

**ST. BRIDES MAJOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2023**  
**AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SOUTHERNDOWN AT 7.20 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. A. Parry (Chairperson), Cllrs. A. Morgan, S. Edwards, R. Stephens, E. Hayhurst, B. Lewis,  
Vale Cllr. J. Prothero, PC J. Williamson and 6 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs. A. James, H. Rosenberg, S. Evans. S. Roberts.

**The meeting at this stage was suspended to enable the representatives of The Field to address the Council, and as an email had been received from Chris Andrews, this would have been discussed in the “Correspondence Received” section of the agenda.**

The residents are requesting assistance for funds to repair the unadopted road “The Fields,” at Southerndown. Mr. Andrews explained that there are 10 private residential homes in this area, and they had obtained a quotation of approximately £9,000 to provide a new surface to this area. The residents have in the past carried out repairs themselves, but now realise that significant investment is required to improve the road. The residents also advised that land at the bottom of The Fields, had now been fenced off by the Commoners impacting on local rights of way. Cllr. Allan Morgan has knowledge of the Commoners Association and agreed to investigate this.

The residents also advised that an ambulance had refused to drive on the road, resulting in the patient having to be carried to the vehicle. Also, they advised that when the potholes filled with rain, it was becoming a danger to walk along the road.

Mr. Julian Golunski, Land Agent for Dunraven and the Vale Council have been approached, but to no avail. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Community Council would write to both these organisations recommending that this be re visited and this suggestion was supported by all Council members.

The members of the public were invited to return next month and provide the Community Council with an update from any correspondence they have received. It was also agreed, with the presence of Vale Cllr. Prothero, that she would approach the Vale Council on their behalf.

**ACTION:**

- Cllr. Morgan to study the fencing plan set out by the Commoners Association.
- Letters would be sent by the Community Council to the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Land Agent expressing the Community Council and the residents’ concern and asking what action could be taken to assist.
- Vale Councillor to approach the Vale Council on their behalf.

**The meeting was at this point re-instated, and the agenda was to be followed.**

**2. POLICE REPORT** – Another good month for the area with only 7 crimes reported, but 5 of the crimes related to the same problem 3 assaults and 2 criminal damage. The remainder are:

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- Indecent exposure at Southerndown.
- Child protection issue where the child had spoken about something at school and this had been reported to the police.

In addition, other reports were:

- the incident at the Rivermouth beach the previous day, where a person had to be airlifted to hospital after getting into difficulties when swimming in the river.
- A couple of concern calls.
- An accident which had taken place by the Pelican in Ogmore by Sea when a vehicle was exiting to the right from the Golf Club at Southerndown.
- One other minor accident.
- A slight rise in anti-social behaviour crimes being reported from the Rivermouth Car Park.
- Parking complaints in the area.

Vale Cllr. Protheroe asked if the police were working in conjunction with Vale of Glamorgan on enforcement in the area. A list of dates has been requested by the Vale Councillors on dates that enforcement will be prioritised. PC Williamson stated he was aware of this, and meetings have taken place regarding this. Banners stating that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated can now be positioned throughout the three villages. These banners have been supplied by the Community Council and the South Wales Police.

A speed camera had also been in operation in Ogmore by Sea within the last week. Two sites have been selected for speed cameras for operating in the area. A suggestion was made that a speed camera be placed by the Pant Quarry.

**ACTION :** Walk to take place with Councillors from both Village to position the banners. Cllrs. Rhod Stephens, S. Edwards and S. Roberts to get together and position.

**3. MATTERS ARISING MINUTES 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2023** – No matters to raise.

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES 17<sup>TH</sup> April, 2023** – Minutes proposed and seconded as a true record.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE –**

- Email received from Chris Andrews on behalf of the residents of The Field, Southerndown.
- Invite to third 20 is Plenty Meeting – Cllr. Parry attending.
- Email from Vale Cllr Stallard stating that a discussion had taken place between herself and PCSO Stone regarding speeding. It suggested Community Speed Watch Group be formed to enable information to be sent to Go Safe Wales.
- Publicity to be given for a Group to be set up. Vale Cllr Protheroe to obtain form from PCSO.
- BHIB insurance renewal has been received for 2023 -2024. This is to be accepted due to renewal date however, a review of this policy is to be undertaken.

