

ST. BRIDES MAJOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH DECEMBER, 2023
AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SOUTHERNDOWN AT 7PM.

PRESENT: Cllr. A. Parry Chairperson Cllrs. B. Lewis, S. Edwards, A. James, S. Evans, E. Hayhurst, H. Rosenberg, S. Roberts, Vale Cllr J. Prothero, C. Stallard, PC J. Williamson and 2 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES – Cllrs. A. Morgan, R. Stephens, M. Wynne Jones

2. POLICE REPORT PC Jamie Williamson in attendance.

He reported 3 crimes – 2 criminal damage to vehicles in Ogmore by Sea

1 Online blackmail crime.

Other reports:

1 vehicle accident involving a motorcycle near the Watermill.

An abandoned vehicle in St. Brides Major

Pebbles being removed from Ogmore beach.

Suspicious incident in St. Brides Major – human faeces found in the garden.

Suspicious incident in Ogmore by Sea – horse mane platted. Could be an attempt to steal.

Zero Anti -Social Behaviour

Investigation into damage to Rivermouth Car Park barrier is ongoing.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. A Morgan – Commoners Association

Cllr S Edwards – St. Bridget's Church

Cllr A. James – AGB James Limited

Cllr. A. Parry – Southerndown Golf Club planning request

Cllr. S. Roberts – Southerndown Golf Club planning request

4. PLANNING

Application No: 2023/00876/LBC (LCH)

Location : Clifton House, South Terrace, Southerndown

Proposal : Install an Air to Source Heat Pump at the rear of the property and to seek retention of works to entrance, new window to rear lean to and rear elevation, amendments to rear door, internal underfloor heating, new flooring and paving, coving and window horns.

No objections No observations

Application 2023/01097/FUL (LF)

Location : Southerndown Golf Club, Ogmore by Sea

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

Cllr. Parry and Cllr. Roberts declared in interest as both are members.

No objections and no observations

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES FROM OF MEETING 12TH NOVEMBER, 2023

Christmas tree to be supplied for Christmas Tree Festival - Supplied

Donation to Coffee and Chat – Donation sent

Request for planning application Memorial Garden, Ogmore by Sea

Letter to Mark Stevens for upkeep of Green for Remembrance - sent

Letter to Village Hall at Ogmore by Sea re storage unit - sent

Letter to check if intercom at Rivermouth – acknowledged by Vale of Glam Council

Request for excess vegetation Sutton Lane to be cut – acknowledged by Vale of Glam Council

Application for music licence – completed by Cllr. Rosenberg

Email re infill from Slon Lane on to the Common – acknowledged by Vale of Glam Council

Gate Catches Cllr. James' details to be supplied – Correspondence received from Vale of Glam Council

Letter to Vale re parking on the B4524 – Response received from Vale of Glam Council

Excessive signage at Portobello – acknowledged Vale of Glam Council

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES DATED THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 2023 – Proposed and seconded as true record.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

OPENING BALANCE £12,983.14

Payments made: D. Brunsdon Clerk	£ 384.25
One Voice Wales	£ 436.00
BHIB Insurance	£1,718.00
Coland Systems	£ 50.00
D. Brunsdon salary	£ 384.90
Mark Stevens	£ 460.00
E. On	£ 18.23
E. On	£ 18.237

Cheque No. 102437 Ogmores by Sea Church £ 25.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS £3,494.67

CREDIT RECEIVED £1,511.66

Overpayment on Insurance

CLOSING BALANCE £11,000.13

SAVINGS ACCOUNT £24,880.74

PAYMENTS REQUESTED

D. Brunsdon Clerk	£341.10
Rent	£ 20.00
Telephone	£ 15.00
HMRC	£ 85.10
Vicar & ChurchWarden	£ 50.00
Mark Stevens	£668.00
Holibobs Charity	£200.00

Proposed and seconded payments are made.

9. BUDGET REVIEW – Cllr. B. Lewis – Budget is running according to plan. Final Precept payment is due at the end of December. Planning for next year's Precept to be arranged in January.

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

It was reported that a traffic survey had taken place in Ogmore by Sea Village. It reported that speeding is a police matter and that there are no plans for traffic calming. The Vale work on a formula for traffic calming taking into account how many accidents occur in that area. There have been few accidents even though it is a black spot.

Go Safe Wales has stated that there is no suitable area for a speed camera and are unable to help. It is hoped that the local Speedwatch group and operation SNAP will help.

