

St Brides Major Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 13th January 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 Parry, A James, M Wynne Jones

I Hughes (Clerk), PC J Williamson

Apologies: Cllrs S Evans, R Stephens, C Stallard (VOG), J Protheroe (VOG)

The Chair wished all present a Happy New Year and thanked Cllr Evans for her generous invite to her house after the December Council Meeting.

Condolences from the Council Members and Clerk were passed to Cllr Howell regarding the recent passing of his mother.

2.Declarations of Interest

No new declarations were raised.

3.Police Matters

PC Williamson provided an update on Police matters.

Four crimes were committed in the area; damage to a campervan, a historic reporting incident and two thefts, one of a doorstep parcel and one of cash from a house. Three anti-social incidents were recorded: an incident of illegal rabbiting, loud music being played in Ogmore by Sea and a dispute over access into a private road. Three road traffic collisions were reported on the 5th, 6th and 7th of January 2025.

Cllr Evans had emailed PC Williamson regarding the inconsiderate (restricting access) parking at the firework event at the Three Golden Cups.

PC Williamson was very helpful. He was on duty that evening and no untoward event was reported. He said he will offer advice about sensible and safe parking to the hosts of similar future events within our community.

4. Minutes of previous meeting: 11th December 2024

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

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Church Clock: Cllr was not in attendance and no update was available.

5.2 Sports Pavillion: Following a visit from officials from the VOG Council, the poor condition of the pavilion has meant that it can no longer be used. There are no facilities now available for users of the sports field.

5.3 Defibrillators: A cheaper alternative has been presented to the Council.

5.4 Christmas Trees: Cllr has arrangements in place to correctly dispose of the Christmas trees.

5.5 War Memorial: This item will be taken forward to a future meeting in advance of the next Remembrance Day.

5.6 Annual Report: The distribution of the report across the ward has been successful with many positive feedback comments received. IT is proposed that it will be used as an entry into the One Voice Wales Awards. Cllrs Parry and Morris are one gain to be congratulated. Cllr Parry indicated that she would be prepared to provide leadership on producing this years report which will be bi-lingual.

5.7 Benches: The provision of new benches has been included in next years budget.

5.8 Casual Vacancy – Ogmore by Sea Ward: Mr Ron Eccles submitted a expression of interest for this vacancy. His submission was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to invite him to join the council.

6.0 Correspondence

6.1 Correspondence Received

Consultations/Suveys

Police & Crime Survey <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Precept24/>

Consultation on reforming the Compulsory Purchase Process and Compensation Rules

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/compulsory-purchase-process-and-compensation-reforms>

Invitations

Valuation Tribunal for Wales are currently recruiting people from all walks of life, and all parts of Wales, to become voluntary members of the tribunal. If you are interested or need more info then please contact me.

Requests

Roger Norfolk has written to ask for a donation to the All Saints Roof Fund (Agenda Item)

General

Complimentary e-mail from Mr C Thorpe on the Annual Report recently published.

Update from Vale Glam Councillor on the defective street light in St Brides

We have received the official copy of the Register of Electors in our Ward. It is open to the public however if an individual requests to see it, they have to sign a form for data protection reasons.

Note via our Vale Councillor that Mr Nigel Kasper is relinquishing his duty regarding looking after the Defibrillator situated in the Southerndown Cricket Ground. Mr Kasper has asked for the Vale Councillors help in identifying a suitable replacement.

7. Planning

7.1 Applications Received

Planning Applications (sent under separate e-mail)

Planning Application No. 2024/01108/FUL (HUD) Location : Penuchadre Farm, Wick Road, St Brides Major Proposal : Above ground circular nutrient store to comply with The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 **No comment**

Planning Application No. 2024/01202/FUL (HUD) Location : Tymaen Farm, Cobbles Kitchen And Deli, Ogmore Proposal : Replacement Wooden Cabin for A1 use as existing **No comment**

Planning Application No. 2024/01230/FUL (ED) Location : Maes Y Don, 18, Main Road, Ogmore By Sea Proposal : Expansion of the bungalow's first floor with a new dormer and extended roof to the rear of the property, with an enclosed balcony New roofs to existing utility and workshop **Comment – Over development of site**

