all other councillors voted to support the proposal. The risk management schedule for 26/27 was unanimously accepted.

14/26-27 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair gave updates on the following:

- A meeting of the Digital Footpath working group will take place in early June.
- Concerns regarding the mess on Brynmenyn Industrial Estate particularly the two sub-let area without any apparent sanitary facilities on Chilcott Avenue.
- The footpath from the Glen to Williams Crescent where a private fence has been repaired which makes the footpath unusable. There is a sign to go left but not to go right and the fence, which is to the right, needs a style or kissing gate installed.
- Concerns ref a location on Tyn y Coed Terrace with many vehicles making it look unsightly.

It was also noted that item 14 on the Correspondence was from a concerned resident about the 'lorry graveyard' on Brynmenyn Industrial Estate which shows no sign of reducing in size and lorries appear to be left there to deteriorate in perpetuity.

Resolved: The information and resident's concerns were noted. Councillor T Thomas will investigate the Brynmenyn Industrial Estate concerns and refer the concerns regarding the vehicles on Tyn y Coed Terrace to V2C. The Clerk will respond to the resident's email.

15/226-27 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Mark John: reported on issue with V2C tenants, the explosion of the rat population, public reporting of public health concerns and an update on a recent visit to Mynydd y Gaer with a

local historian highlighting the depth of digging is not deep enough, the history of Gilfach Church and remnants of a crashed war airplane which is a war grave.

Councillor Tim Thomas: same as Councillor John, V2C tenants and the rat population explosion. Abandoned vehicles on Adams Avenue, fly tipping in Keen's Place

Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies: concerns re on-going fly tipping on Cefn Carfan Road. Communication ref. Quiet Lanes, Board of Conservators meeting, concerns on why the refuse centre is no longer accepting mattresses.

Councillor Ian Curzon: raised concerns regarding Brynmenyn Industrial Estate and the water that floods in the tunnel which has large block in place causing the water to gather and stagnate there.

Councillor Emma Davies: said Sarn Centre had been busy, particularly on voting day

It was noted that a local walk is available to book which may reveal further historical links to Mynydd y Gaer and details were shared.

Resolved: All updates were noted. Councillor T Thomas will investigate concerns regarding Brynmenyn Industrial Estate and ask about the tip no longer accepting mattresses.

16/26-27 CLERK'S REPORT

T&CC Grant Funding: the Clerk asked for authority to submit a T&CC grant funding application if the CAT Steering Group outcome is favourable and the MUGA project can proceed to the planning application stage.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that depending on the outcome of the CAT Steering Group being favourable that the Clerk will submit a planning application and apply for £20k MUGA funding from BCBC's rolling T&CC grant funding scheme.

NOTE: Councillor P Deenik had declared an interest in item 19 under Correspondence and Councillor Y Walton-Davies left the room for a personal reason. Both left at 7.52 pm and returned at 7.56 pm.

17/26-27 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:

- BCBC Rights of Way - confirmation of missing footpath signage which will be added to the RoW department's signage replacement schedule
- Ynysawdre CC - rescheduled T&CC Chairs & Clerks Meeting from 11th June to 18th June 2026.
- Resident - complaint ref 'lorry graveyard' Bynmenyn Industrial Estate
- Cwm Taff Morgannwg UHB POW - response to letter dated 18th February from SBM CC (included in meeting papers pack)
- BCBC - letter from CEO to merger request

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted.

NOTE: There were no contentious planning issues; Councillor M John remained in the meeting but did not take part in discussion or vote.

18/26-27 PLANNING MATTERS

0 planning requests had been sent out in the month and 4 decisions and 0 appeals.

2 Planning Aid Wales items of correspondence had been sent out in the month.

Resolved: The information was noted.

19/26-27 ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 2026 MEETING

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

- Community Award 2025 Nominations
- Jake Morgan, BCBC CEO
- Conclusion of Audit 24/25

20/26-27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 8th June 2026

Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via Teams at 6.00 pm. The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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Chair of Council

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8th June 2026