

St Brides Major Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 13th July 2026 at

All Saints Church, Southerndown

Welcome

Present: Cllrs Eccles, Francis-Oakley, James, Howell, Lewis (RFO), Morgan, Parry (Chair), SWP J. Williamson

Apologies: Cllrs Morris, Stephens. Vale Cllrs Protheroe, Stallard

Declarations of Interest

No new declarations of interest. All declaration of interest forms now received. Summary of information is on our website

Police Matters

6 crimes: 1xSBM – number plate stolen; 1x Southerndown – theft of remotely controlled lawn mower; 4xOBS- Dog bite on child (reported by family responsible for both dog and child), Dangerous dog (public order), Harassment (neighbours, repeat call), Domestic incident.

Anti-social behaviour x 1 Rivermouth carpark

Road traffic collision x 1 Southerndown /St Brides Road between motorbike and car

JW explained the preparation he undertakes prior to attending the meeting regarding review of incidents recorded in our ward. A request was made for action regarding the speed with which vehicles and bikes travel through SBM at night. JW explained that the Go Safe vehicles are currently not present in OBS and SBM due to line of site issues which are currently being dealt with. Go Safe should be returning to our ward soon. JW in contact with SWP colleague in Swansea regarding initiatives to manage speed and will report back.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: 08th June 2026

Accepted as a true record. To be placed on noticeboard and on website

Matter Arising

The action log was reviewed and is summarised below where matters were not already on the agenda:

Dog waste bin on Lon yr Eglwys – to be reinstated

Sink hole in Heol y Mynydd – awaiting update from VoGC

Correspondence

Vale Councillors' report

No specific report received but updates have been received through the month on matters raised with the Vale Cllrs such as the disabled bay and parking and traffic matters in OBS.

Correspondence received

This is listed below:

Insurance renewal invitation and confirmation papers. Please note this is standard insurance and although we do not have a playground this is included as standard.

Task and Finish Group – invitations / responses

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Application to join Community Council (circulated)

Defibrillators – new pads needed due to use (OBS); clarification of guardianship

Letter from resident re: weed killer being sprayed in St Brides. Also sent to Vale Cllrs who raised with Highways team. Awaiting response

Minutes from Western Vale Community Council meeting held in June 2026

Invitation to participate in a debate not hate survey

Invitation to Community liaison meeting 2nd July

Request to join CVUHB Shaping our Future Wellbeing collaborative

Request to join Friends of Glamorgan Heritage Coast AGM 25th July- Cllr James to attend

Information re: involving more women into politics. Information put on website

Information request – VoGC Annual statement. Completed.

Minutes town council monitoring office clerk meeting (TCC& MO)

Meeting with MP regarding Western Vale matters July 17th – Cllr James to attend

OVW AGM 20th July 7pm – Bridgend and Cardiff area held in Cowbridge – Cllr Parry to attend

OVW 2 new digital training modules

OVW Practice Development notes – Internal Audit

St Brides Major tree – removal of epicomic growth and future inspection (via Val Clls)

Mike Clogg – monitoring and review of vehicle parking Somerset View (via Vale Cllrs). No further road traffic limitations to be taken. 101 to be called should there be obstructions to pavements etc

Rivermouth carpark – dedicated officer from 6th July (via Vale Cllrs)

Vale of Glamorgan Active Travel Network Map Consultation 22 June - 14 September

Email from Porthcawl Town Council from resident regarding the quality of bathing waters at OBS: Cllr Parry to seek clarification from Welsh Water re: sewerage dump and visit request to Welsh Water and also RNLI.

Planning

Applications Received

Planning appeal: CAS-05140-T6L5H3The Cottage, Lane - Junction Ewenny Road B4265 To End at Heol-y-milwyr Track, St Brides Major, CF32 0SY. Cllrs report that the original had never been received for their review. No new comments are permitted

Planning consultation 026/00444/FUL Twyn Y Rhedyn, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major. No observations or objections raised

Applications Determined

Tusker Rock licencing for off sales– concerns by SBMCC mitigated by SWP requirements so hearing not required. Situation to be monitored once off sales commence.

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Finance

Cllr Lewis (RFO) presented the financial report as shown below:

10th July 2026

OPENING BALANCE

6 th June 2026	£20747.82
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INCOME

HMRC	VAT Refund	£1264.68
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Porthcawl Funeral	Burial	£621.00
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	Cremated Remains	
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Jones O E & Co Ltd	50% of plot	£103.50
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M-GL	Headstone	£235.00
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Total Balance	£22972.00
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EXPENDITURE

Scribe July	Account/Burial	£61.20
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De Chedzoy	Burial Grounds	£810
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DWA	Payroll	£12
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Glamorgan Heritage Ministry	Meeting Room hire	£60
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Cllr Parry		£156
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Cllr Morgan		£156
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Cllr Lewis		£656
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Cllr Morris	Heidi Rosenberg	£656
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Cllr Edwards		£132
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Cllr James		£156
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Cllr Stephens		£156
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Cllr Evans		£156
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Cllr Howell		£156
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Cllr Eccles		£156
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Clear Insurance	Approved by Email after meeting	£1503.47
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Total Expenditure £4982.67

Current Account £17989.33

5th June 2026

Business Savings Account

5th May 2026 £18594.78

Income 8th June £52.98

Business Savings Account £18647.76

TOTAL FUNDS £36637.09

A quarterly reconciliation prepared by Cllr Lewis was reviewed and approved.

Internal Audit recommendations

The report from the internal auditor was discussed. This clearly structured report details the progress made by the Council against last year's recommendations. Some minor changes to wording were suggested. Cllr Parry to contact James Wynne (internal auditor).