Parking on the Common has again been raised by the Vale Councillors and discussions are planned between Highways Department and the representative for the Duchy.

11. GRANT APPLICATION RESULTS – Update All successful groups have now been in contact with their appointed groups, but Cllr. Evans had not received the contact for the Art Group. This is to be sent by the Clerk on Tuesday. Update will be given next month. No monies have as yet been requested /paid out.

12. RESULTS OF MEDIA UPDATE – No meeting has been held, but the Clerk has now been instructed as to how to load information on the website. A meeting with the web writer, Clerk and 1-2 Councillors to meeting to discuss a way forward. This is to be arranged before the end of January.

ACTION Meeting to be arranged for Councillors, Clerk and web writer.

13. BIO DIVERSITY PLAN. This has now been seen by all the Councillors. As requested in the November meeting, no questions for Cllr. Hayhurst had been received via the Clerk. The one question which had been raised in the November meeting was the £3,000 payment. It was explained that this had been agreed in a previous meeting, that £1,000 would be made available for each of the Villages to enable the commencement of projects. It was agreed that a Bio diversity Open Event would be arranged for any public to understand/consider the plan and hopefully join with the Council with the implementation of it. Full discussion followed as to ways in which the Council would involve local groups on the development, implementation and evaluation of the plan.

ACTION – Public meeting to be arranged to discuss annual bio diversity plan

14. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

14.1 BURIAL GROUND –In the absence of Cllr. Stephens the Clerk advised there has been a burial and two cremation plots requested. Both families have been met and one has been selected. The Clerk advised that she had held a conversation with the grave digger who is well versed in bio diversity. He made several suggestions as to work which could be carried out in the Burial Ground to increase the bio diversity without any cost to the Community Council. It was suggested that he is invited to meet in the early spring at the Burial Ground before the monthly meeting. This was agreed.

14.2 REPORT FROM WILD OGMORE – Cllr. E. Hayhurst – Nothing further to add.

14.3 FRIENDS OF THE HERITAGE COAST – Cllr. S. Edwards Meeting held on the 19th November, which was very well attended. Quiz was held as well as a social get together. Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis.

14.4 SPORT PAVILION ST. BRIDES MAJOR – Expression of Interest has been acknowledged by the Vale Council. The question of who owns the asset and whether it is leasehold or freehold has been requested of the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The closing date for the next tranche of the Community Ownership Fund is the end of January, which is due to political uncertainty, would be recommended. If this date is not met the next date will be March/April. It has been confirmed that the Vale Council will not be undertaking any repairs before the asset transfer would take place. It was acknowledged that there is a lot of work to be done if this is to be completed by the end of January.

A qualified architect is required to produce plans and costings. It would make this easier, if this was transferred to the Community Council rather than a public group. A match funding figure of £38,000 is required to meet the anticipated £190,000 cost.

15. MEMORIAL GARDEN, OGMORE BY SEA – Vale Councillors have investigated this and the Clerk is to obtain the original application number from the Vale Planning Department. No response has been received regarding obtaining a Tree Preservation Order on the tree in the middle of the plot. It was agreed that this issue is best managed by residents in the local area.

ACTION – Original planning application number to be obtained.

16. RIVERMOUTH CAR PARK – Update No further information is available at present, but a letter to the Vale Council has been acknowledged.

17. BATHING WATER REVIEW – In the absence Cllr. M. Wynne Jones a discussion was held regarding the recent press release stating that the Rivermouth is the most contaminated beach. A query was raised as to why Ogmores by Sea Rivermouth has not been included in original survey.

ACTION Letter to be sent to NRW requesting why the Rivermouth was not included in original survey.

18. UPDATE ON WARD

18.1 OGMORE BY SEA – Nothing further to add.

18.2 ST. BRIDES MAJOR – Nothing further to add.

18.3 SOUTHERNDOWN – The boundary wall on the entrance to Southerndown has now been repaired. A newsletter has been produced and one handed to each of the Cllrs.

A Carol Service is to be held on the 17th December, with carols being sang around the Christmas tree.

19. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIR – A question was raised regarding the traffic lights at the entrance of the disused quarry on the bridge. As the quarry is no longer functional could these lights be removed.

ACTION Letter to be sent to Vale Highways Department.

The publication of the LDP was acknowledged and this is to form a substantive item at the next meeting.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 8TH JANUARY,2024

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL