

ST. BRIDES MAJOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH JANUARY, 2024
AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SOUTHERNDOWN AT 7PM

PRESENT : Cllr. A. Morgan (Vice Chair) Cllrs. R. Stephens, B. Lewis, A. James, PC J. Williamson, 1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES – Cllr. A. Parry (Chair) Cllrs S. Roberts, H. Rosenburg, M. Wynne Jones, S. Edwards, S. Evans, E. Hayhurst, Vale Cllr. J. Prothero

2. POLICE REPORT – PC Williamson reported there had been 6 crimes in the area during the month.

Tack and tools had been stolen from a stable in Ogmores by Sea to the value of £3,000. Vehicle seen and stopped in Monmouth area and driver has been arrested.

An assault at Ogmores by Sea

Damage on a Green at Southerndown Golf Course where a vehicle had been driven on to it.

Abuse to a landlord – Online abuse

Theft of a quad bike in Southerndown. In an outbuilding

Theft of Land Rover from Fox Car Park, St. Brides Major

Other incidents:

One Anti -Social Behaviour crime between residents at Ogmores by Sea

No ASB reports at the Rivermouth Car Park

Breach of electronic tag equipment

Loose horses

Rag and Bone – theft of a wheelchair but this has been returned.

Questions for PC Williamson – When is the 20 mph speed limit enforceable. It was reported that it was 8th January, 2024 but is being treated as educational initially.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. A. Morgan – Trustee of Commoners Association.

Cllr. A. James – ABJ Marines Limited

D. Brunsdon – Director of BL Safety and Training Consultancy Ltd.

4. PLANNING

APPROVALS

Application no. 2023/00689/FUL

Location: Abril Gallery, 85 Main Road, Ogmore by Sea

Proposal: New entrance extensions to the upper ground floor flats including new steps, new cladding and roofing to the main building at upper levels, new landscaping to the rear and formalisation of the parking area accessed from Church Close. APPROVED 13TH December, 2023

Application no. 2023/01060/FUL

Location : Tyn y Porth Cottage, Meadow Court, St. Brides Major

Proposal : Erect a conservatory to existing stone walls at the front elevaton

APPROVED 20th December, 2023

Application no 2023/01097/FUL

Location : Southerndown Golf Club

Proposal : Extend existing admin office to form first floor office for the Director of Gold and meeting room. Create an indoor space for members to access office staff.

APPROVED 4th January, 2024

NEW APPLICATION

Application no. 2023/01178/FUL (LF)

Location : Twyn Y Rhedyn, Ewenny Road, St. Brides Major

Proposal : Demolition of existing property and the erection of two detached 5 bed houses with all associated work.

Observation : Will dominate neighbouring properties.

Objections: Overdevelopment of site

Create more traffic on the road

Close to the footpath which could obscure entrance

Additional traffic near school entrance

Additional vehicles 4 per plot

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES FROM OF MEETING 11th December, 2023

Meeting to be arranged with Media Group, Clerk, and Web writer - arranged for the 24th January, at Clerk's home.

Public meeting to be arranged to discuss annual biodiversity plan

Letter to NRW requesting why the Ogmore by Sea beach was not included in original survey

Letter to be sent to Highways Department, turning off the lights on Ewenny Bridge

Replacement of catches on cattlegrids – Further letter sent to Vale of Glamorgan.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES DATED THE 11TH DECEMBER, 2023 Proposed and accepted as true record.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Strong Communities Grant Fund 2024/25 closing 12th February.

Community Speed Watch Online meeting 8th February, at 7pm

Light of Peace – 6th June, 2024 80th anniversary for D Day

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

OPENING BALANCE £11,000.13

Payments made since last meeting:

Coland Systems	Training for Clerk	£ 100.00
D. Brunsdon	Salary	£ 376.10
M. Stevens		£ 668.00
E. On		£ 17.64
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St. Brides Major Coffee & Chat Donation		£ 200.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£1,379.39
FINAL BALANCE		£ 9,620.75

Since the period reported the final Precept payment of £7,648.00 which is not included in final balance.

Savings Account £24,967.38

PAYMENT REQUESTS

Clerk salary and expenses £376.10

Mark Stevens £660.00

S. Fortt £100.00 Replacement of Perspex screen on noticeboard

HMRC £ 85.10

Proposed and seconded payments be made.

9.0 BUDGET REVIEW – Cllr. B. Lewis reported everything is running according to budget.

9.1 SETTING OF PRECEPT FOR 2024 -2025 – A budget £25,410 of 2024 -2025 has been calculated, which is slightly more than the budget for this year which was £23,000 2023 -2024. There is an increase in Mark Stevens budget and also pay rise for the Clerk. The Chairman stated that it was agreed last year the Clerk's salary would increase in line with National Association pay grade which has gone up by a £1 an hour. The Chairperson proposed this increase from the 1st January. This was agreed and seconded. This year there has been a spend of £21,500 in line with a budget of £23,000. The agreed Precept for last year was £16 . It was proposed that there is an increase to £18 which equates to a Precept figure of £26,650. This would give sufficient monies with the budget and what monies are ringfenced for projects. So far, the Vale of Glamorgan Council are not requesting any funds for the Sports Pavilion project. The budget does not include any revenue from the Burial Ground which varies does not exceed £600 per year. The Grant system was discussed, and it was decided that the success of this year's project be monitored. This was originally set up to spend surplus funds as a result of COVID. The figure of £18 per household was proposed and seconded. Vote taken and all in favour. The budget for the bus shelters has not been drawn on and it was agreed that the Perspex in all the bus shelters be renewed.