Audit Wales update

No requests have been made by the public to view the accounts. The viewing period ends on July 20th following which information will be sent to Audit Wales.

Budget Review

No variance reported

Approval of Payments

The following payments were approved

Payee		Description	Amount
Scribe	DD	Accounts and Cemetery	£61.20
DWA		Payroll HMRC entry	£12.00
Heritage Ministry	Coast	Meeting room Hire A22- 2mtgs	£60
Yu energy	DD	Ogmore	£0
Yu energy	DD	St Brides Major	£0
D Chedzoy		Burial Ground Maintenance	£750

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D Chedzoy	Monument mowing + Cattle grids St Brides	£270
Cllr Stephens	Reimbursement for purchase of Zoll defibs pads	£61.14
Vision ICT	Website and email hosting	£287.23
One Voice Wales	Inv 10846 Cllr James Module 23	£44
One Voice Wales	Inv 10937 Cllr Oakley Module 1	£22
One Voice Wales	Annual subscription	£502
Total Requests for payment		£2069.57

Finance Working Group

This has not met separately as a decision was taken to bring Internal Audit recommendations to Full Council

Minor Authority School Governor St Brides Major Church in Wales update

The work has not yet commenced on the School path for which the Council has made a donation.

The walking route from Southerndown to St Brides Major Church in Wales School has been assessed as safe by the VoGC. The Council were incredulous at this bearing in mind it is 40cm wide at some points and runs alongside a 40mph road with heavy vegetation on the field. Some cleansing has been requested, and this route is also part of the current Active Travel consultation. Linked to this is the lack of a safe crossing point should families /children use this walking route.

6 families in Southerndown remain ineligible for free bus transport to School although the bus bringing children from Corntown, Ewenny and OBS passes through Southerndown. It has been suggested that places for the children of these families should be considered in the absence of a safe walking route (over Heol y Mynydd has also been suggested but has no lighting and large agricultural vehicles).

Western Vale Community Councils and Community Liaison Committee

The minutes of the last meeting will be circulated on receipt

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

The importance of a further meeting between the two councils was discussed. Cllr Parry to contact Ewenny Council to arrange this before our September meeting.

Training for current Cllrs

Cllrs were thanked for their participation in OVW training. This forms a key part of the Councils training plan

Application to join SBMCC

An application has been received from Ms L Berteroli to join the Council. Her application had been circulated, and it was unanimously agreed that Ms Berteroli be coopted onto the Council. One vacancy remains for St Brides Major. On merger with Ewenny one Cllr will move from St Brides Major to Ogmore by Sea as the split will be 5:6 and not the current 6:5

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Recruitment to Clerk an RFO role

21 applications have been received. Shortlisting has identified 2 applicants for interview with a possible further applicant. An interview date will be arranged for early August.

Burial Ground

Cllr James reported Burial ground information. A process flow chart is being drafted by Cllr James to ensure all burial ground requests are correctly charged and reported. This will be circulated to the Council prior to the next meeting in September.

Church clock and bells

As we now have two quotes for repair of the Church clock Cllr Parry to contact CADW for guidance on next steps.

Biodiversity & Environment

Pitcot pool

The report prepared for Vale of Glamorgan Council, Vale Nature Partnership and St Brides Community Council by: Matthew Cole, Enviroculture was discussed. Concern was raised that this states that Pitcot Pool is owned by the Community Council. This is not true – it is owned by the Duchy of Lancaster. Cllr Parry to request correction to the report to establish that the Council do not own this pool. Suggested costs are out of budget for the Community Council It was noted that the sediment toxins in the pool are largely a consequence of Highways drainage and that this is an issue for both VoGC and the Duchy. It was noted that an alternative sediment solution proposed previously by Cllr Stephens cost considerably less and this should also be explored further. This involves forming a bank of silt and not removing it thus ensuring the resident wildlife is disturbed less.

Website

Annual hosting costs have been renewed however uploading of documents etc is now managed by Councillors. This ensures prompt action. Whilst website clearly states current Clerk email and address changes to the address held by Google have been slower to rectify. Cllr Francis-Oakley to correct.

Annual report

The annual report is being drafted by Cllr Parry.

Reports from Members

Ogmore by Sea

The bench on Ogmore Down remains in pieces following demolition by a car some months ago. Cllr Parry to contact Cllr Morris as it is thought she had some information about the driver so as to claim on their insurance.

The defibrillator beside the (previously)Ogmore by Sea Post Office is now back. Cllr Howell to clarify with Wales Ambulance where new defibrillator to be placed on Seaview Drive.

Task and Finish – Parking and Traffic

A meeting was held on July 1st 2026 chaired by Cllr Parry. This was attended by Colin Smith (VoGC), Vale Cllrs Stallard and Protheroe, local businesses and residents. SWP sent apologies. It was a helpful meeting in establishing the concerns of those present however as there is now a Task and Finish Group being run by VoGC this local group is paused. Notes have been circulated. The Community Council has been invited to attend the VoGC group and represent local thoughts.

A review of parking at the corner of Somerset View has been undertaken by VoGC and no new measures will be introduced.

Bathing water review

See correspondence above

St Brides Major

Large blast from Pant Quarry raised. This caused considerable distress to residents and some damage to property. Cllr Parry to contact Site Manager for information on future blasts

Potholes on Lon yr Eglwys still require repair. Cllr Parry to email VoGC.

The mowing schedule of the VoGC is unclear. This is to be obtained and circulated.

Questions for the Chair

None

Date of Next Meeting

September 14th, 2026 – to be chaired by Cllr Morgan