

**St Brides Major Community Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00pm on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at All Saints Church,**  
**Southerndown.**

**Present:** Cllr A Morgan (Chair), Cllr H Morris (Vice-Chair), Cllrs S Edwards, S Evans, A James, B Lewis, A Parry, R Stephens, M Wynne Jones.

**Also:** Vale CBC Cllr J Protheroe & one member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Received from Vale CBC Cllr C Stallard and PC Jamie Williamson
2. **Police Matters:** PC Williamson to send a report for circulation.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** 22nd April 2024 were **resolved** to be a true and accurate record.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**5.1 Ogmore by Sea Ward Vacancy:** The time limit by which an election should be called concludes at midnight tonight. Should there be insufficient nominations for an election the Council will invoke its co-option policy. The intention is to fill the vacancy left by Cllr Roberts before the summer break.

**5.2 Bathing Water Quality:** The quality of bathing water at Ogmore by Sea has now been reported in the national media. There is a lack of clarity as to the whether the contamination is occurring prior to the Water Treatment Works (WTW) from tributaries to the Ogmore River or from a leak at the WTW. Vale Cllr Protheroe attended the WTW with Cllr Stallard and Mr Miles Punter from VoGC and the WTC are 99.5% confident the contamination is not from the WTC. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) still state that the levels of contamination are a concern, It was **resolved** that Cllr Wynne Jones will draft a letter to be sent from the Community Council to Welsh Water highlighting the issues of concern.

Valle Cllr Protheroe advised the opportunity for a further site visit attended by members of the Community Council. This was of great interest to Councillors who await further information.

**5.3 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission Review:** Cllr Parry attended an online discussion and re-iterated the rationale regarding St Brides Major Community Council wishing to remain as is.

**5.4 Memorial plaque:** This has now been ordered. Once received the family will be contacted.

**5.5 Notice Boards:** The Community Council notice boards are in a poor condition. Action: **Cllr Morgan to report at next meeting.**

**5.6 Bus Shelter Maintenance:** One quote has been obtained. A further two quotations will be sort by Cllr Evans and Cllr James.

## **6. Staffing**

Mr Hughes resigned as Clerk and Responsible Financial for SBMCC during his induction period. Payment for his 34 hours of work will be progressed through DWA who have agreed to provide a payroll function for the Council.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Parry will contact One Voice Wales to see whether there could be a reduction in the training costs as Mr Hughes is no longer with the Council.

It was **resolved** that:

the Council will continue without a Clerk until the current audit period has completed.

that the position of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer will be advertised in September.

that members of the Council will continue to fulfil the above responsibilities.

## **7. Correspondence**

**7.1** Invitation to innovative practice conference July 3<sup>rd</sup>. No Cllr available to attend.

**7.2** Invitation to ' Art for the Coast' July 12<sup>th</sup> in Llantwit Major. Cllr Wynne Jones to attend.

**7.3** Information on the independent remuneration panel for Wales. Circulated to all Cllrs.

**7.4** Response to SBMCC observations on the Boundary Commission report acknowledged.

**7.5** Past minutes of OVW area meeting received.

**7.6** OVW response to environmental principals, governance and biodiversity targets consultation received together with launch of new Biodiversity resources. Circulated to all Cllrs.

**7.7** Quotation to repair church wall received. Cllr Stephen and Cllr James agreed to obtain two further quotes.

## **8. Planning**

### **8.1 Applications Refused**

2024/00223/FUL 26 and 27, Crompton Way, Ogmere by Sea.

Proposed Single Storey Side extension for both properties.

Reasons for Refusal:

The proposal would be harmful to the appearance of the dwellings and would appear visually incongruous within this street scene.

By reason of their siting and form, the extensions would represent an inappropriate development that would represent a risk to public and highway safety given the loss of suitable off-road parking spaces and the subsequent impact on the adjacent highway

### **8.2 Applications Approved**

2024/00013/FUL Sunshine House, Southerndown Demolition of

existing garage and replacement with new-build detached domestic garage:  
 2023/00876/LDC Clifton House, Southerndown. Installation of Heat Pump

### 8.3 New Applications

2024/00410/FUL The Old Cottage, Castle Upon Alun, St. Brides Major. Proposed first floor extension, to be constructed from the existing ground floor family room. Proposed extension to consist of new stairway/landing, leading into additional 2 no. bedroom.

It was **resolved** to make no objections or observation.

## 9. Finance

### 9.1 Finance Report

OPENING BALANCE		
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024		£18137.67
INCOME		
Burial Ground		0
Precept		0
Total Balance		18137.67
EXPENDITURE		
10 x Councillor Allowance		£1560
DWA Accountants	22/23	£510
DWA Accountants	21/22	£510
Vicar and Church	Meeting Room	£125
Chair Allowance		£500
M Stevens		£584
Eon St Brides		£17.64
Eon Southerndown		£17.64
One Voice Wales sub		£458
BALANCE		£13855.39
Business Savings Account		20060.75
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>33916.14</b>

The Mandate change has been completed together with a change of business address to that of Cllr Lewis. The 2023/24 accounts are currently with DWA. A letter has been written to HMRC requesting that we are given entry to our online accounts for Mrs D Brunsdon ( former Clerk) or that a list of payments is provided such that the Council can establish any outstanding tax owed.

