



Meeting

Members of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council are summoned to attend a meeting of the council, to be held remotely, on **Tuesday 5th October, 2021 at 7:30 pm**. Members of the public are welcome, and encouraged to attend, and will have opportunity to address the council.

The meeting will be held remotely in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020, and can be accessed via the internet or by telephone. The meeting will be recorded to ensure the accuracy of the Minutes.

Agenda

1. Chair's welcome and introductions
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To receive declarations of interest
4. Co-option of Member
5. Police Matters
6. Vale of Glamorgan Council Matters
 - a. Model Farm
 - b. St Nicholas CIW School
 - c. Micro-Asphalt Surface Treatment – Village Farm, Bonvilston
 - d. Active Travel Network review
 - e. Local Development Plan Annual Monitoring Report
 - f. Review of Strategic Leadership Team Structure (September 28)
 - g. Vale of Glamorgan PSB Climate Emergency Charter
7. To approve the Minutes of the
 - a. Extraordinary Meeting of August 31
 - b. Meeting of September 6
8. To receive updates on completed & actioned projects
 - a. Community Benefit and Renewable Energy proposals
 - b. Community Engagement
 - c. Employment of a Clerk to the Council
 - d. Christmas Trees (planter)
 - e. Accessible countryside

Agenda (Continued)

9. Correspondence
10. Matters not on the agenda – Discussion Forum
11. Finances
 - a. Payments and income
 - b. Budget review (6-months)
 - c. Budgeting process for 2022-23
12. To receive updates from other meetings attended
 - a. Community Liaison Committee
13. To receive updates on planning matters
 - a. Bolston House
 - b. Retrospective planning applications
 - c. Planning decisions
14. To consider Planning Applications & Matters
 - a. Bonvilston Village Green
Community Council's response to latest developments
 - b. Brooklands, Brook Lane, St. Nicholas
Part retrospective application to regularise and seek the approval for the completion of the 'as built' development for a new detached dwelling
 - c. 21, Maes Y Ffynon, Bonvilston
Proposed first floor bedroom extension with en-suite built over existing ground floor kitchen
 - d. Doghill Farm, Dyffryn
Erection of a rural enterprise workers dwelling
 - e. Coedarhydyglyn Park, St. Nicholas
Hoarding Signs – Pumpkin Picking Patch
15. To discuss
 - a. Traffic island and highway safety at St Nicholas
16. To consider
 - a. Biodiversity planting
17. Announcements
18. Next meeting

Part ii

The public and press may be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) in accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

19. Applications for Financial Assistance

Cllr Ian Perry
Chair



Supporting Documentation

Police Matters

In response to members of the public increasing submitting video and photographic evidence related to driving offences, the Police launched **Operation Snap**. This summer, as a result of evidence submitted to the police of dangerous driving through our community, Fixed Penalty Notice's have been issued.

Inspector Steve Davies who delivered Operation Snap on behalf of South Wales Police says, "Police officers cannot be everywhere, as much as they try, but with Operation Snap the police could be anywhere. The aim of this initiative is to change driver behaviour and their mind-set behind the wheel. We want drivers to ask themselves two questions: firstly, am I being recorded? and secondly, do I really want to take that chance?"

Evidence of dangerous driving can be submitted to the police on the following website:

<https://gosafesnap.wales/>



Vale of Glamorgan Council Matters

Model Farm

A judicial review of the approval for the aerospace development at Model Farm was launched by local resident, Maxine Levett, issuing legal proceedings on Friday September 10th. Her legal team challenged the granting of planning permission on four grounds:

1. That the council had failed to make available to the public the viability evidence and draft planning obligation.
2. That the council had failed to apply the considerable weight to harm to listed buildings, the conservation area and the advice of its own conservation officer.
3. That the council had misdirected members that the loss of a working farm was not a material consideration.
4. That the council had failed to inform the public promptly of the granting of permission under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017.

The Vale Council admitted to making mistakes and has applied to a judge to quash the planning approval. The developer isn't objecting.

A related question was asked at the Full Council meeting of 20th September

Question From: Mr. P. Gibbs

To: The Executive Leader And Cabinet Member For Performance And Resources
Climate Emergency

On Friday 30th July, 2021 the Vale Council declared a climate emergency which was agreed by the Full Council. You stated that "this would be put at the heart of all decision making" undertaken by the Council. In a recent report by a local reporter concerning a planning application in Bonvilston your Head of Regeneration and Planning is quoted as saying "The declaration of a climate emergency doesn't prevent future development, if it did, we would all be out of a job". He also stated "it's also important we don't use the blasé term "climate emergency" to dismiss all development".

As a member of the Vale Community Unite Group can I firstly point out that Climate Emergency isn't a blasé term and is a well recorded fact. We would like to ask does the Council really believe in protecting the community from future major climate problems, if so, why is the planning department continually pushing to build on green spaces when brownfield sites are available throughout the Vale and in doing so ignore residents' objections giving priority to major developers?



