

St Brides Major Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 12th May 2025 at All Saints Church, Southerndown.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Cllr H Morris (Chair), S Edwards (Vice Chair) Cllrs B Lewis, M Howell, A Parry, S Evans, A Morgan, R Stephens, I Hughes (Clerk).

C Stallard (VOG), (VOG), PC J Williamson (SW Police)

Apologies: A James, R Eccles, J Protheroe (VOGC)

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Morgan made the Council aware of his position on the Ogmere Commoners Association.

3. Police Matters

Three recorded crimes in the area, one each for Public Order, Criminal Damage and Malicious Communication. In addition there were a road traffic accident outside the Watermill Eatery, two antisocial orders, a missing child (subsequently found well) and reports of a suspicious man involving cars.

A number of reports were raised concerning the instances of inconvenient parking in Somerset View, outside the shops in Ogmere and in the vicinity of the Fox in St Brides Major. PC Williamson agreed to monitor the situation. A member of the public also raised instances of excessive speed through St Brides Major. PC Williamson explained that Operation Snap being managed by South Wales Police is an exercise where the public can supply video or photographic evidence to the Police evidencing “where road traffic offences have been committed”.

4. Minutes of previous meeting: 10th April 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.

The pavilion is still in use despite its condition. There is still interest in responsibility for the building being transferred to the Community Council, albeit not in its present state. The Pavillion Working Group to meet with VOG councillors and report back.

5.2 Annual Report: The Council’s entry of the Annual Report to the One Voice Wales Annual Awards was rewarded with a commendation from the Awards Panel.

5.3 Rubbish Bins: Feedback is still being received from constituents regarding the removal of bins and the negative effect on rubbish and dog excrement pollution. It was agreed that the Community Council would write to the VOGC expressing our concerns.

5.4 Bus Shelters: Cllr Stephens provided a quote following an action from a previous meeting which was discussed. It was agreed that due to the cost implications it was prudent to seek an alternative quote. The Council would then priorities which shelters needed immediate work and plan the work over a number of Budget Years.

6.0 Correspondence

6.1 Correspondence Received

One Voice Wales (OVW)

Funding Opportunity – Supporting Older People in the Vale: Preventative Interventions Fund 2025 - This revenue-only fund, provided via the Welsh Government's Regional Integration Fund, is intended to support third sector community activities and services that improve the health, wellbeing and independence of older people living in the Vale of Glamorgan. The overall aim is to enable older people to remain in and engage with their communities for as long as they wish.

Minutes for One Voice Wales Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale Area Committee meeting - 14 April 2025 – Please contact Clerk for copy

Keep Wales Tidy – Nature Grants available for local initiatives

https://keepwalestidy.cymru/blog/2314-gardens-transformed-more-packs-to-give-away/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKBmvdleHRuA2FibQIxMABicmlkETBnaUFIZGRROU43NG90eWY1AR7ufOHFak7NCYZg4sFaUb0gOn7IBG_xaqJUT13B0kd_9heVoYb_0r0vgrPMDw_aem_qKd3HVEa_h2B_-2hoqSPVrA

Revised Financial Regulations 2025 - <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2024/782/contents>

Can all members familiarise themselves with the contents of this document as there have been a number of changes. Any questions please get back to the Clerk.

Gwahoddiad / Invitation - Grŵp Peilot Bioamrywiaeth / Biodiversity Pilot Group – invite to participate in the above group they are looking for **10 Community & Town Councils** who are interested in joining to pilot a new Toolkit that will assess the biodiversity value of Amenity Grassland areas.

VOG Council

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN – Link to reports-

[https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/minutes, agendas and reports/agendas/annual_meeting/25-05-07.aspx](https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/minutes,_agendas_and_reports/agendas/annual_meeting/25-05-07.aspx)

Other

Civic Service 15th June 2025 Llantwit Major Town Council - an invitation to attend the Civic Ceremony and reception on Sunday 15th June 2025, at 3pm in St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SG. Cllr S Evans will attend.

7. Planning

7.1 Applications Received

Planning Application No. 2025/00365/FUL (ED) Location : 15 Craig Yr Eos Avenue, Ogmore By Sea Proposal : Garden storage shed within property boundary.

Planning Application No. 2025/00391/LBC (HUD) Location : Bryn Sion Chapel House, Penylan Road, St Brides Major Proposal : Provision of a garden office. Application withdrawn.

Planning Applications Approved

Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023 Application No. 2025/00051/FUL Location : The Milk Hut, Penuchadre Farm, Wick Road, St Brides Major, Bridgend Proposal : Extension to existing building and to expand the range of products sold on site using self-serve vending machines

8.Finance

8.1 Financial Report

Presented by the Clerk. The year end bank balance was reported as £25689.71 (Current A/c £5329.63, Savings A/C £20360.08). Cllr M Howell met with the Clerk to sign off the end of year bank reconciliation. (Appendix 1)

8.2 Budget Review

No analysis provided as the only payments are those detailed in the Approval List.

8.3 Approval of Payments:

See appendix 2 Agreed.

8.4 Finance Working Group

The Clerk presented the action list following the Audit Wales report and will report it as a RAG (Red, Amber, Green) Report in future meetings.

9. Grant Projects.

All grant projects are now closed. Agenda item to be moved to October meeting.

10. Website

Cost required for web support.

11. Burial Ground

11.1: The handrails on the Church path need some remedial work. Cllr Stephens to investigate and report back.

12. Biodiversity & Environment

12.1 River Quality: Cllr will pick this up going forward.

12.2 It was confirmed that £1000 has been allocated in this years budget for Biodiversity initiatives.

13. Reports from Members

13.1 Southerndown

Both the Southerndown Cricket and Croquet Clubs have started the new season.

13.2 Ogmore by Sea

The river clean was very successful with hundreds of tyres removed from the river bed along with a large number of bags of rubbish. An item will be included in an upcoming programme of “Coast & Country” in ITV.

13.3 St Brides Major

The VOGC have written to the owner of the property with the unsafe wall adjoining the pathway alongside the school requesting action be taken to remove the danger. VOG Cllr C Stallard has reported the condition of this path which is need of repairs.

Cllr Morgan is in the process of removing the broken gate handles reported in previous meetings and will also progress the installation of the broken village sign outside the Cups Public House.

14. Any Other Business

Note to be published on the Councilor vacancy.

Cllr Protheroe emailed an update on the broken street lighting in Ogmore. Due to the condition of existing equipment, new lights will be placed on poles on the opposite side of the main road with no detriment to the lighting quality.

15. Date of Next Meeting: June 9, 2025

The meeting closed at 20:57 hours.