

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8th JUNE 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 (via Teams)
D McConnell
T Thomas (via Teams) left 7.33 pm
B Tiltman
M Williams
R Williams

Apologies: Councillor M John

Public: PCSO Thomas and PC Howell

Clerk & RFO: Ann Harris

Minute No: 21/26-27

An email of resignation had been received from Councillor Terry Nicholls. This was unanimously accepted by the council; the Clerk was asked to pass on the council's thanks for the service given by Councillor Nicholls to St Brides Minor CC. The Clerk would inform BCBC and request a Notice of Vacancy.

22/26-27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Name	Minute Number	Declaration	Speak/Vote
Emma Davies	25/26-27 28 & 31 /26-27 30/26-27	Employee Awen Cultural Trust Clerk Ynysawdre Community Council Community Award - Nominated for Sarn Library	No/No No/No No/No
Paul Deenik	28 & 31/26-27 32/26-27	Chair Ynysawdre Community Council Governor - CCYD	No/No No/No
Yvonne W-Davies	n/a 25 & 37/26-27 25 & 37/26-27 25/26-27	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
Shaun Morgan	n/a n/a 30/26-27	Tenant Allotment Gardens Bryncethin Bryncethin Community Centre and Bryncethin RFC Community Award - Nominator and husband of nominator	No/No No/No No/No
Tim Thomas	All relevant 31 /26-27 30/26-27	All BCBC Matters Ynysawdre CC Community Award - Nominator	No/No No/No No/No
Martin Williams	All relevant 25 & 37/26-27 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	31/26-27	Ynysawdre Community Council	No/No

23/26-27 PUBLIC TO SPEAK

There was no request to speak at the meeting.

Resolved: Noted.

24/26-27 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2026 ANNUAL AND ORDINARY MEETINGS

The Minutes of the May 2026 Annual and 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.

25/26-27 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MAY 2026 ANNUAL AND ORDINARY MEETING

Minute 05/26-27 Matters Arising from the April 2026 Meeting

Coal Drams: waiting on written confirmation from the Board of Conservators for permission before a planning application can be submitted.

Playscheme Whitsun 2026: the weather was fantastic, if anything a little too hot on the Tuesday so the children had to stay in the shade a lot. The music tent was popular. 28 children attended Sarn and 27 Bryncethin.

Cwmlberri Footpath: a site visit is taking place on 10th June.

Minute 08/26-27 PiPIF Update Bryncethin Footpath

The Clerk is awaiting a response to the details of the grazing tenant and the term of the lease.

Minute 10/26-27 Project Idea for Heol Cwrddy

This had not progressed as on a site visit there was no evidence of a path to the bench to request that V2C cut it.

Minute 11/26-27 Library Update and 2025/26 Report

There had been no response from Sophie Moore to the questions asked.

Resolved: The information was noted and accepted. Councillor Shaun Morgan will chase up permission from the Board of Conservators. Councillor Tim Thomas will visit Heol Cwrddy and the council will revisit this in July.

26/26-27 CRIME FIGURES MAY 2026

The crime figures were discussed along with issues with groups on electric bikes and scooters.

Footage was shown to the police representatives. Off-road bikes on common land was also raised.
Resolved: The information was noted. Any evidence of the bike/scooter crimes should be reported.

27/26-27 RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO JAKE MORGAN TO ATTEND THE JUNE MEETING

Jake Morgan had sent his apologies that he was unable to attend the meeting. It was noted that there had not been a response from BCBC to the request for the scoring criteria used for the PiPIF applications.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to invite Jake Morgan to the September/October 2026 meeting.

28/26-27 DRAFT LETTER REF MERGER WITH YNYSAWDRE

A proposal was made and unanimously agreed to write to the Minister for Housing ????. A draft had been included in the papers in anticipation of the proposal. This was considered and discussed. Some amendments were requested. It was noted that the two councillors written join statement of a motion of regret at the outcome to BCBC had not yet been made.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would send the letter once the amendments had been made.