**ACTION :** Insurance policy to be sent to all Councillors for review and this will be an agenda item in January.

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT -

OPENING BALANCE			£22,784.80
Cheques presented since last meeting:-			
Delyth Brunsdon Salary	102406	£ 376.10	
S. Fortt Benches fitting	102408	£ 750.00	
Delyth Brunsdon misread	102410	£ 88.00	
Cheque			
M. Stevens Burial Ground	102413	£ 400.00	
D. Brunsdon Salary	102409	£ 371.10	
Arbourwood Tree surgery	102411	£2,032.10	
Glasdon Benches	102404	£2,349.34	
E.On		£ 64.28	
E.On		£ 65.10	
TOTAL PAID OUT		£6,496.02	
RECEIPT			
Burial		£528.00	
BALANCE			£16,816.78
REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT			
Delyth Brunsdon Clerk	Salary	£ 341.10	
	Rent	£ 20.00	
	Telephone	£ 15.00	£ 376.10
Centregreat Xmas lights		£1,440.00	£1,440.00
Mark Stevens		£ 400.00	
Print Media		£ 264.00	

Proposed and seconded those payments be made. E.on payments were queried but the Clerk explained this was a standing charge payment. Invoices to be sent to Councillors for review. Barclays Bank has now confirmed that all information had been received and online banking would now be available.

**6.1 BUDGET REVIEW** – Going back to year end the balance was £20,000 and savings £16,700 making £36,000. During the year the Community Council spent £28,000, £17,000 of that was on extras benches, plinths and Jubilee events. As there is still £36,000 in the bank the Community Council effectively only cleared the budget coming in.

Following a decrease in the Precept there is less monies coming in but it does show we need to spend £7/8,000 a year to start to reduce the outstanding balance. Cllr. Lewis will produce

a budget report for next month's meeting. Projects need to be sought to reduce the balance. A full discussion took place regarding funding various projects to take place this financial year.

Cllr. Hayhurst volunteered to draw up notices requesting applications for funds to spend on local projects. This item is to be added to the agenda for June.

**ACTION: Approval of applications for local projects. To be listed on Agenda for June meeting.**

## **7. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

**7.1 BURIAL GROUND** – Nothing new to report. Further letter to be sent to contractor repairing the boundary wall asking for timescale for work. Cllr. Stephens reported that in the past the Community Council would contribute to the electricity costs for the Church, a Church Warden had approached him to advise that correspondence along these lines could be expected.

**7.2 TASK AND FINISH GROUP, OGMORE BY SEA** – An email has been received from Emma Reed apologising that she has had time of work for personal reasons but that she will be in touch regarding the Rivermouth Car Park. Vale Cllr. added that she had been in a meeting with Miles Punter Director of Environment and Housing) and that he is very conscious of the delay.

**7.3 REPORT FROM SOUTHERNDOWN** – Cllr. Evans was unavailable but had stated that their coffee and cake sale had been a success.

**7.4 REPORT FROM WILD OGMORE** -Cllr. Hayhurst apologised for limited progress as she had taken time off for personal reasons. She had met with Adam Rowe to plan for a biodiversity survey to be carried out. A baseline survey would cost £99 or a more detailed would prove more beneficial to the Council but would be twice the price. Formal quotation for this has been requested and would be discussed with Councillors before the final decision is made. Contact had been made with the Vale of Glamorgan regarding the mowing of the verges and progress has been made on this as well. The Welsh Office have produced "No mow" signs which will be used in this area. These will cost £35 for a pack of 4 and Cllr. Hayhurst intends to purchase pack of 8 packets of stakes. These will be placed in the area previous shown she has been shown. Information regarding no spraying in the area is being sought and once received the item will be placed on the agenda.

