

St Brides Major Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2024 at 7.00pm in All Saints Church, Southerndown.

Present: Cllr. A. Parry (Chair), Cllrs. B Lewis, A Morgan, S Evans, E Hayhurst, A James, S Roberts, S Edwards & M Wynne-Jones

Also: Vale of Glamorgan Councillors C Stallard & J Protheroe. Andrea Rowe (Butterfly Conservation) & PC J Williamson.

1. Apologies.

Cllrs H Morris & R Stephens.

2. Police Matters

PC Williamson reported that there had been an attempted burglary in Castle Upon Alun and an incident of dangerous driving in St Brides Major/ Southerndown. There were two reports of Anti Social Behaviour, one in St Brides and one in Ogmore by Sea where a small fire had been lit in the car park. A car had been driven over the cliff in Southerndown. An incident of reckless driving in Heol y Mynydd had been reported by a member of the public via Operation Snap, the driver has been sent a warning letter.

The Chair thanked PC Williamson for his attendance.

3. Declarations of Interest.

None

4. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2024 were **Approved** with the following amendments:

Finance: the payment to Cowbridge Christmas Trees should read £625.00

Rivermouth Car Park. “There is a proposal to introduce charges for residents' parking permits, this is likely to go before the Vale cabinet in May.” amended to “There is a proposal to introduce charges for residents’ parking permits, this is likely to go before the Vale cabinet before the summer recess”

“It is the Vale of Glamorgan’s intention to submit a section 38 application to the Welsh Government in order to improve the car parking situation in the Portobello and Norton Hill area. The Vale are in correspondence on this issue with the landowner” amended to “There are still discussions with the landowner regarding submitting a section 38 application to the Welsh Government in order to improve the car parking situation in the Portobello and Norton Hill area.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Street lights not working on Slon Lane: the Vale have been informed.

5.2 D-Day Commemoration: the licensees of the Three Golden Cups have been informed that the event is not going ahead.

5.3 Memorial Plaque Request: the chair has written to the family.

5.4 Defibrillators: Cllr Roberts gave an update: On the 4th April the batteries in the defibrillators at St Brides Spar, St Brides Bus Stop, Three Golden Cups and Craig yr Eos road were full. The batteries at St Brides and Craig yr Eos are due to be replaced 26/4/26. The box at the Three Golden Cups is rusted and needs replacement.

6. Planning.

6.1 Applications Received:

Planning Application No. 2024/00209/FUL

Location : Land to the rear of the Three Golden Cups, Southerndown

Proposal : Variation of Condition 2 and 4 of planning consent 2017/00216/FUL - to allow the siting of up to 10 campervans within a designated area at Land to the rear of The Three Golden Cups Public House, Southerndown.

No Observations or Objections

Planning Application No. 2024/00223/FUL

Location : 26 and 27, Crompton Way, Ogmored By Sea

Proposal: Single storey side extension for both properties.

Resolved: Objection on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site

7. Correspondence.

7.1 Cllr Steve Roberts: Resigning from the council. **Action:** Inform the Vale of Glamorgan that a vacancy now exists. Cllr Roberts to be thanked for his contribution to the council.

7.2 Francine Davies: Request for a donation towards an Art Project in Ogmored by Sea. It was **Agreed** that all requests for donations will be considered in the June monthly meeting. **Action:** Cllr Parry to ask Francine Davies for further information.

7.3 Mr & Mrs Lewis: Verge on Heol y Slough adjacent to 1 Lon yr Eglwys. It was **Agreed** to ask Mark Stevens to cut this area.

7.4 Cllr C Stallard: Proposed removal of the staggered barriers on the footpath connecting Ewenny Road, St Brides Major to the school. It was **Agreed** that this is a matter for the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

8. Finance.

8.1 Finance Report:

Presented by Cllr Lewis:

Work continues on preparing the council's financial records for Audit. Cllrs Parry, Morgan and Lewis are meeting with DWA accountants this week.

