

ST. BRIDES MAJOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HEOLD ON THE 10TH JULY, 2023
AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SOUTHERNDOWN AT 7PM.

PRESENT: Cllr. A. Parry (Chairperson) Cllr. A. Morgan, R. Stephens, B. Lewis, S. Evans
E. Hayhurst, H. Rosenberg, S. Roberts, Vale Cllr. C. Stallard, PC J. Williamson

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs A. James, S. Edwards, M. W. Jones, Vale Councillor J. Prothero
2. POLICE REPORT – Thanks were conveyed to Jamie for Sian's assistance in the recent meetings.

Jamie advised there has been 6 crimes since the last meeting:

- A neighbour dispute at Ogmores by Sea are affecting our crime figures with 2 crimes are related to the same persons, its low level and has been reported to the Housing Association and Safety Partnership. The crimes are 1 public disorder and 1 harassment.
- Public disorder at Southerndown Beach which was between a person in their 30s commenting on younger persons behaviour. This became heated and the police were called.
- Theft of a bag in Southerndown when the person had left it unattended whilst in the water.
- An entry on Facebook was posted and an indecent image was returned.
- Vehicle broken into in Ogmores by Sea. Window was smashed and glovebox searched. No property taken but obviously, the vehicle was damaged.

Anti-social behaviour is split as to how many calls were received for the Rivermouth Car Park and other areas. 10 calls 5 of which were related to the Car Park. It is hoped that once the times of closing the beach will be established this will lessen the call to the beach. One of the calls was recorded just after 11pm, 3 after 10pm and 1 after 8pm. The general complaints are horns, engines and loud music.

The other calls were 1 for Norton Hill where words were exchanged regarding the byelaws. Words of advice given.

The other calls were from the property at Ogmores by Sea.

Drink drive recorded at St. Brides Major after a minor road traffic accident. No speed recorded.

Jamie was asked if more people were not contacting the police by email/portal website. Jamie responded that more calls were being received. Operation Snap has seen an increase in driving offences being reported. The use of dashcams has increased the reporting.

Thanks were given to Jamie for the information.

3. MRS ROWE Ecologists 7.15 – 7.45

Following Mrs. Rowe's presentation a full discussion took place as to how the Community Council could increase the attention to bio-diversity in the work of the Council but also how it could assist the Three Villages Wildlife Group.

It was questioned as to whether the Community Council had the authority to raise a "bio diversity emergency." The response was that this can be covered with consideration being taken in the decisions the Council makes, showing an awareness of a nature emergency.

Cllr. Hayhurst stated that she would be very willing to assist with the Three Villages Wildlife Group and that this was in line with what she hoped to achieve with Wild Ogmore and TAFSS initiative in Southerndown. Whilst these will continue in their own right to have the support of the 3 Village Group will raise the profile of the work being undertaken.

How to introduce The Three Villages Wildlife Group to the community apart from Facebook merits consideration. There are 188 followers on Facebook, but it is felt that it now needs to be reaching the wider audience. This is a project where people can do as much or as little as required without feeling committed to any project. It is hoped that with the wider audience, more projects will be undertaken. For example: It is suggested that an evening be arranged, for making bird/bat nesting boxes which could include both parents and children especially during the winter months.

It was suggested that as the Vale Council have declared an environmental emergency, could the work on the Three Villages Group not become part of the Community Council work and therefore be covered by the Council's insurance.

Cllr. Rosenberg asked that when projects are undertaken a link with mental health be considered. Cllr. Rosenberg volunteered to obtain information for Mrs Rowe.

With the Community Council offering grants to organisations within the three villages, it was suggested that an application be completed.

Mrs Rowe mentioned that there is an action plan for events, and help would be required to maintain. Should Mrs. Rowe be unable to undertake the events for any reason, it was stated that there are many ecologists within the area who could carry events on.

An invitation was extended to Mrs. Rowe to return in a future meeting to discuss the action plan. This was greatly appreciated. It was also suggested that a working committee be set up with Cllr. Stephens representing St. Brides Major and Cllr. Hayhurst covering Ogmore by Sea.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Further emails to be sent to Vale Council and Julian Golunski regarding - Acknowledged
- Email to be sent requesting larger bins at Southerndown with more regular collections - Acknowledged
- Email to be sent to Vale Council re toilets at Southerndown beach – Acknowledged

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES DATED THE 12TH JUNE, 2023 It had been proposed that a letter be sent to Deborah Gibbs requesting a timeline for the fitting and operation of the barrier at the Rivermouth Car Park. Clerk stated she would check if that had been done. With this amendment, it was proposed and seconded that they were a true record.