Planning Application No. 2024/01226/FUL (DE) Location : Heol-y-mor, Southerndown Road, St Brides Major Proposal : Erect a tiled roof conservatory to the rear elevation **No comment**

8. Finance

8.1 Financial Report

See appendix 1

8.2 Budget Review

Planned expenditure on known factors show that we will end the year with a balance over the two accounts of approx. £26000. The two unknown items relating to the charge from Wales Audit and the provision will be paid out of our balances when they arise. The clerk will write to Ogmore by Sea Hall management to clarify the terms of the grant agreed.

8.3 Approval of Payments:

See appendix 2

Approval was given for the payments totaling £1427.03 which included a late received invoice of £528.00

8.4 Scribe Accounts Package:

Training to be arranged

8.5 Finance Working Group:

Further analysis work has been carried out on our expenditure to support the final precept level. It was unanimously agreed that the final precept level would be £34592 which equates to a figure of £23 per household. It was recognised that this level was still somewhere below the level of comparable community councils in Wales.

9. Grant Projects.

A number of small value invoices are waiting to be received.

It was agreed that during the latter part of this calendar year we would meet to review the success of the projects to which we have provided grant money

10. Website

A number of updates need to be made to the web-site

11. Burial Ground

11.1: Our current contractor has agreed to continue supplying his services for a further 12 months on maintaining the burial ground and groundworks across the ward.

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

12. Biodiversity & Environment

12.1 River Quality: No update

12.2 Cllr Evans report highlighted the forthcoming Big (garden) bird watch in January 24-26 and Cllr Stephens has kindly agreed to post this on social media

13. Reports from Members

13.1 Southerndown

The Christmas carol singing around the Christmas tree was extremely well attended (40 +) and it was lovely to see so many families. All Saints Church members provided refreshments to all.

The repair to the Southerndown village sign will be completed shortly, David Payne (from Three Golden Cups) has agreed to do this.

13.2 Ogmore by Sea

Cllr Wynne Jones raised the issue of the bathing water testing along the coast and how and where it is tested, The Chair asked what was the condition of the water in our ward?, Cllr Wynne Jones explained that it is currently poor. Cllr Wynne Jones will attend the next Wales Coastal Forum on Feb 6th 2025.

It was noted from an article in the Western Mail that the VOG Council will introduce parking charges in the vicinity of Portobello House and West Farm. Cllr Parry declared an interest as resident of Portobello House and Cllr Morgan declared an interest as a Trustee of the Ogmore Commoners Association. A brief discussion took place as to the timing and validity of the information contained within the article.

Signage relating to Hardees Bay has been mis-spelt and does not reflect the historic (original) name for the bay (Bwlch Gwyn). Cllr Wynne Jones will prepare a letter for the Clerk to forward to the VOG Council on behalf of the Council.

Our contractor will be approached to carry out some work on the brambles in Ogmore by Sea

13.3 St Brides Major

The broken light in the lane at the back of the school is scheduled to be repaired week commencing 20th Jan.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Donation – All Saints Church Roof Appeal

The Council agreed in principle to support the appeal with a donation. The Clerk has been charged to seek additional information regarding total costs, completion dates etc following which the Council will decide on an appropriate amount

14.2 Cattle Grid Handle/Access

Following discussion concerning the current work carried out together with comments received from the public it was agreed that Cllr Wynne Jones will draft a letter for forwarding to the VOG Council seeking a resolution and potential indemnity. In the meantime the existing gate locks will be removed.

14.3 Hedgerow Management

A discussion ensued regarding the legality of aspects of hedgerow management. It was agreed that we will monitor the situation

14.4 VE Day Celebrations

Our proposed inclusion to this memorable event has been registered with the relevant body. A small working party will be convened with Councillors from all three areas to gain ideas and produce rough costings for the February meeting.

16. Date of Next Meeting: February 10, 2025

The meeting closed at 20:52 hours.