

St Brides Major Community Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00pm on 8th July 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.

Also: Vale CBC Cllr C Stallard and PC J Williamson.

1. **Apologies:** Received from Cllrs E Hayhurst, R Stephens and M Wynne Jones; Vale CBC Cllr J Protheroe.

2. **Police Matters:** PC Williamson reported as follows:

13.05.24 – 10.6.24: 8 crimes. No pattern. 3 x public order offences; 3 x Auto crimes; 1 x dangerous dog (to note these are on the increase nationally); 1 x ASB in Southerndown.

11.06.24 – 07.07.24: 1 crime (theft of trailer in St Brides Major). 2 x road traffic collisions and 3 x ASB on June 20th

3. **Declarations of Interest:** None

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Held on June 10th these were **resolved** to be a true and accurate record.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

5.1 Ogmore by Sea Ward Vacancy: The Council has invoked its co-option policy for the vacancy left by Cllr Roberts (Ogmore by Sea ward). No interest to date. Cllrs we again asked to bring this vacancy to the attention of the local community and for interested residents to submit expression of interest to the Council email (clerk.sbmcc@gmail.com). Cllr Hayhurst has advised that she will submit a formal resignation from her role as Cllr (Ogmore by Sea ward). Once received contact will be made with the Electoral Registration department to establish whether a truncated process may be adopted given the existing vacancy. **Action: Cllr Parry.**

5.2 Bathing Water Quality: The letter from the Community Council to Welsh Water being drafted by Cllr Wynne Jones has not been received by the Chair. The restrictions on bathing are currently lifted at the Rivermouth. A meeting is to be arranged between Mr A Phillips (organiser of the Estuary river clean), Vale CBC Cllr Stallard and members of the Community Council to review evidence prepared by Swansea University as to the source of contamination. **Action: Cllr Parry.** NRW continue to investigate the source of any contamination.

5.3 Memorial plaque: Once received and secured in situ the family will be contacted.

5.4 Notice Boards: These will be reviewed over the summer break. **Action: Cllr Morgan to report at next meeting.**

5.5 Bus Shelter Maintenance: Two companies have been approached and are not interested in quoting for this work. One quote has been obtained. Further quotes are required. **Action: Cllr Morgan.**

5.6 Donation requests update: Letters of acknowledgement have been received from Francine Davies and Kids Cancer Charity. No acknowledgement has been received from Ogmores Village Hall trustees and follow up is required. **Action Cllr Morris.**

5.7 303 Bus: improvements in reliability reported. Discrepancy in bus timings posted on the website and the bus shelter noted. Unlikely that route will change to include the length of St Brides Major this year. Free 303 bus travel during summer holidays noted. This will be evaluated numerically by the Vale.

6. Staffing

Payment for Mr Hughes can now progress as paperwork completed by DWA. It was **resolved** that the position of Clerk be re-advertised with a closing date of September 6th.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Free 303 bus travel over the summer holidays

7.2 Cancellation of July Community Liaison meeting cancelled due to lack of business.

7.3 Consultation on draft priorities for Culture. **Cllr Parry** to respond on behalf of the Council.

7.4 SLA for legal services with VoGC legal department. See item 15.

7.5 Christmas lights brochure. It was **resolved** that Cllr James will source 2024 Christmas trees (for planting in St Brides Major and potted for Southerndown and Ogmores by Sea) and that the Council will buy lights. It was **resolved** to write to Centregreat ending the Christmas light contract.

Action: Cllr Parry.

7.6 Request for information on poor mobile signal from Vale CBC Cllr Protheroe

7.7 Update from Network Rail on works completed between Rhoose and Bridgend

7.8 Letter from Dinas Powys regarding cessation of Breast-feeding support at UHW It was **resolved** to send similar from Community Council. **Action: Cllr Parry.**

7.9 Quarry Liaison Committee – reestablished. Meeting 18.07.24 Cllr Edwards to attend with a resident.

7.10 Invitations: Allotment forum 17.07.23 – circulated to all Cllrs; Llantwit Major Civic event 13.10.24 – circulated to Cllr Morgan

8. Planning

Applications Received

2024/00510/FUL

Location : 79 Crompton Way, Ogmores by Sea

Proposal : Conversion of integral garage into a home office and storage space.

Outcome: No observations or objections

2024/00468/FUL

Location : 26 Marine Drive, Ogmore by Sea

Proposal : Proposed double storey front extension, single storey infill to the existing front porch.

Outcome: No observations or objections

2024/00550/FUL (LF)

Location : Southdown, Church Close, Ogmore by Sea

Proposal : An Extension to an existing Bungalow and the relocation of the garage

Outcome: No observations or objections

Applications Approved

2024/00209/FUL

Location : Land to the rear of the Three Golden Cups, Southerndown

Proposal : Variation of Condition 2 and 4 of planning consent 2017/00216/FUL

- to allow the siting of up to 17 campervans within a designated area at Land to the rear of The Three Golden Cups Public House, Southerndown

Applications Refused

None

9. Finance

9.1 Finance Report

OPENING BALANCE		
10 th June 2024		£13855.39
INCOME		
Burial Ground		0
Precept		0
Total Balance		£13855.39
EXPENDITURE		
One Voice Wales	Training	£40
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Mark Stevens	Pond	£110
Mark Stevens	Burial gnd	£540
D Williams	Butterfly	£330
K Rogers	Ogmore Art	£480
Eon Next	DD	£18.23
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Total Expenditure		1816.46
BALANCE		£12038.93
Business Savings Account 10 th June		£20060.75
Income	Interest	£76.67
Business Savings Account 7 th July		£20137.42
TOTAL FUNDS		£32176.35

It was resolved that the current financial regulations be circulated to the Council. **Action: Cllr Morgan.**

It was noted that Mark Stevens may be reducing his work for the Community Council. In particular, the ground works for the Burial Ground are challenging. The Council would like to keep Mr Stevens. **Action: Cllr James to discuss with Mr Stevens.**

9.2 Budget Review

No amendments to the budget review discussed at the July meeting. It was noted the next precept payment is due August.