St Nicholas CIW School

Plans have been drawn for a new school, but the Vale Council claim that these are nothing more than drafted ideas. The Vale claim to be looking at two options:

- A new school on a new site with 210 places plus a nursery
- A new school on the existing site with 128 places plus a nursery for 18 or 24 children – half the nursery children would attend in the morning, the rest in the afternoon.

The school currently has a capacity of 126 over the two sites. The new school would mean that all pupils are taught on the same site.

Last year we were told that the Welsh Government would only fund new schools with 210 places.

Due to catchment area changes, demand is now forecast at 100-110 places.

This winter, the Vale Council will return with their preferred option, and what they consider to be a feasible school to a Pre-Planning Consultation – followed soon after by the planning application and consultation.

The present school is in a dire state due to minimal maintenance being carried out for many years. The earliest that a new school could be completed and opened is in early summer, 2023.

Micro-Asphalt Surface Treatment – Village Farm, Bonvilston

Micro-Asphalt is a mixture of polymer modified bitumen emulsion, small aggregate and cement.

Micro-asphalt will seal the surface, improve surface texture and prolong the life of the road for many years.

It is a dual application process, with the first application regulating the existing surface, and the second application gives the final surface.

It is a speedy, efficient and economic method of preventative maintenance and carrying out minor re-profiling of carriageway surfaces.

Generally, work will be carried out between 7.00am and 6.00pm, 7 days a week.

The material will remain wet for anything from 15 - 30 minutes after it has been laid, depending on the temperature and humidity. When first laid the material is brown in colour. As it sets it turns to a dark grey/black. The action of trafficking improves the newly laid surface and controls the speed of setting.

An excess of loose aggregate may build up on the road for a period of time after completion, which is normal for this process and will be removed by a suction sweeper when necessary. Please drive slowly and observe the temporary signs that will have been left in place.



Active Travel Network Maps review

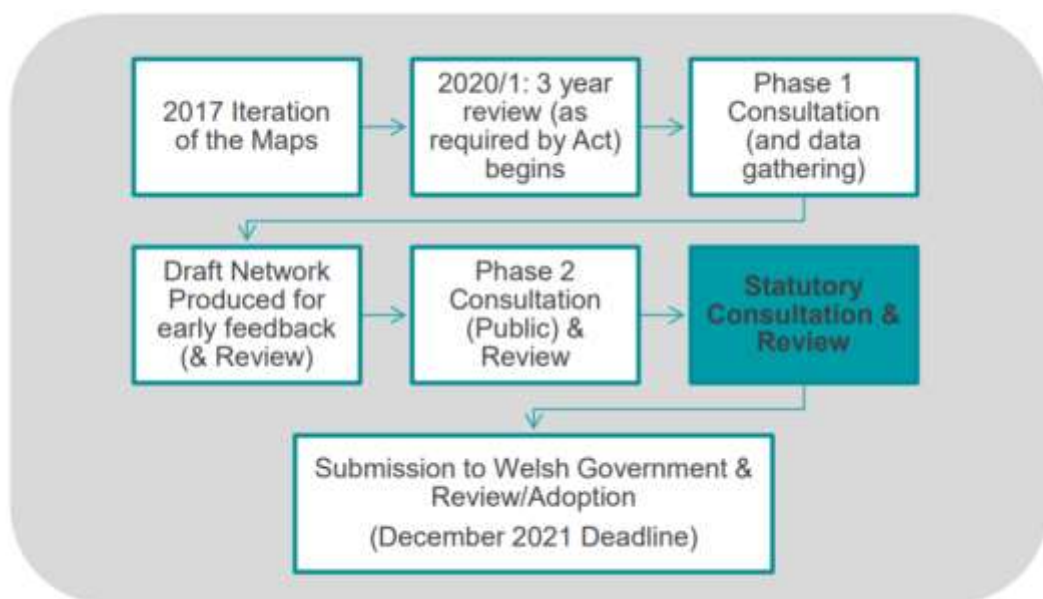
Vale of Glamorgan Council (VOGC) in partnership with Sustrans Cymru, is undertaking a review of the Active Travel Network Maps (ATNMs) in the county, in accordance with the duties outlined within the Active Travel (Wales) Act 20131

Strategic Primary Route 4 – Cardiff Border (Culverhouse Cross) to Bridgend Border (via the A48 and Cowbridge)

Recommendation 2: Addition of the following ‘missing’ routes onto the map proposed for Statutory Consultation.

Suggested Route(s)	Justification for Addition
Route from Culverhouse Cross to Cowbridge along the A48.	<p>Commonplace Support (strengthened at Stage 2).</p> <p>Supports the since-published Llwybr Newydd Strategy (aiming to support safe cycling from village to town), by picking up villages along the A48.</p> <p>Likely space within the existing carriageway to reallocate road space to active modes, whilst maintaining two traffic lanes.</p> <p>Potential 31% increase in cyclists (using Propensity to Cycle Tool under the E-Bike Scenario).</p>
	Likely longer-term aspiration (more supporting evidence for priority routes connecting to and within larger settlements).

Sustrans do not consider Community Councils to be Stakeholder’s worthy of engaging with.



