



Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council, on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 19:30.

The meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

PRESENT:

Cllr I Perry (Chair), Cllr S Cockrell, Cllr S Curien, Cllr P Moss, Cllr J Griffiths.

ALSO, PRESENT:

S. Hillman (Clerk), two members of the public

1. Chairs welcome and introductions

Cllr I Perry welcomed everyone.

2. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies from: Sofia Hillman (Clerk) due to illness, Cllr C Jones, Cllr K Ward, Cllr A Brown, Cllr G Rawson.

3. Notice of vacancy

Cllr I Perry announced that there is 1 vacancy on the council that is being advertised.

4. To receive declarations of interest

None.

5. To receive a report of the Vale Council Member

None.

6. To consider Police Matters

Cllr I Perry read out police figures relevant to St Nicholas and Bonvilston.

November 2020:

- 4/11/2020 – ASB – St Nicholas. Covid Breach
- 8/11/2020 – Cae Newydd. Vehicle scratched
- 12/11/2020 – ASB – Cae Newydd. Neighbour dispute
- 25/11/2020 – Near Dufryn lane. Damage to bus shelter by youths

December 2020:

- 5/12/2020 – St Nicholas. Theft of cement Mixer
- 14/12/2020 – St Nicholas. 2 youths setting a fire in field behind primary school
- 16/12/2020 – ASB. Items set on fire near Ger y Llan
- 19/12/2020 – Redway Road. Damage to fence and horses placed on field (also happened on the 23/12/2020)
- 22/12/2020 – Covid Breach – Funeral gathering near Red Lion
- 27/12/2020 – ASB. Youths hanging around houses and knocking on doors. St Nicholas.
- 29/12/2020 – ASB fly-tipping. St Lythans road. Vehicle leaving tyres

January 2021:

- 16/01/2021 – Horses placed in field near Old Post
- 16/01/2021 – Report of suspicious behaviour before x-mas. Youths calling on houses asking for money. St Nicholas area.
- 25/01/2021 – Horses on Carriageway near Aubrey Arms.
- 28/01/2021 and 30/01/2021 – Fly grazed horses Bonvilston.
- 30/01/2021 – Village farm. Damaged Garage (possible attempt break in)
- 31/01/2021 – St Nicholas. Youths on Garage, possibly throwing snow balls at house.

7. To approve the Minutes of the

a. Meeting of January 27

To approve:

Proposer – Cllr S Cockrell

Second- Cllr J Griffiths

8. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

9. To receive updates on completed & actioned projects

a. Planters

The three planters have been moved to the area opposite Pwll Sarn Farm. They will be planted later this year.

b. Water pumps

This work has been completed.



10. Correspondence

Cllr I Perry ran through items circulated in the agenda documentation and updated Members on

- a report of a dangerous stile in Bonvilston – The Vale Council's Public Rights of Way Officer and Valeways are to deal with this.
- A report of a footway obstructed by vegetation and debris – Vale Council to inspect and sweep. The issue of footway obstruction was also raised at the Vale Councils liaison meeting in January.

Cllr J Griffiths then reported a stile with a broken footstep in St Nicholas

11. Public participation

Cllr I Perry invited members of the public to speak.

12. To consider matters arising from resident participation

None.

13. Payments

Cllr I Perry – have put all documentation up and has been as transparent as possible.

No question risen from Council.

Propose to approve:

Proposer: Cllr J Griffith

Second: Cllr S Cockrell

14. To receive updates from other meetings attended

a. One Voice Wales Regional Meeting

Cllr I Perry attended – raising planning assistance at this meeting. Barry Town Council suggested that we could potentially employ their Planning Officer as and when needed.

b. Vale of Glamorgan Council Liaison Meeting

Cllr I Perry raised the blocked footways at this meeting- and explained current procedures that are not working too well – with vegetation continuing to obstruct footways and confusion over responsibility. The Vale Council will try to resolve the issues this year.



15. To receive updates on planning matters

a. Maes Y Ffynon Village Green Application

Cllr I Perry – the Village Green Application is going to Public Inquiry on 19th April 2021 (Maes Y Ffynnon Residents Association and the Community Council against the Vale of Glamorgan Council). All documentation must be in by 12th April 2021.

The Community Council has already resolved to buy the land owned by the Vale Council Housing Department at Maes y Ffynnon, should this be possible.

A Community Asset Transfer isn't possible, however, if it can be proven that the Vale Council are unable to use the land for development, it could be subject to Land Disposal.

Cllr S Cockrell - Reported that he has seen lots of machinery up there on the land and fencing gates.

Cllr I Perry – is aware of some work in the vicinity.

Cllr S Cockrell – how many houses are proposed to be built?