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

Mark Stevens - Churchyard and Monument	£818
Ken Rogers – Ogmore Arts Grant	£111.38
Brunel Engraving- Bench Plaque	£75.92
One Voice Wales – Training BL & AM	£80
One Voice Wales – Training HM & EH	£80
Cllr A Parry – reimburse payment of Council Insurance	£1448.09
Smith of Derby – Church Clock	£408

TOTAL Requested £3021.39

It was acknowledged that the summer recess may cause payment delays for Mark Stevens who has ground works planned. It was **resolved** that these payments be signed off by the Chair once work completed to enable payment to occur. Formal agreement will take place at the September meeting.

9.4 Community Council Insurance

The Community Council insurance has been renewed with Clear insurance. Insurance documents will be posted on the new website. It was **resolved** that Cllr Lewis should apply for a community council bank debit card so that Cllrs do not have to use their personal cards for Council business and request reimbursement.

9.5 Audit update

Audit notices for 2020/1; 2021/2;2022/3 have been posted but no member of the public has requested to view. It was **resolved** that an additional community council meeting be held in early August to approve the 2023/4 accounts when received from DWA. **Action: Cllr Parry to contact Audit Wales to clarify the submission of accounts.**

The importance of obtaining invoices for all activities, expenditure and events was noted. Thanks were extended to Cllr Lewis for his work on the accounts.

10. Grant Project Reports

10.1 Southerndown Croquet: A request has been received for additional croquet mallets using underspend from the e-booking system. It was **resolved** to agree to this request.

10.2 Ogmore by Sea Art Group: A request for payment for further materials authorised.

10.3 Butterfly Conservation: Cllr Evans has agreed to take on the lead for this grant project following the resignation of Cllr Hayhurst. Cllr Evans thanked.

10.4 Southerndown Life Saving: Rachel Evans has confirmed to Cllr James that progress has been made on the grant spend and invoices will be sent in

10.5 CominHo Pilgrimage: Cllr Edwards has updated the new Curate on the grant proposal.

11. St Brides Major Sports Pavilion

Local architect has submitted drawings to the working group. These are to be circulated to the Council. Costs to extend the Pavilion estimated to be in the region of £70,000. This does not include necessary repairs to existing building. The Pavilion is not on mains drainage. The Grant scheme is currently on hold. Alternative sources of funding to support the Council taking on this building and ways to generate income should the Community Council adopt the lease remain a priority. **Action: Cllr Edwards to contact Phil Chapple at VoGC re: funding streams.**

12. Burial Ground

12.1 Update Site meeting of the Burial Ground Working Group took place. Thanks extended to Mark Stevens for his recent work in tidying up the grave spaces. Cllr James has also arranged for the overburdens to be removed.

12.2 Church clock The Council are not able to afford the £10,000 quoted for the repair of the three existing mechanisms. Smiths of Derby cannot provide a more modern mechanism. It was clarified that the clock is a War Memorial commemorating the fallen of the First World War and this is the reason that the Council has responsibility for repair.

12.3 Burial ground Wall. One quotation has been obtained from Shane Fort. Two further were sourced but no quote provided. It was **resolved** to accept the quote. Action: Cllr Edwards to contact Shane Fort to request he undertakes this work as quoted (no cock and hen required).

13. Council Website

This should be available shortly. Photographs of Cllrs taken for uploading. Agendas and Minutes for previous 2 years sent for uploading. Financial reports displayed as per Ewenny Community Council to be uploaded. Cllr Morris was thanked for her work on this. It was noted no invoices have yet been received. It was **resolved** to obtain quotations for laptop anti-virus software as required. **Action: Cllr Morris.**

14. Biodiversity Plan

No update of the plan available for this meeting. A meeting of the biodiversity working group did take place on 12 May. Following the resignation of Cllr Hayhurst, Cllrs Evans and Stephens will be the Council representatives on this community group. Many of the initial target plan dates require revision. **Action: Cllr Evans to circulate Biodiversity plan. Revised plan to be agreed at the September meeting.**

15. SLA with VoGC for Legal services

This has been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. This should have been in place previously. It was **resolved** to accept this SLA and return to VoGC. **Action: Cllr Parry.**

16. Updates from Members

16.1 St Brides Major

Overgrown resident hedgerows reported on Heol yr Ysgol and Lon yr Ewglys. **Action: Cllr Parry to contact VoGC**

16.2 Southerndown:

The annual croquet competition was held on 7 July and won by an Ogmore by Sea resident. A successful music festival was held at the Three Golden Cups with free tickets for local residents. Cllr Evans attended an informal visit from the Bishop of Llandaff Family fun day to be held on 8 September at the cricket ground midday – 6pm

16.3 Ogmore by Sea

A Twmpath is to be held at the Ogmore by Sea village Hall on Saturday 13 July Human waste reported at various sites along the estuary. VoGC informed. No further information has been received regarding parking areas in Ogmore by Sea. The Council state they are waiting for a response from Dunraven Estates.

17. Questions for the Chair

There were none.

Cllr Morgan wished everyone a pleasant summer.

18. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 9th September 2024 in All Saints Southerndown at 7pm

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

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