- 3 letters received from residents of St. Brides Major regarding the removal of a commemorative cherry tree at the St. Brides Major Primary School in order for the new extension to be built.
- A question was raised regarding the school governor, and this is to be investigated
- 20 is Plenty webchat.
- Cllr. Adrian James with variations to gate catches on footpaths and bridleways. Photographs attached. This information has now been sent to the Vale Council. Due to ill health Cllr. James will not be attending the council meetings for the near future.
- Fly tipping Email received from Andrea John on this. A previous email stated that the tyres had been removed. They have now been set alight. Investigations into this is necessary. These are on the Norton Hill.

Action: Letter to be sent to Mr. Mottram enquiring the name of the local school governor.
Letter to be sent to the Vale Council regarding the changes requested.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Opening balance		£23,562.68
Cheques/payments made:		
Cheque no. 102414 Centregreat	£1,440.00	
102419 M Stevens work at Monument and Burial Ground	£ 470.00	
102422 Clerk salary	£ 376.10	
102418 Donation Southerndown Cricket & Social	£ 425.00	
102420 Chairman's allowance Barry Lewis 22/23	£ 500.00	
Direct debits E.On	£ 65.10	
E.on	£ 65.10	
TOTAL OUTGOINGS	£3,341.30	£20,221.38

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

£16,834.06

REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT

June Salary

D. Brunsdon Clerk Salary	£341.10	
Rent	£ 20.00	
Telephone	£ 15.00	
Heidi Rosenberg	£189.00	Banners £135 £49 Leaflets
Church Hire	£150.00	
Tax £85.20 per month x 3 months	£255.60	

July Salary

D. Brunsdon Clerk Salary	£341.10
Rent	£ 20.00
Telephone	£ 15.00
Tax	£ 85.20

The Clerk requested agreement to purchase a new Eco ink printer. The ink for this is in recyclable bottles, which are cheaper to purchase, can be purchased individually and print larger number of documents making it more ecofriendly. The printer used at present is an Ink jet printer is more expensive to operate. She produced three different models and prices and it was agreed that an allowance of £220 be granted for this purchase.

7.1BUDGET REVIEW – Cllr. B. Lewis

The finances are running according to the budget with at present, the only output is for Mark Stevens for groundworks. It is felt that with the online banking this will be made easier. No questions were raised.

8. VALE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – Cllrs. C. Stallard J. Protheroe

Cllr. Stallard advised that the Public information Event held by the emergency services together with the Vale Council on Friday the 7th July, was well received by the public. There is recognition of the problems within the area, and that Ogmore by Sea is now on the radar for solutions to the problems in that area.

A business advice surgery had been held recently, with advisors available from the Bank of Wales and Business Wales. 4 businesses attended within the hour.

There have been special bins made up in Barry Island, where instead of people leaving the buckets and spades, they can donate them and then reused by other visitors. Cllr. Stallard has asked for a similar for bin to be set up at both Southerndown and Ogmore by Sea beaches.

9. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

9.1 BURIAL GROUND – Cllr. R. Stephens – A request has been received from a Church Warden at St. Bridget’s Church asking if a contribution could be made from the Community Council towards the new charges for the green collection. This charge is £20 for the remainder of the year, and by telephoning a collection can be arranged between November and February. This is for collection of flowers removed from graves. The grass cuttings from the Burial Ground at present is being stored in the Queen Mother’s Garden, with the intention of mulching it for use elsewhere. It was proposed that an approach be made to ascertain as to whether these could be stored in the Garden and used in the mulching of the other materials.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephens

9.2 REPORT FROM SOUTHERNDOWN – Cllr. S. Evans Bins are filled very quickly, and bags of dog poo are being left surround the bins. Request to chase up the increase in collections, and this may be due to visitors at the campsite.

Cllr. Evans advised that the Three Village Fun Day is on the 10th September and support was requested by all.

ACTION: Vale Cllr. Stallard will approach the Vale Council regarding increased bins.

9.3 REPORT FROM WILD OGMORE – Cllr. E. Hayhurst Nothing further to add with a meeting to be scheduled. Discussions are to take place between the Three Villages Wildlife Group.

9.4 FRIENDS OF THE HERITAGE COAST – Cllr. S. Edwards – Cllr. Edwards was not available. There was nothing to report.

10. SPORTS PAVILION UPDATE – Cllr. S. Edwards Cllr. Edwards was not available but advised there has been no progress as the survey had still not been received. This was confirmed by Vale Cllr. Stallard.

11.RIVERMOUTH CAR PARK – The speed bumps in the car park have been installed which is hoped to reduce the anti-social behaviour and the ANPR is to be installed in the week commencing in the week commencing the 10th July. The authorities have been available in the car park explaining who and why charges are being made. It is hoped that this will not be a one-off visit, but ongoing. Cllr. Parry stated that she had been speaking with Craig Handley from the Vale Council Enforcement Team advising what has been achieved but more importantly what his aspirations are and what grants he has applied for an increase the team. A meeting with the residents will be arranged.

12.BATHING WATER REVIEW – Cllr. M. Wynne Jones Cllr. Wynne Jones was not available to report.