Cllr I Perry – 10 dwellings in total

Cllr P Moss – Wanted to clear up what type of planning application was being made.

Cllr I Perry – Explained the planning application

Cllr S Curien joined the meeting.

b. Planning Decisions

Cllr I Perry – Went through the planning decisions as in the agenda documentation.

16. To consider Planning Applications

a. Stanford Cottage, A48, Bonvilston, Change the authorised use of the site from agricultural land to part of the residential curtilage of Stanford Cottage

No comments from Councillors

b. Police Station, Cowbridge Road, St. Nicholas Conversion of building into work live accommodation

Cllr I Perry – explained what is planned for the Police Station application. Opened the floor to comments.



Cllr S Cockrell – Is it a registered building?

Cllr I Perry – Community Council in process of requesting consideration of the listing of the building.

Cllr P Moss - any indication as to what use they would be for, permanent tenancies?

Cllr I Perry – unsure at the moment.

Cllr S Cockrell – would rather it not be accommodation and have it as it what before.

Agreed - All councillors agreed to raise concerns about its use.

17. Chairs report

Cllr I Perry – informed the council that he has had numerous meetings regarding engagement and a place plan, with consideration of the options and costs for the council.

18. To consider

a. Save a Life Cymru – request for assistance

Cllr I Perry – The Community Council has had a request from Save A Life Cymru to help with their objectives. The Community Council is already doing this.

Cllr S Cockrell left meeting.

b. HM Land Registry – registering of Community Council land

Cllr I Perry – still not sure what the Community Council own – hand it over to Sofia to look into.

c. Community Asset (and Service) Transfers

Cllr I Perry – The Vale of Glamorgan Council are happy for the Community Council to do things under license. Adopted a part of land in front of church and VOGC has offered license.

Cllr I Perry – are all happy for him to look into licensing?

All agreed.

Cllr P Moss – what is the reason for transfers and taking on all responsibilities? He raised concerns about this, and it is VOGC responsibility and our little council would not be able to undertake/manage it as required.



Cllr I Perry – we already employ a contractor and painting and all extra would be to cut grass, VOGC are cutting services as money from Welsh Government is declining and they are reshaping services. Just to have the license to do more.

Cllr P Moss and Cllr J Griffiths – they understand that we already employ a contractor for the grass but raised concerns that however enthusiastic Cllr I Perry is as Chair and the good work he does the future Chairs may not be as enthusiastic and may feel that it is far too much responsibility for a small Community Council to take on and cost a lot more. If we were to take on Maes y Ffynnon green who would be responsible?

Cllr I Perry –St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council would be the owners and the costs wouldn't be that much extra than what we pay now for the Green in St Nicholas, and it would not be that much of a responsibility. The Maes y Ffynnon Residents Associate have expressed an interest in maintaining these areas.

d. Action Plan

Cllr I Perry – please see appendix for action plan draft – to look back at this is May, it will guide us for the moment.

Cllr I Perry – are all happy with Draft Action Plan as written, he would not mind if people wanted to keep this as a final action plan either?

Cllr J Griffiths – we do not have all members here so not as a finished article but kept as a draft.

All – agreed to keep as a draft – working document open to amendments.

e. In relation to the budget (costs)

i. Engagement and Place Plan

Cllr I Perry – had provisionally put £4000 in the agenda documentation - but had since received a quote for a minimum £12000. The alternative is employing students to do the work, but then someone will have to manage them.

Cllr P Moss – saw document about Frome, looks good and good direction, in support of having a Place Plan – How would it impact budget and precept?

Cllr I Perry – Our precept is particularly low already. We would be matching St Athan and Llandough.

We will be doing constructive things with it.

Cllr P Moss – what will the precept be increased to?



Cllr I Perry – We want to set precept at £44,000 –it would mean paying £62 levy on council tax per year. If had a precept at £35,000 the levy would be £49.72.

Cllr P Moss – Struggling to support increase to £35,000- residents will not be supportive of it.

Cllr S Curien – It is a very large increase for people to support, how will you justify this to people?

Cllr I Perry – the feedback from residents on a Place Plan has been positive and the amount of engagement will increase. And this is why we are bringing in professional to deal with the Place Plan. It will be professional engagement and the views of the community will be heard by key decision-makers.

Cllr P Moss – The public will see an increase and ask why? Its impracticable amount of money to ask of people – cannot support it.

Cllr I Perry – the problem is not the increase of levy; it is the fact that we have been charging too little in the past.

19. Announcements

None.

20. Next Meeting

There will be an EGM very soon to set the precept.



These Minutes were approved at the meeting of February 18, 2021



Clr Ian Perry

Chair

