

## St Brides Major Community Council

### Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00pm on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at All Saints Church, Southerndown.

1. **Present:** Cllr A Morgan (Chair), Cllr H Morris (Vice-Chair), Cllrs S Edwards, S Evans, A James, A Parry, R Stephens

**Also:** Vale CBC Cllr J Protheroe

**Apologies:** Received from Cllr. B Lewis and Vale CBC Cllr C Stallard

## 2. Finance

### 2.1 Approval of audited accounts 2023-2024

In the absence of Cllr Lewis, the Chair read out the AGAR to the Council. Clarification was sought on the matter of extra income. Confirmation was obtained that this was comprised of monies transferred from the business savings account, a refund from over-payment of insurance, and income from the burial ground. It was **resolved** to approve the accounts for 2023/24. It was **resolved** that the audit notice be published. Thanks were extended to Cllr Lewis for his timely completion of the accounts.

### 2.2 Approval of payments

It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

ITEM	AMOUNT
Mark Stevens – Ogmores by Sea	£880.00
Vision ICT – Website	£468.00
Andrew Davis – Cllr Photographs	£150.00
DWA – Internal Audit 2023/4	£510.00
Mr G. Hughes( previous Clerk) – Payslip	£406.70
C&S Maintenance – Church wall repair	£999.00
Mark Stevens – Churchyard groundworks	£338.00
Cllr Lewis – reimbursement stationery	£11.75
HMRC – PAYE Mr G. Hughes	£101.60
Dot Williams – Butterfly conservation grant	£222.00
The Church in Wales – Meeting room hire Council meetings	£125.00
The church in Wales – Meeting room hire – Biodiversity meeting	£25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4237.05</b>

### 3. Planning

There were no items to discuss.

### 4. Casual vacancies: Ogmore by Sea ward

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (VoGC) have confirmed that SBMCC may now co-opt into the vacancy left by the resignation of Cllr Roberts. VoGC have also been informed of the resignation of Cllr Hayhurst and notices have been published. Should there be insufficient interest to call an election by August 9<sup>th</sup> then SBMCC may co-opt to this vacancy.

Two expressions of interest have been received for the first vacancy. Both applicants were deemed suitable. It was **resolved** to wait until August 10<sup>th</sup> to find out whether SBMCC is required to co-opt to one or two vacancies. If two vacancies, then both applicants will be invited to join the Council. Applicants will be sent the following documents:

Financial regulations

Standing orders

Minutes of previous meeting (for information)

**Action: Cllr Parry to contact VoGC and the new Councillors**

### 5. Staff recruitment

It was **resolved** to advertise for the position of Clerk.

**Action: Cllr Parry to update the job vacancy information with revised timeline and for this to be posted in noticeboards by Cllr Morgan.**

### 6. Any other business

Cllr Morris: Work on the new website is progressing. Documents from current site ( and more recent items) have been sent for uploading. No changes will be made to the current website. It was **resolved** that training for the new website be undertaken by Cllr Morris and the new Clerk (once recruited).

Cllr Morgan: The commemorative bench plaque has been installed and thanks given by family. An invitation has been issued to the opening of the new St Brides Major Primary School Hall.

Cllr Stephens: There are sufficient materials left after repair of the church wall for some additional works. This will be discussed at the September meeting.

Cllr James: Burial ground receipts and cheques submitted for the attention of Cllr Lewis.

Cllr Protheroe:

- a) The path / lane from Groes Farm to the Coast is impassable. VoGC to clear.
- b) Food hub held fortnightly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month for the ward in Wick. 10:30am – 12:00 midday. An award means that this will run until March 2025 in the ward. Hosted through the Youth Club with additional volunteers required. Some food provided from Atlantic College whose students also volunteer.
- c) New PSPO came into force on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 for the area as follows: Dogs must be kept on a lead on the Common and there are no dogs allowed on Southerndown or Ogmores by Sea beach over the summer months ( May to September). It was noted by Councillors that there has been no information about this circulated and therefore this was not currently being upheld.  
**Action: Cllr Protheroe to clarify how this information was being circulated and enforced.**
- d) Signs prohibiting overnight parking have been removed again from West farm. Replacements have been requested.
- e) Barrier at Rivermouth carpark not working. This remains an ongoing issue.
- f) VoGC Councillor surgery on August 12<sup>th</sup> will have MP present to meet / talk with residents.
- g) Local mobile connectivity. Cllr Protheroe has met with Welsh Government. A mobile mapping survey has been undertaken to evidence poor mobile connectivity in this rural area.
- h) It is understood that All Saints church may be applying for internet to be put into the Church.

Cllr Parry: Requested that any outstanding information for the Annual report be sent to her.

#### **7. Date and time of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held at All Saints, Southerndown on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7pm

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:09 pm.**

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