13.GRANT APPLICATION FORM – Cllr. E. Hayhurst

The application form has now been agreed and is to be circulated to the Councillors. There is a simple scoring system for the grant application. Full explanation was given to the Councillors. Information sessions for grant applications can be arranged.

Publicity for this initiative is a key. Information is to be placed in the noticeboards, post offices, and Facebook but word of mouth is important. A young person in Ogmores by Sea, is looking for opportunities for volunteering for his Duke of Edinburgh Awards and it was agreed that he could become involved as a youth representative. Guidelines for this will need to be agreed.

A working committee to review the grants is to be formed. This will include which would include volunteers but it was agreed that both Chair and Vice Chair, Cllr. Hayhurst, Cllr. Evans, Cllr. Stephens, youth volunteer and a representative from the Vale Councillors. Other councillors will be informed.

Thanks was given to Cllr. Hayhurst for her hard work in the project.

14. PLANNING APPROVALS

Application No. 2023/00278/FUL

Location: Southdown, Church Close, Ogmores by Sea

Proposal: Refurbishment of an existing 3 bedroom bungalow adding an additional storey and balcony to the front. 16TH June, 2023

Application No. 2022/00382/FUL

Location : Penuchadre Farm, Wick Road, St. Brides Major

Proposal : removal of Condition 3 and variation of Condition 4 of 2020/01173/FUL – Erection of a wooden hut within existing silage pit walls for a milk vending machine. Proposed parking and additional access. Removal of stone wall for gates and construction of new stone wall and post and rail fence. 16th June, 2023

Application No. 2023/00411/FUL

Location : 27 West Farm Road, Ogmores 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. The internal alterations to be ground floor will consist of a new bathroom, staircase and better bedrooms. 30th June, 2023

NEW APPLICATIONS

Application No. 2023/00522/FUL (HUD)

Location : St. Andrews House, 21 West Farm Road, Ogmores by Sea

Proposal : Proposed roof and primary façade alterations, ground floor rear single storey extension and driveway alterations to include new access and triple garage.

Objection : Over development

Application No. 2023/00626/FUL (HUD)

Location : 26 Crompton Way, Ogmores by Sea

Proposal : Loft conversion with rear dormer

No objections No observations

Application No. 2023/00556/FUL (HUD)

Location : 26 and 27 Crompton Way, Ogmore by Sea

Proposal : Proposed single side garage extensions for 2 adjacent properties

No objections No observations

Application No. 2023/00634/FUL (SFL)

Location : Morgan House, 10 Marine Walk, Ogmore by Sea

Proposal : The proposed works comprise a pod style summerhouse (designed and built by Strongpod) in the garden of 10 Marine Walk, Ogmore by Sea – dimensions 3,050mm x 3,000mm with a deck area in front. The height is 2,720mm from the base to the top of the arch, including the thickness of wooden battens, felting and Metrotile shingles.

No observations No objections.

Application No. 2023/00597/LBC(HUD)

Location : Castle Upon Alun House, St. Brides Major

Proposal : Alteration of front door opening to widen by the removal of 2 stone/cement nibs to original opening formed by original stone quoins. Replacement of rotten lintels with appropriate materials.

No objections No observations

Application No. 2023/00666/FUL (HUD)

Location : 7 Marine Drive, Ogmore by Sea

Proposal : Demolition of existing sub-standard garage – single storey side extension

No objections No observations

Application No. 2023/00673/FUL (HUD)

Location : The Newlands, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major

Proposal : Two new front dormers to the front and an enlargement to the existing rear dormer with internal alterations. A replacement of the existing sunroom and minor external alterations to the patio area.

No objections No observations

Application No. 2023/00689/FUL (SFL)

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.

Application No. 2023/00695/FUL (SFL)

Location : St. Brides Court, St. Brides Major

Proposal : Construction of a garage outbuilding to compliment proposed two storey detached dwelling.

Over development of the property.

The importance of councillors being fully informed on applications and there being clear discussion in the monthly meetings was emphasised.

14.1 PLANNING – Application No. 2023/00556/FUL (HUD)

Location 26 & 27 Crompton Way, Ogmore by Sea

Proposal Proposed single storey side garage extension for 2 adjacent properties

This application was discussed fully. If passed, it will be the first application for building garages connecting two semi-detached houses in this street and could set a precedence.

Objection: over development

15. UPDATE ON WARD

15.1 OGMORE BY SEA – Nothing further. Notes of the Action Group at Ogmore by Sea are to be circulated to the whole of the Council. Meeting with the Village Hall to be held.

15.2 ST. BRIDES MAJOR The playground at St. Brides Major is in very poor condition and two benches are unfit for use. Cllr. Stallard will refer this to the Vale Council.

16. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIR – No questions.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 11th SEPTEMBER, 2023 at 7pm

N.B. If any problems arise, please contact the Clerk on email clerk.sbmcc@gmail.com or telephone number 01656 650004.