**7.5 REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLORS** – Signage has been placed on the area behind West Farm advising that no camping is allowed. This would appear to be successful with few if any campervans parked there. Signage regarding the anti-social behaviour has been received from PCSO Stone and this to be given to Cllr. Stephens who will be erecting the Community Council banners on the same issue. A schedule of Enforcement visits is available within the Vale Council but Vale Cllr. Prothero is arranging a meeting with the Enforcement Leader to discuss what this will cover.

A request from one of the Community Councillors is that an update be received as to what action has been taken or will be taken by the Enforcement Team and if they will be targeting any items/areas. This was agreed.

**8. BATHING WATER REVIEW** – Cllr. M. Wynne Jones was absent from the meeting, but it has been published that Ogmore by Sea is now designated bathing accreditation.

It has been widely reported that Ogmore by Sea has the highest, and second highest polluted rivers running into the area. NRW will be testing the water every year for 20 weeks of the year.

There is a River Clean Up being organised for the Bank holiday weekend and volunteers are requested to help. Information will be made available on Facebook hubs.

## **9. PLANNING –**

### **APPROVALS**

Application No. 2022/01243/FUL **Approved 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2023**  
Location : Castle View, Wick Road, St. Brides Major  
Proposal : Proposed loft conversion with dormer to rear elevation. Proposed balcony at first floor

Application No. 2023/00012/FUL **Approved 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2023**  
Location : St. Brides Major Church in Wale Primary School, Heol Yr Ysgol, St. Brides Major  
Proposal : Proposed extension to existing school hall

Application No. 2023/00137/FUL **Approved 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2023**  
Location : 20 Craig yr Eos Avenue, Ogmore by Sea  
Proposal : First floor garage attic conversion, extension to the existing ancillary outbuilding And the erection of single storey rear garden room to be used as ancillary to the enjoyment of the dwelling house

Application No. 2023/00141/FUL **Approved 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023**  
Location : 2 Little West Bungalows, Southerndown  
Proposal : Proposed part demolition of existing outbuilding and conversion of existing garage with additional single storey extensions. Construction of new detached garage.

### **NEW APPLICATIONS**

Application No. 2023/00377/FUL (HUD)  
Location : Sonning, 19 Heol Sant Bridget, St. Brides Major  
Proposal : A rear one storey extension on one side to extend the office space. Plus, a rear and side extension on the opposite side providing a garage space, an amenity space and a dining room

Application No. 2023/00382/FUL (HUD)  
Location : Castle View, Wick Road, St. Brides Major

Proposal : Construction of detached granny annexe in garden space of property

Application No. 2023/00411/FUL (HUD)

Location : 27 West Farm Road, Ogmore by Sea

Proposal : The removal of the existing roof and the installation of a new roof with dormers to create a larger first floor layout. Internal alterations to the ground floor will consist of a new bathroom, staircase and better bedrooms.

## **10. UPDATE OF WARD GROUPS**

**10.1 OGMORE BY SEA** – Nothing further to add other than a meeting is to be held with the Ogmore by Sea Village Hall Association.

**10.2 ST BRIDES MAJOR** – Sports Pavilion update. A meeting has been held regarding the single use Asset Transfer with Miles Punter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, a cabinet member, a representative from the Estates Department, Vale Cllr. Carys Stallard and Community Councillor Edwards in the Sports Pavilion. It was agreed that a building survey would take place. There are many problems with the building. Since that meeting, a heating engineer has visited with the heating not working. This is going to prove to be very expensive to carry out the necessary work.

Cllr. Edwards stated that he had attended two meetings with the Friends of the Heritage Coast, which have not met pre COVID. He also attended the AGM and has joined the Committee.

**12. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIR** – Reminder that the hand over of the bench in memory of the Late Richard Johnson and a tour around the Common is to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

Meeting closed at 20.47pm.