

St Brides Major Community Council

Notice of Meeting

Notes of the meeting of the council held on Monday 8th June 2026 at

All Saints Church, Southerndown. Commencing at 7pm.

1. Apologies

Present: Cllrs Parry (Chair), Morgan, Lewis, James, Howell, Eccles, Stephens. SWP J Williamson, One member of the public

Apologies: Cllr Morris, VOG Cllr Stallard

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no new declarations of interest. Outstanding forms for declaration of interest need to be sent to Cllr Parry.

3. Police Matters

Police Officer Jamie Williams reported that due to good weather and Bank Holiday it had been a very busy month 11 Crimes were reported, 9 in Ogmore by Sea and 2 St Brides. These were mainly public order instances in the Rivermouth Car Park at OBS, neighbour disputes, damage to a vehicle and one case of a BB pistol being fired from a car at a pedestrian. The public order cases were mainly due to children knocking on doors, antisocial behaviour involved drugs, drinking and driving of cars, one road traffic incident at OBS with a cyclist who was not injured, one fatality of a motorcyclist at Wick Road St Brides. Police Officer reported safety concerns of children swimming in the Rivermouth.

Operation Elstree

Increased presence at weekends and BH. Two police officers were allocated to OBS at busy times during the BH, but they had been ordered to attend at Barry due to a knife crime incident and several reported missing children.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 13th May 2026

Correction- Hole in road by house on Heol y Myndd, Chair agreed to take a photo and write to VOG Highways Department; Bin is required on Lon yr Ewgllys not Heol yr Ysgol; Business Savings Account should read £18594.78 with the total funds amended accordingly. Minutes Approved

5. Matters Arising

No contact from VOG regarding new rubbish bin. Permission needed from VOG for new bin and Chair has emailed Colin Smith.

5.1. Action Log

Some discussion on new defibrillators being purchased and one being placed at Rivermouth car park. Post Office defibrillator needs replacing. Some supporting evidence is needed before placing a defibrillator at the top of Seaview Drive.

6. Correspondence

6.1. Vale Councillors' report.

No reports received

6.2. Correspondence received

- Dot Williams, regarding Butterfly Sculpture Competition in St Brides afternoon of Sunday 14 June 4-6PM, Cllr Morgan to act as a judge Award ceremony at The Fox Tuesday 16 at 7 PM
- Biodiversity package sent to Cllr Eccles
- Request to empty bin at Slon Lane more frequently. VoGC have agreed.
- Request for any Cllrs to attend Civic Sunday, Cowbridge on 12th July 2026
- Invitation to attend Samaritans AGM 2nd July 2026
- Complaint by Member of public regarding BH traffic – responded to by Chair (reply read out)
- Invitation to attend online training regarding Community Asset Transfer accepted by Cllr James
- Chair to write letter to VOG Highways to cut back hedges on Pen y Lan Road
- Information from Western Vale regarding challenges in recruiting new Clerks regarding merger of Councils
- Replacement refuse bags and bins can be obtained from St Bridgets during the week at certain times
- Email from PEDW regarding the Lookout and updating timeline
- Quotation from Cumbria Clocks regarding repairs – circulated to all Councillors
- Email from Richard Andrews (Ewenny CC) to move across to SBMCC ahead of the merger to vacant place.

7. Planning

7.1. Applications Received

19 Heol St Bridget **2026/00418/FUL**- no observations or objections raised at meeting.

Westridge, Church Close Ogmre by Sea **2026/00361/FUL**

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 2023/00679/FUL to allow amendments to the approved plans including increased height and modification to the upper section of the elevations / eaves of the main dwelling, and alterations to the approved outbuilding (garden room).

Member of Public made representation to the Council regarding concerns with plans. Advised to contact VOG Planning Department officer Huw Davies.

Cllrs raised concerns regarding overdevelopment of the site and insufficient amenity for parking. Action: Chair to write to VOG Planning Department.

7.2. Applications Determined

None

8. Finance

8.1. Financial Report

Financial Report

5th June 2026

OPENING BALANCE

5th May 2026

£23286.91

INCOME

Inscription

Lee Memorial

£56

Total Balance	£23342.91
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EXPENDITURE

Scribe June	Account/Burial	£61.20	
De Chedzoy	Burial Grounds	£330	
D Chedzoy	Burial grounds work	£450	
Vision ICT	Website updates	£72	
DWA	Payroll	£12	
S Fortt	Bus Shelter Repair	£400	
Glamorgan Heritage Ministry	Meeting Room hire	£30	
Cllr B Lewis	1 st Class Stamp	£3.30	
Cllr B. Lewis	Sports Pavilion Flyer	£48.59	
First Rescue	Defib Cabinets x2	1188.00	Agreed in minutes
Total Expenditure		£2595.09	
Current Account		£20747.82	
5 th June 2026			
Business Savings Account			
5 th May 2026		£18594.78	
Income		£0	
Business Savings Account		£18594.78	

TOTAL FUNDS	£39342.60
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8.2. Audit update

Cllr Lewis presented the Bank Reconciliation, the Annual Return (year end March 31, 2026) and the Annual Governance Statement in line by line. This was then signed by the Chair. The Audit notice will be published on both the website and the noticeboards by 16 June 2026

8.3. Budget Review

Cllr Lewis presented a Forecast Amendment to the 2026/7 which received agreement from the Council.