10. VALE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – Vale Cllr. Stallard was in attendance.

Parking on the Common – Progress is being made on this issue. Discussions are to be held between the Vale of Glamorgan and Dunraven.

Traffic survey – This was mentioned in the previous meeting in Ogmere by Sea Village. There are now discussions to be held to discuss this in full.

Sports Pavilion – Cllr Stallard has offered her assistance if required in this issue. Cllr. Lewis advised her that according to the plan, it was only the building and car park which was being offered. If this were the case, it would not be viable. Cllr. Stallard will follow this up on their behalf.

Match Funding – This would be available to the Community Council. The Group are working on these figures at present, and are working on either 10 or 20%. There is money available from the Community Council, but grants could become available towards this.

A question was raised as to why the road from the entrance of St. Brides Major has reverted to 30 miles per hour as previously in the trial it was reduced to 20 miles per hour. Emails have been sent to the Vale Council objecting to this. Cllr. Stallard advised that this has been raised to Highways Department but a review will be undertaken.

A query was raised regarding there not being a footpath from St. Brides Major Common to Ewenny. There had been discussion for this to be undertaken but some time ago but this is a complex route and very costly, with no monies available.

11. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN DISCUSSION/ ACCEPTANCE There are two areas which could be affected by further planning in both Wards. The Campsite in Southerndown being one. It was stated that this would be a loss of tourism in the area and also contributes to the viability of the local public house. The Council was advised that both these areas have been withdrawn. The Clerk is to follow this up and receive confirmation from the Vale Council.

ACTION: Letter to the Vale Council seeking confirmation of the removal.

12. GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE – No further information available. Cllr. Lewis has met with the Croquet Group who have applied for further grants. Cllr. James stated the Southerndown Life Saving Group are not training on the beach at present so no equipment is required.

13. RESULTS OF MEDIA UPDATE – Meeting agreed to be held on the 24th January, at the Clerk's home in order for access to the internet

14. BIO DIVERSITY PLAN – Cllr. Hayhurst was not available to comment.

15. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT -

15.1 BURIAL GROUND – Cllr. Morgan stated that the burial ground administration had been discussed with the Clerk, and it was stated that a lot of time was being spent by her visiting the site whilst families decided on a plot. In accordance with the Burial Ground Guidelines the next allocated plot should be selected, and any deviation to this should be brought back to either the Burial Ground Committee or full council. Burial Ground Committee to meet to allocate the next areas. It was also stated that the Clerk must contact Councillors to meet with the families.

Both Cllrs James and Stephens had been requested to visit the Burial Ground by the Contractor as he has removed loose stones of the wall on the boundary. The original contractor has not visited the site for some time, and a further contact may be available to quote for the work. This has reflected on the Contractor's invoice.

15.2 REPORT FROM WILD OGMORE – No report. Cllr. E. Hayhurst had sent her apologies.

15.3 FRIENDS OF THE HERITAGE COAST – No report. Cllr. S. Edwards had sent his apologies, but it is believed these are quarterly, and one would not be due.

15.4 SPORT PAVILION ST. BRIDES MAJOR UPDATE – In the absence of Cllr. Edwards, Cllr. Lewis stated that progress is being made but it is a long complex system. Email has been received regarding the ownership/ lease on the property, which would affect the grant application, but this has partly been resolved. A meeting is to be arranged to progress this. With Cllr. Edwards unavailable, Cllr. Lewis to take this matter forward.

16. MEMORIAL GARDEN, OGMORE BY SEA UPDATE The Clerk confirmed that information is being sought from the Planning Department but as yet no response has been received. This land is privately owned and the owner would not be answerable to the Council on the decisions.

17. RIVERMOUTH CAR PARK UPDATE No Vale Councillor available.

18. BATHING WATER REVIEW – No report. Cllr. M. Wynne Jones had sent his apologies.

19. UPDATE ON WARD

19.1 OGMORE BY SEA – No Councillor available.

19.2 ST. BRIDES MAJOR – There are street lights not working between Lon-yr-Eglwys and Heol St. Bridget making this area very dark .

Also street lights at the bottom of the steps by the park and the footpath to the school are not working.

A suggestion was raised that a Christmas tree be planted on the Green at St. Brides Major instead of using a cut tree every year. Permission would have to be obtained from the Vale Council to plant one on the Green at St. Brides, the Church at Southerndown to plant one outside the Church, but permission would have to be sought, for a tree to be planted on the verge in Ogmore by Sea. Cllr. Stephens is to investigate this matter and report back. It was also raised that at St. Brides Major additional lights be ordered and placed on the tree alongside the positioned Christmas tree.

The Clerk stated that at Bonvilston trees are placed within the Village but there are notices that the trees are supplied by the Community Council. These are potted trees.

Work is to be arranged for the continuation of the tree surgery. This work needs to be carried out before the end of February. It was also stated that some work needs to be carried out on the Pond before the spring.

ACTION: Lights not working - Clerk to report to Vale Council.

Tree surgeon to be contacted to continue work as soon as possible.

19.3 SOUTHERNDOWN – Cllr. Evans had sent a report stating that Carols had been sung around the Christmas tree.

The Croquet Club is progressing well in readiness for April start. Thanks were given to Cllr. Lewis for his help.

Ogmore by Sea Art is commencing with invoices being sent to the Clerk which will pay for the hire of the Village Hall and some basic requirements to start classes. A report will be given to the Community Council in three months.

20. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIR – A question was raised regarding the changing of the catches on the gates on several of the cattle grids. It was reported there had been a further accident recently, where the rider broke her fingers. The Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to the Vale Council regarding this. It was also discussed if the Vale Council paid for the catches the Community Council could find a welder.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 12TH FEBRURY, 2024