Opening Balance: 7th April 24 £9,986.92

Income:

Transfer from Business Account £5,000

Expenditure:

Eon Next (Direct Debit) £17.05

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Duchy of Lancaster (Bus Shelter ground rent) £30.00

Vicar & Churchwardens (Meeting Venue Hire) £75.00

Ken Rogers (Ogmored Art Group, Grant) £591.85

Arborwood Tree Care £1,830.00

Richard Gower (Payroll) £140.00

Wales Audit £1,030.00
 Mark Stevens (Groundcare) £220.00
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 Total Expenditure: £4,486.95

Pending Payments Approved at the March Meeting:

St Brides Major Nursery £1000
 Cowbridge Xmas Trees £625

8.2 Approval of Payments: It was **Resolved** to approve the following payments:

TAFFS (Coir Mats) £64.95
 Coland Systems (Website) £165.00
 One Voice Wales (Membership Subscription) £458.00
 Microsoft Licence (Clerk's Laptop) £59.99
 Cllr. Barry Lewis (Reimbursement of payment to Welsh Water made on personal card for water supply to Burial Ground) £37.25
 Butterfly Conservation (Dot Williams) £153.35
 HMRC (D Brunson Income Tax 2023-24) £526.30
 Mark Stevens (Burial Ground Mowing) £290.00

8.3 VAT: The council can retrospectively claim back VAT paid. This is being **Actioned** by the Chair.

8.4 Councillors Allowances and Expenses

8.4.1 The council is required by the Welsh Government to make provision to pay an allowance of £156 p.a to members. Members must inform the Chair/Clerk in writing if they do not wish to receive this annual allowance. The council is not, as a body, able to opt out. A statement of allowances paid must be published by September every year. This is required in order to be compliant with Welsh Government regulations. **Action:** Members must provide the Chair with payment details or decline the payment in writing by the end of April.

8.4.2 In order to comply with Welsh Government Regulations it was **Resolved** that "This Council will reimburse Members for the cost of office consumables upon the presentation of valid receipts."

9. Rivermouth Car Park.

As a trial the Rivermouth Car Park has been closed at night. This has been successful in reducing instances of Anti Social Behaviour. The intercom system is not yet operational.

10. Recruitment.

One Application for the post of clerk has been received. It was **Resolved** to appoint a panel composed of Cllrs S Evans & H Morris along with Vale Cllr C Stallard to interview the candidate and make a recommendation to the council. **Action:** Interview to be arranged with the candidate.

11. St Brides Major Sports Pavilion.

Cllr Lewis has begun the process of completing the new grant application form. Cllrs Lewis and Edwards to **Action**.

12. Burial Ground.

The Burial Ground Records require review and updating. **Action:** Cllr James to take this forward.

13. Website.

Cllr H Morris to **Action** with new provider ICT.

14. Biodiversity Plan.

14.1 Andrea Rowe (Butterfly Conservation) gave a presentation to the council on the wide variety of animal and plant species found in the Community. The public are encouraged to report the presence of any species via the LERC Wales app.

14.2 Cllr Hayhurst has circulated a draft of the Biodiversity Plan to members. A public consultation meeting will be held on 20th April 2024 at Ogmore by Sea Village Hall, 11.00-13.00.

15. Training Opportunities.

Members are encouraged to undertake the Financial Training for Councillors provided by One Voice Wales. The training is delivered online and members can attend individually. **Action:** Members to identify a suitable date from the list circulated by the chair

17. Updates from Members.

17.1 St Brides Major: Nothing to report.

17.2 Southerndown:

17.2.1 Croquet Club: The recent open day was a success with a number of new members joining.

17.2.2 TAFFS: A coffee morning and plant sale is being held in the Three Golden Cups on 27th April. 10.00-12.00

17.3 Ogmore by Sea:

17.3.1 Ogmore Village Hall Association: A request for a new bench has been received **Action:** This will be discussed at the June council meeting.

17.3.2 Water Quality: will be discussed by the Vale of Glamorgan Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 16th April at 6pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed

The next meeting of St Brides Major Community Council will be on Monday 22th April 2024 in All Saints Church, Southerndown at 7pm.