

**St Brides Major Community Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at All Saints Church, Southerndown.**

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

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

I Hughes (Clerk), PC J Williamson, C Stallard (VOG), J Protheroe (VOG)

Apologies: Cllr A Parry

The Chair welcomed Mr Ron Eccles the new councillor representing Ogmore by Sea and asked all members to introduce themselves due to the large number (60+) of members of the public present.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Martin Howell declared an interest as he had recently been appointed to the position of Manager of the Ogmore by Sea Village Hall and Mr Ron Eccles declared an interest as a Social Member of Southerndown Golf Club with regard to a planning application.

**3. Police Matters**

PC Williamson provided an update on Police matters.

There were eight crimes notified within the ward during the previous month. They were as follows; Harassment (1), Verbal Abuse (1), Assaults (4), Public Order (1) and one of criminal damage. There were also two road traffic collisions one outside the Cups Public House and one near Pitcot Farm.

**4. Minutes of previous meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

These were **resolved** to be a true and accurate record.

**5. Matters Arising**

**5.1 PSPO Ogmore by Sea:** Following substantial feedback from constituents in the ward the Chair Allan Morgan **adjourned the meeting at 19:06** to allow a discussion regarding this matter.

**Extraneous notes on the discussion**

A number of individuals spoke during the discussion with the majority of respondents citing concerns around the lack of publicity regarding the consultation, its wide approach to the implementation across the Vale and its consequential evidence based decisions (water quality etc.). The Chair explained that the decision to implement the ban was a Vale of Glamorgan Council (VOGC) decision and whilst we were notified of the consultation and the subsequent decision, the

Community Council did not have any direct input into the final decision. The Chair urged all those present, both for and against the ban to write to the VOGC individually to express their concerns. VOGC Cllrs present (C Stallard and J Protheroe) explained that the original maps outlining specific areas within the order weren't available until recently and confirmed the Chair's view regarding writing to the VOGC.

**Meeting restarted at 19:55.**

**5.2 Church Clock:** The "grant window" opens in May so no further update until then.

**5.3 Sports pavilion:** No update received from VOGC as to any remedial work required on the building. VOG Councillor C Stallard will ask for the keys to be returned to S Edwards to allow the Community Council to remove its property from the building.

**5.4 Defibrillator:** The box to place the defibrillator in will be fitted this week and Cllr Stephens will arrange for it to be registered. The defibrillator currently being managed by Southerndown Cricket will now be registered with the units managed by the Community Council. Cllr Stephens to arrange.

**5.5 War Memorial:** Item to be discussed at June meeting.

**5.6 Annual Report:** No update available due to absence

**5.7 Cattle Grid Handles:** The clerk had spoken with a constituent who initially raised the issue with Cllr Parry. It was explained that the handles on the gates at West Farm, Heol Y Mynydd and Groes Farm were dangerous to both horses and riders and they had possibly either been fitted incorrectly or damaged. Cllr James explained that the design was poor. Cllrs James and Stephens would walk the gates and present a plan to correct, which may or may not include the removal. Cllr Stallard would feedback our concerns regarding the quality to the VOGC.

**5.8 VE Day Celebrations:** Cllr H Morris updated that the Ogmere Village is available, the local Choir has agreed to sing and the local fish & chip shop has agreed to provide food (price to be negotiated) for agreed numbers. Cllr Morris will provide a provisional budget for the next meeting.

**6.0 Correspondence**

**6.1 Correspondence Received**

Buckingham Palace Garden Party Nomination – Cllr Parry to be nominated

One Voice Wales AGM – Cllr nomination required to attend via ZOOM – Cllr H Morris invited to represent the Community Council

Planning Seminal – Clerk invited to attend

Burial Ground enquiry regarding allocation of spaces

Overgrown foliage in Southerndown – Clerk to write to leaseholders as its considered a public nuisance and dangerous to pedestrians

## **7. Planning**

### **7.1 Applications Received**

#### **Planning Applications (sent under separate e-mail)**

Planning Application No. 2025/00040/FUL (DE) Location : Southerndown Golf Club, B4524 Ogmores Road, Ogmores Proposal : The siting of a pre constructed waterless toilet

#### **No observations**

Planning Application No. 2025/00034/FUL (DE) Location : 32, Seaview Drive, Ogmores By Sea Proposal : Proposed loft conversion with front and rear dormers and a single storey side extension

#### **No observations**

Planning Application No. 2024/00962/FUL (DE) Location : 5, Marine Walk, Ogmores By Sea Proposal : Replace existing conservatory with a sun room/ conservatory

#### **No observations**

Planning Application No. 2025/00074/FUL (HUD) Location : 28, Marine Drive, Ogmores By Sea Proposal : Proposed two storey extensions and internal alterations.

