

St Brides Major Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 14th April 2025 at All Saints Church, Southerndown.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Cllr A Morgan (Chair), H Morris (Vice Chair) Cllrs B Lewis, M Howell,
R Eccles, S Evans, R Stephens, I Hughes (Clerk).
C Stallard (VOG), J Protheroe (VOG), PC J Williamson (SW Police)

Apologies: Martin Wynne Jones, A James, A Parry, S Edwards

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Police Matters

Ten reported crimes in the ward. Four criminal damage, two each for harassment and public order and one each for a dog out of control and assaulting a Police Officer. The Police had also received a request for information on an individual under “Clair’s Law” (Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme)

A number of issues were raised with PC Williamson regarding parking on pavements in St Brides in the vicinity of the Fox Public House and on Slon Lane from customers to the Ogmere Village Hall. PC Williamson will monitor the situation.

H Morris asked what area of the SW Police does the St Brides ward come under due to its proximity to Bridgend. PC Williamson replied that for operational issues we come under the jurisdiction of Barry Police.

4. Minutes of previous meeting: 10th March 2025

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Sports Pavillion: No update as to the pavilion building.

A request had been received from a constituent requesting information regarding the possible purchase of a piece of land between their house and the corner of the pavilion field. As the land was the responsibility of the VOGC, Councilor C Stallard agreed to provide the necessary contact information to the constituents to pursue their interest.

5.2 Defibrillators: All defibrillators are now fully registered and batteries replaced where necessary.

5.3 Annual Report: The Community Council's Annual Report has been shortlisted in the OWW Annual Awards Conference. The Chair and Deputy Chair will attend on behalf of the Council.

5.4 Cattle Grid Handles: The Chair asked C Stallard to bring forward a solution by the next meeting if possible. If not then the Chair will arrange to remove the handles causing a problem.

5.VE Day Celebrations: A number of the previous actions have been completed. Quotes for poster printing and possible photographer attendance will be progressed. Posters will be put up in the Church, local Pubs, Notice Boards and Church Hall.

5.6 VOGC Removal of Bins: Following feedback to the VOGC, the Vale Council are reviewing a number of bin locations within the constituency. Can any evidence (photographs) be sent to the Vale Council where evidence of abuse is seen.

There is now a Litter Picking Hub in the Ogmore Village Hall where equipment to aid litter picking is available for loan. This service is also available via Cllr Edwards in St Brides Major.

6.0 Correspondence

6.1 Correspondence Received

Cllr Martin Wynne Jones has tendered his resignation from the Community Council for personal reasons. This was accepted by the Council with some sadness as his contribution on legal matters was always very focused.

Survey on the Active Travel Act Guidance, and we need your input to help inform our recommendations for light revisions to part 2. [Active Travel Act Guidance | Have your say by Transport for Wales](#)

Community Liaison Committee - 07 April 2025 - Agenda and Reports available to view
https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/minutes,_agendas_and_reports/agendas/community_liaison/2025/25-04-07.aspx

Project Zero Update Report - https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/minutes,_agendas_and_reports/agendas/cabinet/2025/25-02-20.aspx

Strong Communities Grant Fund 2025. The Strong Communities Grant Fund offers grants of between £5,001 and £15,000 to community groups, voluntary organisations and Town and Community Councils towards the cost of initiatives within the Vale of Glamorgan that help to support the Council's vision of "Strong Communities with a bright future".

Vale 2030 - the VOGC's new 6 year Corporate Plan is available to view.
https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/achieving_our_vision/Corporate-Plan.aspx

7. Planning

7.1 Applications Received

Planning Application No. 2025/00264/FUL (ED) Location : 2 Heol Sant Bridget, St Brides Major
Proposal : Demolish outhouse to side - erect a new porch to side and a single story kitchen extension to rear. – No objections raised

Planning Application No. 2025/00251/FUL (HUD) Location : 37, Crompton Way, Ogmre By Sea, Bridgend
Proposal : Rear dormer extension, turning the second floor of the house into a master bedroom, installation of two Juliet balconies, with an ensuite bathroom. – No objections raised

Planning Applications Approved

Application No. 2024/01108/FUL 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

Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023 Application No. 2023/01178/FUL Location : Twyn Y Rhedyn, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major
Proposal : Demolition of existing property and the erection of two detached 5 bed houses with all associated works.

Application No. 2024/01202/FUL Location : Tymaen Farm, Cobbles Kitchen And Deli, Ogmre
Proposal : Replacement of existing Wooden Cabin for A3 use in conjunction with adjacent Fish and Chip Shed

8.Finance

8.1 Financial Report

Presented by the Clerk. Clerk to meet with nominated Councilor (M Howell) to sign off bank reconciliation as agreed within the new governance procedure. A reminder to all councilors to notify the Clerk of their wishes with regard to the acceptance or not of the individual Councilors disbursements.

8.2 Budget Review

The year end position closed with the bank balances showing a total of £27534.80. Appendix 1

8.3 Approval of Payments:

See appendix 2 Agreed.

8.4 Finance Working Group

The Clerk presented a summary of the findings of the Audit Wales report on the accounts from 2019/20 together with a list of actions required to provide ongoing evidence of the improvement in governance procedures. It was unanimously agreed that all councilors will follow and support these.

9. Grant Projects.

All grant projects are now closed.

10. Website

Councilor Eccles to contact the photographer to arrange a photograph for uploading

11. Burial Ground

11.1: A meeting to be arranged for the Burial Ground Working Group. The handrails on the Church path need some remedial work. Cllr Stephens to investigate and report back.

12. Biodiversity & Environment

12.1 River Quality: River clean-up planned in May (4th-10th)

12.2 Biodiversity and Environment.

The Biodiversity Working Group will be reconvened with Cllr Evans as Chair. The constitution of the group will be discussed at the AGM.

13. Reports from Members

13.1 Southerndown

The village sign outside the cups has not been repaired, the Chair will progress with the landlord of the Cups. The Caminho walks have commenced and proving popular. Over 50 trees have been planted.

13.2 Ogmore by Sea

Issues raised regarding the organisation of the Ultra Run Event and lack of consultation with local councils with the impact of parking etc. Streetlights outside the shop are not working, VOG councilor to chase. The condition of the bus shelters was raised with regard to the ongoing maintenance. It was agreed that Cllr Stephens would investigate the options and feedback to the full Council.

13.3 St Brides Major

Concern raised by the Headteacher of St Brides School of the condition of a private sloping wall alongside the lane through which children from the school walk when arriving and leaving on the school bus. VOGC Stallard to investigate ownership/responsibility.

Public comments were received surrounding the volume and speed of road traffic through St Brides and the safety of children and older people crossing the road. Background information was provided by the Chair and VOGC Councilors on previous attempts to provide a Pelican Crossing.

14. Any Other Business

None

15. Date of Next Meeting: May 12, 2025

The meeting closed at 20:55 hours.