

# St Brides Major Community Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 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, R Stephens, S Roberts, H Morris.

**Also:** Vale of Glamorgan Councillors C Stallard & J Protheroe. Emma Reed (Vale of Glamorgan Council), PC J Williamson & 7 members of the public.

### 1. Apologies.

Cllrs S Edwards & M Wynne-Jones.

### 2. Police Matters

PC Williamson reported that there had been no crimes in the past month. The police had been called out to two domestic incidents, one abandoned vehicle at Norton Hill and there had been two potential suicide callouts.

The Chair thanked PC Williamson for his attendance.

### 3. Declarations of Interest.

None

### 4. Approval of Minutes

**4.1** February 12th 2024: **Approved**

**4.2** February 26th 2024: **Approved**

**4.3** February 26th 2024 (in camera section) **Approved**

### 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

**5.1** Nothing to report regarding the foundation of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Ogmore by Sea.

**5.2** The lighting at Ogmore Village Hall is now working, but the street lights on Slon Lane have not been repaired. **Action:** Cllr Morris will take photos for the Chair to forward to the Vale.

**5.3 D-Day Commemoration:** the piper is unavailable. After consideration it was **Resolved** not to continue with this event. **Action:** The licensees of the Three Golden Cups to be informed that refreshments will not now be required.

### 6. Planning.

#### **6.1 Applications Received:**

**6.1.1** 2024/00157/FUL The Fox, Ewenny Road, St. Brides Major. Proposed single storey glazed extension: **No Observations or Objections.**

**6.1.2** 2024/00114/FUL 17, Heol Sant Bridget, St Brides Major. Two storey side extension, pitched dormer roof, additions to front elevation, flat roof extension to rear extension for bathroom and bedroom space with 2 storey rear pitched roof extension: **No Observations or Objections.**

**6.1.3** 2024/00013/FUL Sunshine House, Southerndown Demolition of existing garage and replacement with new-build detached domestic garage: **No Observations or Objections.**

**6.1.4** 2024/00122/FUL Hillsboro, Ewenny Road, St. Brides Major A two storey extension. Creating additional bedroom room and larger office space.

Also creating a larger kitchen area. **No Observations or Objections.**

## **6.2 Applications Approved:**

**6.2.1** 2021/00813/FUL Plot 1, Craig Yr Eos Avenue, Ogmores By Sea. Proposed new build dwelling

**6.2.2** 2023/00634/FUL Morgan House, 10, Marine Walk, Ogmores By Sea  
Proposal : The proposed works comprise a pod-style summerhouse

## **7. Correspondence.**

**7.1 Vale of Glamorgan Council:** acknowledging the resignation of the clerk.

**7.2 Southerndown Croquet:** Progress report.

**7.3** Request to place a memorial plaque on the bench near Groes Farm, It was **Resolved** that a charge of £200 be made, with the council sourcing the plaque from Glasdon Ltd. **Action:** Chair to write to the family.

**7.4** Headstone: Request for clarification on the council's policy on headstone inscriptions. Cllr Parry has responded.

**7.5 Defibrillators:** Replacement batteries and pads. **Action:** Cllr Roberts will fit once the access codes are available.

**7.5 Butterfly Conservation:** Letter of thanks for the grant payment which has been used to purchase hi-viz vests for the volunteers.

## **8. Finance.**

**8.1 Finance Report:** Presented by Cllr Lewis

### **OPENING BALANCE**

**26th FEBRUARY** **£13,576.55**

### **INCOME**

SW Monuments **£99.00**

SW Monuments **£200.00**

SW Monuments **£47.00**

**TOTAL INCOME** **£346.00**

### **EXPENDITURE**

Ogmores Arts Grant **£576.88**

Delyth Brunson

Office and Telephone 2 months **£70.00**

Centregreat – Xmas Lights **£1,584.00**

Southerndown Croquet Grant **£1,704.75**

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE** **£3,935.63**

**BALANCE 11th MARCH** **£9,986.92**

The Chair has been in contact with HMRC regarding the reclamation of VAT.

**8.2 Budget Report:** Overall spending for the year is broadly in line with the agreed budget.

### **8.3 Approval of Payments.**

It was **Resolved** to approve the following payments:

Richard Gower – payroll £140 ( Apr-Oct 23)  
 Hire of All Saints Church £75  
 Arborwood Tree Care £1830.00 ( incl. Vat £305)  
 Ogmore by Sea Arts Group grant £591.85  
 Welsh Water £37.25  
 St Brides Major Nursery £1000  
 Rent for Bus Shelters £30 (Duchy of Lancaster)  
 Cowbridge Xmas Trees £600  
 Wales Audit £1030.00

The payment to St Brides Major Nursery will allow the playgroup to remain open until the end of the 2023-24 school year so that the children can transition to alternative care provision.

### **9. Rivermouth Car Park.**

Emma Reed of the Vale of Glamorgan Council was able to provide an update on the Barrier/ANPR installation at Rivermouth Car Park:

Mrs Reed began by acknowledging that the scheme had not been a success up to now and that lessons learned in Ogmore had been useful in the installation of similar projects in Barry and elsewhere.

The technology requires updating by the supplier so that the intercom system is operational. When working the intercom will be operated by Cardiff Council along with a number of other Vale car parks. Emma Reed was hopeful that the intercom would be operational by the May Bank Holidays and this would help to reduce anti-social behaviour in the car park. Residents were encouraged to continue reporting incidents of anti-social behaviour to the police via 101.

The charges for car parking are changing in April to a two hour interval rate, it is hoped this will result in fewer people seeking to avoid payment.

There is a proposal to introduce charges for residents parking permits, this is likely to go before the Vale cabinet in May. The public are welcome to attend the meeting. The level of charge has not yet been determined.

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 (Dunraven Estate).

**Action:** the Community Council to request a timetable for the installation of the intercom system.

**Action:** reconvene meetings of the Task and Finish Group.

The Chair thanked Emma Reed for her attendance.

### **10. Recruitment.**

The adverts for the position of Clerk have been published on the website, the notice boards and Facebook. An application pack is available from [clerk.sbmcc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.sbmcc@gmail.com)

### **11. St Brides Major Sports Pavilion.**

The Head of Terms document has been received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

A new link has been received for the community grant funding application. Cllrs Lewis and Edwards to **Action**.

### **12. Burial Ground.**

A review of the Burial Ground records is required. **Action:** Cllr James agreed to assist Cllr Lewis to sort through the documentation recovered from the former clerk.

### **13. Website.**

Three quotes were presented for website provision. It was **Resolved** to accept the quote from ICT ltd. **Action:** Cllr Morris to take this forward.

### **14. Biodiversity Plan.**

Councillor Hayhurst will be sending out a draft Biodiversity Plan for approval at the next meeting. A public meeting is to be arranged, date and venue to be confirmed.

It was **Resolved** to form a Biodiversity Working Group composed of Cllrs Evans, Stephens and Hayhurst, along with Vale Cllr Jo Prothero, Andrea Rowe (Butterfly Conservation) and Marice Bertorelli (TAFFS). **ACTION:** Andrea Rowe be invited to speak at the next meeting.

### **15. Training Oppotunities.**

**Action:** One Voice Wales will be asked to provide finance training to councillors.

### **16. Councillors Allowances.**

The council is not compliant with Welsh Government regulations regarding the provision of allowances to councillors. **Action:** Cllr Morgan to report.

### **17. Updates from Members.**

**17.1 St Brides Major:** Nothing to report.

**17.2 Southerndown:** TAFFS have planted 42 saplings with 7 more to be planted.

**Croquet Club:** The organisers wish to thank Cllr Barry Lewis for his help and support.

**17.3 Ogmore by Sea:** Cllr Steve Roberts is doing a sponsored sleepout on Southerndown golf course in aid of homeless veterans

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9: 30 pm.**

**The next meeting of St Brides Major Community Council will be at 7pm Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in All Saints Church, Southerndown.**