

St Brides Major Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026 at

All Saints Church, Southerndown.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Cllr H Morris (Chair), S Evans, A James, M Howell, B Lewis, A Morgan, R Eccles
SW Police: PC J Williamson PC F Brice. 0 members of the public (MoP).

Apologies: Cllr S Edwards (Vice-Chair), Cllrs A Parry, R Stephens Vale Cllrs: C Stallard, J Protheroe.

2. Declarations of Interest

NONE

3. Police Matters

PC Williamson introduced his successor, PC Freya Brice, to the January Council meeting.

2x crimes across the area, which were a neighbour related harassment and low-level criminal damage.

There was one road traffic collision and one report of ASB.

An incident to note was a report of an unexploded bomb on Southerndown Beach, but this transpired to be a car part.

Over Christmas there was also a push for traffic offence detection, several cars seized in the area for no insurance, and multiple stop-checks completed for breath tests.

The Community Council thanked PC Williamson for his service and support to St Brides Community Council over his time in post.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 8th December 2025

One amendment required the cost of £300 to provide a bench memorial plaque to be added.

Post-meeting note: The cost was updated to £200 at the February 2026 meeting.

Once this amendment is made, minutes accepted as a true record. Proposed and seconded by Cllrs.

ACTION: Minutes to be amended, marked as FINAL and Chair to sign. Final minutes to be uploaded on website.

5. Matters Arising

5.1. **Action Log – Please see separate document detailing actions agreed up to the November Meeting and progress made to date.**

Rubbish bin on Lon yr Eglwys : It was suggested a new bin be purchased to replace the one removed. However, this replacement bin needs to be on the refuse route.

ACTION: Request to be made to Cllr Stallard to ensure the bin on Lon yr Eglwys is on the refuse route.

Annual report: This is ready for print and costs have been obtained for printing 250 copies in the English language (through Parc Prison) and for a translation to Welsh language (Wolfenstone) which would be placed on the website. It was **AGREED** that the printing of the hard copies proceed, however the translation into Welsh, at a cost of £800 be paused, until a request for a Welsh version is required.

Church in Wales Burial fees. It was **AGREED** these fees would be formally adopted and published on the St Brides Major Community Council website.

6. Correspondence

6.1. Vale Councillors' report

Due to unavailability to attend in person the following written report was received.

Footpath from the school in St Bride's to Southerndown Road – you should have had an email from me on December the 15th to say that resurfacing will need to be carried out and will be paid for by the Education department of the Vale and the Public Rights of Way jointly. I expect they will wait for warmer weather.

Pitcot Pool restoration – I know the community council is pursuing its own plan of action but meanwhile, the Vale's Local Nature Partnership, in a response to another email from me, has suggested a feasibility study "to establish restoration requirements and costs". The Vale's new Ecologist is supposed to start work at the end of January.

Westridge – two residents and the owner all approached me about this retrospective application just before the Christmas break. A decision is due today. I was asked to consider calling it in. The rules for calling in applications have been tightened in order to allow the Planning Committee to concentrate on applications of wider significance. Domestic applications may still be called in for determination by the Planning committee if there is a high level of local interest, but this has to be done by the deadline. In this case, the deadline was in September. And I'm not sure that we had sufficient local/public interest to merit calling it in. The officers are professionally trained to reach decisions - that's not to say they always get them right. I have been in touch with the three residents who contacted me to explain the situation. You may well have a decision by tonight's meeting, which will not please everyone.

Action: Community Council to write to the Vale Councillors to express their disappointment, in neither the Westridge nor The Lookout retrospective planning applications being escalated to the Planning Committee.

Sports Pavilion in St Bride's – a community survey is imminent if not underway, to engage with local people and ask for ideas. The Charity registration of the community group is also in hand

6.2. Correspondence received – of note for consideration below:

Query from a resident regarding the post of social events for those who do not have access to social media. Although the Community Council Notice Boards only allows space for agenda and minutes, there is a notice board being constructed in Ogmore by Sea Village Hall, which may be used.

Details on the Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 - Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2026-27 was noted and the financial work group made aware.

Details of an event "Improving our local places – Welsh case studies and planning updates"
Date March 19th 10:30 – 1:30pm £53 per person via Teams.

A request to assist a student in their A level project

'To what extent has second home ownership created challenges for rural communities like Ogmore-By-Sea?'

It was agreed councillors to respond individually

7. Planning

7.1. Applications Received

Planning Application No. 2025/01309/FUL (RL)

Location : 47, Lon-yr-Eglwys, St Brides Major

Proposal : Single-storey rear extension, front porch, rear dormer with balcony and extension of existing front dormer

Cllr A Morgan expressed a conflict of interest as this is a neighbouring property

No observations made on this application

Planning Application No. 2025/01240/FUL (HUD)

Location : 40, West Farm Road, Ogmored By Sea

Proposal : Single storey rear extension with pitched roof and changes to external fenestration

No observations made on this application

7.2. Applications determined

Application No. 2025/00684/FUL

Location : Southerndown Farm, B4524 Southerndown to Main Road, Southerndown

Proposal : Variation of Condition 1 (5 Year Time Limit) of Planning Permission 2014/01498/FUL- Proposed change of use of existing barn to house and new garages at Southerndown Farm.