## **9.2 Budget Review**

No amendments to the budget review discussed at the May meeting.

**9.3 Approval of Payments: It was resolved** to make the following payments:

Mark Stevens - Churchyard and Monument £540

Mark Stevens - Pond clearing £110.

Ken Rogers – Ogmores Arts Grant £480

Dot Williams – Butterfly Conservation Grant £330

One Voice Wales – 3 Councillors Training Finance £120

One Voice Wales – Clerk Training Module 1 £40

One Voice Wales – Clerk Training Module 9 £40

One Voice Wales – Clerk Training Finance £40

TOTAL Requested £1700

## **9.4 Donation requests**

Ogmores by Sea Village Hall monies for a bench

It was **resolved** to write to the OVHA trustees advising that the Community Council are not able to provide financial support for the bench at this time. It was also **resolved** to write to the OVHA trustees advising that we can no longer ringfence £3000.00 as a contribution to the storage unit they hope to build. This monies can be applied for once a clear timeline is in place.

Francine Davies Og Gazette project

It was **resolved** to write to Francine advising her that the Community Council are not able to provide financial support for her project at this time.

Kids Cancer Charity

It was **resolved** to write to Rosmarie Davies of Kids Cancer Charity and advise that the Community Council are not currently able to support generic donation requests.

## **10. Grant Project Reports**

**10.1 Southerndown Croquet:** Verbal report received. There has been a good uptake. Cllr Lewis due to meet with the organising committee later this month.

**10.2 Ogmores by Sea Art Group:** Written report received. It was **resolved** that monies not spent could not be used to book a fourth term of Art Classes but should be used for materials as indicated in the grant application.

**10.3 Butterfly Conservation:** Cllr Hayhurst has been asked to meet with Dot.

**10.4 Southerndown Life Saving:** Cllr James to meet with Rachel Evans in view of the project focus and time available.

**10.5 CominHo Pilgrimage:** Cllr Edwards has established that the new Curate will take over the leadership of this grant.

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

VoGC Community Ownership Grant Applications process paused in pre-election period. SBMCC architect working on drawings for plans to be submitted to bring building up to contemporary standards. Alternative sources of funding will need to be identified. Alternative ways to generate income should the Community Council adopt the lease were also discussed. This included the possibility of allotments and / or also a skate ramp. A change of use may be required for either of these to take place on the field.

### **12. Burial Ground**

**12.1 Update** Site meeting of the Burial Ground Working Group to be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**12.2 Church clock** The Council are not able to afford the £10,000 quoted for the repair of the existing mechanism. It was noted that there had been previous substantial repairs to the clock funded through grants. Smiths of Derby to be contacted regarding costs for a more modern replacement mechanism.

**12.3 Burial ground Wall.** One quotation has been obtained. Two further to be sourced by Cllr James and Cllr Morgan.

### **13 Council Website**

This is being developed. A working prototype should be available in 10 days. It was **resolved** that the current website will not be updated due the timeframe for the new website. Business with Coland systems will cease.

### **14. Biodiversity Plan**

No update available for this meeting

### **15. Updates from Members**

#### **15.1 St Brides Major**

The need for the 303 bus to stop at both ends of St Brides Major was noted. Vale Cllr Protheroe to speak with VoGC regarding this. Vale Cllr Protheroe also reminded the Council of the Green links Community Transport that is available.

#### **15.2 Southerndown:**

The Dunraven beach toilets are being repaired.

The old toilet block at the Cymla carpark has been demolished.

The apartments being built on the site of Home for the blind will be names Dunraven Court

A music festival is being held at the Golden Cup June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A croquet competition is being held in July.

### **15.3 Ogmore by Sea**

The cover on the streetlight in Slon Lane is dangerous with exposed wires and requires repair. VoGC to be contacted.

The barrier at the Rivermouth carpark is currently not working with resultant noise overnight.

Camping on Norton Hill. Cllr Protheroe has requested signage that this is not permitted.

The gate to Hardees from Slon Lane has been repaired.

### **16. Questions for the Chair**

Cllr Lewis clarified the process for the publication of the Audit notices.

It was **resolved** that the Audit notice will be placed in the noticeboards with the Council's records from 2020/1 onwards available for view by appointment from July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Council was informed that the Council's filing cabinet and all legacy paperwork is now stored at the Sports Pavilion.

### **17. Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in All Saints Southerndown at 7pm

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.**

**Cllr A Morgan (Chair)**

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