29/26-27 CAT UPDATE FOR THE MUGA PROJECT

Following the submission of the requested noise assessment and a request by the Clerk to move the EOI on the MUGA to CAT status to enable the Clerk to submit a planning application, a response has been received from BCBC saying the CAT Steering Group is awaiting advice in relation to the complex data featured in the noise assessment report, so it was deferred to the next meeting which is scheduled for 9th June 2026.

Resolved: The information was noted.

NOTE: Councillors Shaun Morgan, Tim Thomas and Emma Davies left the meeting for the next item as two had made nominations and one was a nominee. Councillor M Williams chaired the next item in the Chair and Vice-Chair's absence.

30/26-27 COMMUNITY AWARD 2025 NOMINATIONS

6 nominations had been received in the over 18 category and none in the under 18 category. The nominations were discussed. All were noted as very worthy nominees. A proposal was made to give the award to Rob & Glen Marsh, this was seconded and unanimously agreed.

Resolved: The Clerk would invite Rob & Glen Marsh to the July meeting for a presentation and purchase appropriate gifts for the event. The Clerk was also asked to write to all nominees to congratulate them on being nominated and it was agreed to consider those nominated for the Mayor's Citizenship Awards when it is next open for nominations.

31/26-27 UPDATE ON DIGITAL FOOTPATH MEETING

Representatives of St Brides and Coity Higher Community Councils had met, Newcastle Higher CC had responded but did not have a representative to send and the Ynysawdre CC representative had responded positively but not attended though had confirmed that their route is in place.

Resolved: YCC representative said they'd include it as a reminder at their July 2026 meeting. If only 3 councils are considering going ahead with the project this has a financial impact to each council as the cost is only being split 3 ways.

32/26-27 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS including Conclusion of Audit 24/25

1.Payments: May 2026 payments totalling £5,235.49 were submitted as below:

<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>p</i>
BP14	Clerk	Salary May 2026		
BP15	RCT Pension Fund	Staff Costs April 2026		
BP16	HMRC	NI & PAYE April 2026		
BP17	One Voice Wales	Annual Membership	1,306	00
BP18	Garw Valley CC	Storage room hire	10	00
BP19	Councillor	Annual Allowances	238	00
BP20	Councillor	Annual Allowances	238	00
BP21	Councillor	Annual Allowances	238	00
BP22	Councillor	Annual Allowances	238	00
BP23	Councillor	Annual Allowances	238	00
D/D	Lloyds Bank	Account service charges	4	25
BP24	D Evans Gardening Services	Footpath Maintenance	195	00
BP25	D Evans Gardening Services	Grass Cutting	670	00
BP26	Bryncethin Primary School	Donation for Sports Equipment	500	00

BP27	Clerk	May 2026 Mileage	20	93
Total			£5,235	49

2.Income:

Income for the VAT reclaim for 24/25 had been received totalling £4,345.09.

3.Conclusion of Audit 24/25:

An unqualified audit had been received for the year's full audit. Recommendations were made on publication of information, major asset insurance, statement of payment to Members, S137 expenditure, staff costs and supporting evidence. These were all explained by the Clerk and actions taken given. The Clerk asked for authority to move the council's pay day from 1st of the month to the 6th for it to sit clearly in a new financial year in April.

4.Internal Audit 2025/26:

This will need to be accepted and authorized no later than 30th June, so an extraordinary meeting will be called before that date.

NOTE: Councillor Paul Deenik left the meeting for the next item and declared an interest in the financial request for CCYD.

5.Financial Requests:

Information on two financial requests had been included with the meeting papers.

1.Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen: haven't specified an amount but asking for a contribution towards a school production with costs estimated around £8,900.

2.Bridgend Hosptial Radio: Requesting £300 to £400 towards replacement equipment.

Resolved: The information was noted and accepted and authority given to make the payments listed for May 2026. The recommendations and explanations for the Conclusion of Audit 24/25 were accepted. It was agreed to donate £250 to CCYD. Councillor Y Walton-Davies abstained from the decision. A decision on a donation to Bridgend Hospital Radio was deferred until a later date. Authority was given to move the council's pay date to 6th of the month and to employ the services of a payroll company.

33/26-27 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair raised the following:

- Weed overgrowth issues
- Abandoned vehicle on Queen's Avenue and action taken
- Frustration with reported items being passed on within BCBC and the issue not addressed
- Meeting with Andrew RT Davies AS and Councillor M John re the Bryncethin footpath and the M4 overbridge and subsequent emails regarding the overbridge

The Chair asked for a Chair's Award to be considered and an item included on the next agenda.

Resolved: The information and concerns were noted. The Clerk was asked to include a discussion on a future Chair's Award on the July agenda.

34/226-27 MEMBERS/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Tim Thomas: Councillor Thomas and Councillor Walton-Davies had met with Councillor Eugene Caparros ref. Quiet Lanes which had been positive. V2C had asked Councilors Thomas and John to join them for a walkabout of Queen's Avenue/Jubilee Crescent. It was noted that the weeds are very high in the wards.

Councillor Ian Curzon: also raised concerns about weeds and overhanging branches with residents having to walk in the road in 50mph road from Junction 36 along the A4062 to avoid the overgrowth; this would be a great concern for visually impaired residents. The weeds to the side of the pavement are also encroaching on the pavement narrowing its width making it impossible to walk side by side with a dog or push a pushchair or manoeuvre a wheelchair.

Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies: reiterated that the Quiet Lanes meeting was a good meeting with lots of information shared. The Clerk was asked to request Quiet Lanes on the T&CC Forum meeting.

Councillor Emma Davies: mentioned the Feasibility Study being carried out on libraries by BCBC.

Resolved: All updates were noted. The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC about the weeds and overhanging branches. It was agreed to keep requesting Quiet Lanes on the T&CC Forum agenda.

35/26-27 CLERK'S REPORT

All updates had been given in Matters Arising or in items on the agenda.

Resolved: The information was noted.

36/26-27 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 - T&CC Forum invite 28/9/26
- BCBC - Complaint ref grass cutting in the cemetery
- Bryncethin Primary School - thank you for a recent donation
- Maesteg Town Council - invite to Chair to civic service on 19th July 2026
- T&CC Communications Protocol Reminder

Resolved: The items of correspondence were noted. The Vice-Chair and guest will attend the civic service on 19th July 2026.

NOTE: Councillors Y Walton-Davies and M Williams left the meeting at 7.55 pm when the Wind Farm at Mynydd y Gaer was discussed and Councillor Walton-Davies returned after that item.

37/26-27 PLANNING MATTERS

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

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

In addition the consultation on the proposed car park extension at McArthur Glen was discussed and the PEDW request for responses to the proposed Mynydd y Gaer Wind Farm.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to respond to the PEDW consultation giving the same reasons as previously made and to write to the Board of Conservators to request an urgent meeting in order to respond to the PEDW request prior to the deadline of 10th July 2026 and to clarify what permissions the developers have to push the application through under the 2006 Act. The Clerk was also asked to request a site visit with the agent through Have Your Say, for the two borough councillors and the residents to discuss the proposal for the McArthur Glen extension prior to giving a response by the deadline.

38/26-27 ITEMS FOR THE JULY 2026 MEETING

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

- Consideration of an Annual Chair's Award (SM)
- Community Award Presentation
- Christmas 2026
- Heol Cwrdy Project (TT)

39/26-27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the St Brides Minor Community Council will take place on Monday 13th July 2026 Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre and via Teams at 6.00 pm. The meeting closed at 8.07 pm

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Chair of Council

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13th July 2026