#### **No observations**

## **8. Finance**

### **8.1 Financial Report**

See appendix 1

### **8.2 Budget Review**

No change to the year end position, we will end the year with a balance over the two accounts of approx. £26000. Ogmores by Sea Village Hall Trustees have acknowledged receipt of the clerks letter explaining the conditions for outstanding grant payments.

### **8.3 Approval of Payments:**

See appendix 2

Approval was given for the payments totaling £14170.4 which included a late received invoice of £61.20. Cllr Lewis will investigate whether it would be more cost effective to purchase solar lights as the lights at Ogmores by sea incur a substantial standing charge for the provision of electricity.

### **8.4 Scribe Accounts Package:**

Training starting this week.

### **8.5 Finance Working Group:**

The VOGC has confirmed receipt of our letter detailing our precept for 2025/26.

## **9. Grant Projects.**

A number of small value invoices are waiting to be received. Cllr Edwards to chase and provide copies to the Clerk.

**All Saints Church Roof Appeal** – R Norfolk provided additional information regarding the cost and timelines of the work required. It was agreed that the Community Council would provide a grant of £500 once funding is in place from the Church's other grant applications.

**R Carveth** has asked if the Community Council would provide a grant towards the **repair of the St Brides Village Hall roof**. The total cost would be £4888 (+vat). They have applied for a grant through the Welsh Church Act Fund, however they expect the individual organisation to provide 25% themselves. It was agreed that the Community Council would provide a grant of £500 once funding is in place from the Hall's other grant applications.

A request was made to provide financial support to Forces Fitness who are looking to run a Health and Well-being day in St Brides during Spring/Summer 2025. It was agreed that on this occasion we were not prepared to provide any financial support.

## **10. Website**

Nothing to report

## **11. Burial Ground**

**11.1:** Un update will be provided by Cllr Parry regarding the burial of historic bones found on Southerndown Beach

## **12. Biodiversity & Environment**

**12.1 River Quality:** No update

**12.2** Cllr Evans raised an item on a consultation she received on Trees. Cllr Evans will forward to Cllr Stephens for 3<sup>rd</sup> party interest.

**12.3.** The recent communication from the VOGC on the removal of rubbish bins was discussed and the lack of consultation. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the VOGC to express our concerns regarding lack of involvement and input on this matter.

## **13. Reports from Members**

### **13.1 Southerndown**

Cllr Evans to provide an update on the repair of the damaged sign with the Cups landlord who kindly volunteered to carry out this work.

The Croquet Club is now playing regularly on weekends with social activities undertaken to support fundraising. There is still concern around the amount of dog faeces being left in bags in the community, on hedgerows, floor etc.

Cllr Evans raised the possibility of using the Community Pay Back Scheme whereby “volunteers” are used to improve things in the community. Cllr Evans will forward the contact to the Clerk. The Chair thanked all who supported the recent Charity event in the Cups where over £1600 was raised for MacMillan Cancer Charity.

A request was made by a Bridgend Town Councillor regarding the placement of a memorial bench to a fallen soldier whilst serving in the Army in Afghanistan. The Clerk would write to the Councillor with the options of placing a new bench at the Ogmores Village Hall or alternatively asking them to contact the Heritage Coast organisation within the VOGC to seek an alternative in Southerndown.

### **13.2 Ogmores by Sea**

Nothing to report

### **13.3 St Brides Major**

The broken light in the lane at the back of the school has now been repaired. There was concern about the amount of overflowing rubbish around the litter by the shop in St Brides Major. The Clerk will include this in his letter to the VOGC (see 12.3)

Remedial work is being undertaken to fill in potholes on the roads throughout the ward by VOGC.

### **14. Any Other Business**

None

### **15. Date of Next Meeting: March 10, 2025**

**The meeting closed at 21:13 hours.**