2026/27 Budget	Income
Precept	£36000
Vat refund 25/26	£1200
Burial income	£1500
Interest	£200
Total Income	£38900

2026/27 Budget	Expenditure
Staff inc NI and Tax	£8800
Admin	£5060
Burial Ground	£10160
Other Ground	£2000
Bus Shelters	£500
Community	£2000
Council	£5316
Subscriptions	£600
Defib	£1500
New Defib Cabinets	£3000
Defib Spares	£240
Total Expenditure	£39176

We ended the financial year 2025/26 with £12000 in the Current Account and £18000 in our Savings/reserve account.

It is Predicted that St Brides Council will have £7500 in account when merged with Ewenny Council in 2027

At present our spend is below budget purely due to the lack of a paid clerk - £2000.

This will increase whilst we look to have a clerk in place come September. Any additional savings, however, will probably be used with additional hours of work for the replacement clerk.

We are looking to commit an additional spend of: -

£2340 – agreed donation to the Church Bells for structural report
£4000 – St Brides Major School to complete footpath – to be agreed.

Forecasting for end of year based on above

Current account would be reduced to £7500

Savings Account would remain at £18000

Total Funds at year end 31st March 2027 – reduced to £25500 from initial forecast £30000

8.4. Approval of Payments

Payee		Description	Amount
Scribe		Accounts and Cemetery	£61.20
DWA		Payroll HMRC entry	£12.00
Heritage Coast Ministry		Meeting room Hire A19- 2mtgs	£60
Yu energy	DD	Ogmore	£0
Yu energy	DD	St Brides Major	£0
D Chedzoy		Burial Ground Maintenance	£750
D Chedzoy		Monument mowing	£60
Councillors		Councillor Remuneration	£2536
Total Requests for payment			3479.20

8.5. Finance Working Group

This has not met in the past month. Cllr Lewis has met with the Internal Auditor to finalise matters for the External Audit.

9. Minor Authority School Governor St Brides Major Church in Wales update

It has been agreed that a donation will be made to the School to meet the costs of the upgrade to the footpath previously discussed. The School and VoGC will agree a date for the work. It was agreed that the quotation obtained by Cllr Stephens will also be forwarded to the School as this was less expensive than that provided by Centregreat.

10. Western Vale Community Councils and Community Liaison Committee

The next meeting will be on Friday 12 June

11. Readiness activities to form new Community Council: Ewenny and St Brides Major

After a meeting of Councils to discuss issues, it was agreed that the appointment of a new clerk for the merger of the councils would be dealt with by Ewenny Council and an advert has been placed and is live. It is proposed that the employer of the new Clerk will be St Brides Major until 2027 when the new Council is formed. DWA to be contacted regarding payroll matters.

12. Burial Ground

Correspondence from family of Naomi Bateman requesting burial plot. This has been arranged and family will be invoiced.

Updated inscription requested for Margaret Rowlands and email would be sent to family regarding charges

After discussion it was agreed that there was a need for a meeting of the Council to discuss burial ground issues and to update the regulations. Action: Cllr James

13. Biodiversity & Environment

No updates

14. Website

Update of web site was in progress with uploading of necessary documents.

15. Reports from Members

15.1. Ogburn by Sea

Task and finish group to meet to address issues of parking and traffic management in OBS. Village Hall, Tusker Rock to be represented along with residents VoGC and SWP. First meeting now set for June 24th 6pm

15.2. St Brides Major

Reported that a resident had fallen with injury on the steps from the school path leading to the playground. Chair to write to VOG bringing their attention to the incident and the dangerous condition of the steps.

The local bus route was discussed regarding a turn round site in the village as at present half the village was not served by the bus route. Action: Chair to write to VoGC

The potholes at Lon yr Eglwys need urgent attention from VOGC. A letter has been sent previously. Action: Chair to write to VoGC again

16. Questions for the Chair

A request for a new replacement bench in the churchyard. Cllr Stephens will contact family regarding replacement bench and plinth.

Painting of bus stops was progressing, and all bus stops will be inspected to determine any need for painting.

17. Date of Next Meeting

July 13th 2026

The meeting closed at 21:15hrs