With reference to the above application for planning permission, I can advise that all representations received in respect of this application were considered in the determination of this proposal, and the application was **Approved** on the 11 December 2025.

Application No. 2025/00999/FUL

Location : Brynhyfryd, 29 Main Road, Ogmored By Sea

Proposal : Proposal to replace the wooden structure as before with a balustrade at 1.1 metres high and extend it by 1.4 metres, creating an enclosed storage area beneath the deck, with a polycarbonate greenhouse built in front of the deck.

With reference to the above application for planning permission, I can advise that all representations received in respect of this application were considered in the determination of this proposal, and the application was **Approved** on the 16 December 2025.

Application No. 2025/00615/FUL

Location : Land at Enfys Farm, Farmers Arms Lane, St Brides Major

Proposal : Erection of a proposed rural enterprise dwelling including parking, landscaping and ancillary works and the part-change of use and external alterations of an existing equestrian building to provide dog kennels for use as a dog breeding business and change of use of land for a dog breeding business

With reference to the above application for planning permission, I can advise that all representations received in respect of this application were considered in the determination of this proposal, and the application was **Refused** on the 19 December 2025.

8. Finance

8.1. Financial Report 31st December 2025

OPENING BALANCE		
28th November 2025		£5,859.63
INCOME		
Vale of Glamorgan Precept		£11,530
Total Balance		£17,389.63
EXPENDITURE		
Scribe Dec	Account/Burial	£61.20
Yu Energy	Ogmore Energy	£0.00
Yu Energy	St. Brides Energy	£0.00
Shane Fortt	Bench Plinths	£1000
One Voice Wales	Module 6 inv 10283	£42
DWA	Clerk Payroll	£30
One Voice Wales	Module 9 – inv 10283	£42
Chloe Girdler	Clerk Pay Nov 25	£733.50
Chloe Girdler	Clerk Pay Dec + holiday pay	£357.00
Chloe Girdler	Tree lights reimburse	£119.97
Holibobs Charity	Donation	£150.00
Total Expenditure		£2575.67
Current Account		
31st December 2025		£14813.95
Business Savings Account		
27th November 2025		£18,493.87
	Income	£53.96
Total		£18,547.83
TOTAL FUNDS		£33,361.79

8.2. Budget Review

The receipt of the precept has been acknowledged and the budget updated appropriately.

8.3. Approval of Payments

St Brides Major Community Council - January 2026 Request for Payments

Payee	Description	Amount
Yu Energy	St Brides Major	£0
Yu Energy	Southerndown	£0
Go Cardless	Scribe account	£61.20
Cllr A Parry	Reimburse Annual Report Inv 2636	£625.00
One Voice Wales	Module 8 Invoice 10393	£42.00
Duchy of Lancaster	Annual rent for 3 bus shelters	£30.00
One Voice Wales	Module 17 inv 10341	£42.00
Total		£800.20

Additional payment requests can be made at Council Meeting 12th January

Approval was granted to make the above payments.

Finance Working Group

The finance group met on the 7th of January where the budget was reviewed accordingly.

9. Western Vale Community Council Meeting

CLlr H Morris attend the meeting held on the 15th of December at Cowbridge Town Hall. Representation from Cowbridge and Llantwit Major Town Councils and rural Community Councils. There is shared frustration that the needs of these councils were not give the same level of importance particularly at the Community Liaison Committee.

It was **AGREED** this issue needs to be on the agenda for the next Community Liaison Committee.

10. Readiness activities for the merger with Ewenny Community Council

Details of forthcoming webinars were discussed on what you need to know about Community Boundary Reviews.

It was **AGREED** all community councillors would join one of these webinars.

It was **AGREED** residents need to be made aware of this merger and its impact at the launch of the Annual Report scheduled for the 21st of February 2026 Ogmore by Sea, Village Hall.

11. Website

It was **AGREED** Vision ICT to be tasked with uploading of documents in the absence of a Clerk

12. Burial ground

CLlr James advised that SCRIBE software has now been implemented, which will be used to manage the burial ground going forward.

It was **AGREED** the current Church in Wales burial fees will be adopted and published on our website.

It was **AGREED** for CLlr James to attend the February meeting with St Brides Church to understand the maintenance work required.

13. Biodiversity and Environment

The Community Council continue to work with all stakeholders to understand the totality of the work involved.

It was **AGREED** to request out Vale Councillors to provide an update when the new ecologist is in post.

14. Reports from Members

14.1. Southerndown

A darts marathon was taking place to raise funds for Macmillan in the Golden Cups. Several community councillors were involved in this event.

14.2 Ogmore by Sea

An Abba Night was being held at the Ogmore by Sea Village Hall.

Concerns have been raised regarding the parking on the Main Road.

It was **AGREED** this needs to be discussed with the Head of Neighbourhood Services, with a request to attend the March Community Council Meeting.

14.3 St Brides Major

15 Questions for the Chair

It was **AGREED** for the Christmas trees to be removed from all 3 village.

16 In Camera session

Notes reported separately

17, Date of Next Meeting

9th February 2026^t

Agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting by:

Chair - Councillor H. Morris: _____ **Date:** 9th February 2026 _____