Local Development Plan Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)

From the Summary

“Overall, the AMR shows that good progress is being made in implementing the majority of the Plan's policies and that the LDP strategy remains sound. Accordingly, it is recommended that the third AMR is submitted to the Welsh Government by 31st October 2021 and published on the Council's website in accordance with LDP Regulation 37. In addition, it notes that the Council has commenced a review of the LDP in line with LDP Regulation 41 and recommends that work commences on a replacement LDP following approval of a new Delivery Agreement by the Welsh Government in due course.”

Review of strategic leadership team structure

Reorganisation of the first and second tier structure, including new and changed roles

- (a) Deletion of the post of Managing Director;
- (b) Creation of the post of Chief Executive;
- (c) Creation of the post of Director of Corporate Resources; and
- (d) Creation of the post of Director of Place

Two extra directors are set to be hired to the Vale of Glamorgan council with a cost of up to £140,000 each.

The Vale Council say that the changes are needed to allow more of a focus on strategy and long-term issues like the climate crisis or coronavirus, rather than just on day-to-day operations.

The new Director of Place will “deliver the council's strategic place shaping agenda”, help bid for extra funding and lead the response on climate change.

The new Director of Corporate resources will be responsible for the council's finances, lead on setting the budget and help “drive transformational change”.



Working together across the Vale of Glamorgan, we commit to...

<h2>Lead by Example</h2>	<p>Promote a wider understanding of climate change and how our actions impact on the environment - listen, learn and act</p>	<p>Embed sustainability within our procurement policies and practices</p> <p>buy less and buy local</p>		
	<p>Divest from fossil fuel related industries</p>	<p>Take action ourselves as local citizens</p>	<p>Value, protect and enhance our biodiversity and the natural environment</p>	
<h2>Take Positive Action</h2>	<p>Promote walking, cycling and the use of public transport</p>	<p>Increase the number of electric/ low carbon vehicles in our fleet and create a network of EV charging points across the Vale</p>	<p>Plant more trees and create more woodland and hedgerows</p>	
	<p>Work towards new buildings within our estate being net zero carbon</p>	<p>Increase the network of water refill stations</p>	<p>Make our buildings more energy and water efficient and explore opportunities for renewable energy</p>	<p>Manage peatland and soils to reduce emissions and improve carbon storage</p>
<h2>Reduce our Impact</h2>	<p>Reduce the need to travel</p>	<p>Reduce the amount of paper and single use plastics we use</p>	<p>Reduce the amount of office space we need</p>	<p>Reduce the amount of waste we produce and improve our recycling</p>

By our actions we will:

<p>Reduce our emissions to mitigate the effects of climate change whilst adapting to its impacts</p>	<p>Be kinder to our environment</p>	<p>Be healthier</p>	<p>Become a Carbon Neutral Public Sector by 2030</p>
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Correspondence

- Query regarding street name signage
- Complaint regarding temporarily extended 30mph speed limit

Matters not on the agenda – Discussion Forum

This is an opportunity for residents to raise matters of concern to them. This replaces the section of the agenda formerly referred to as Public Participation, due to the changes coming in from the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales), 2021. Members of the public will be offered the opportunity to speak, briefly, on all agenda items.

Finances

Payments

The cost of an additional planter with support for Christmas Tree is £310 plus £40 shipping.

Budget Review – at end of second quarter

Council Operations:

£9,500 – Locum Clerk £756 (Significantly under budget)
Insurance (paid). Remuneration. Newsletter (£0). Accountant £850. Auditor.
Memberships. Training.

Maintenance and repairs

£1,200 – awaiting invoicing for grass cutting

Financial Assistance

£1,000 – £0.

Christmas Trees and Remembrance

£2,250 – £350

Engagement and Place Plan

£10,000

Community Projects

£6,000 – £0

Budgeting process 2021-22



Updates from other meetings attended

Community Liaison Committee Meeting Agenda items:

- Police Matters
- Fire and Rescue Service Matters
- Brown signage
- Rural Roads Policy
- Re-location and modernisation of the Civic Amenity Site at Llandow.



Updates on Planning Matters

Bolston House

Three issues remain to be resolved:

- Access onto the A48
- Bat survey
- Density of proposed dwellings

Retrospective applications by the Vale of Glamorgan Housing Department for the removal of chimney stacks

The applicant has added details of the roof tiles. These do not form part of the consultation, nor do they appear on the application form.

Planning Decisions

- a. Maerdy Newydd Farm, Bonvilston
Proposed alterations, upgrading and extensions to existing farmhouse including demolition of existing substandard pool room and replacement with steel and timber insulated structure and proposed detached garage with hobby room over
Approved
- b. Tudor Lodge, A48, Bonvilston
Construction of agricultural barn/storage facility
Application DETERMINED
- c. Old Police Station, Cowbridge Road, St. Nicholas
Change of use B1 Offices to D1 Non-Residential (Healthcare) – Proposed to be used as a physiotherapy business.
Approved
- d. Wild Rose Cottage, Dyffryn Lane, St. Nicholas
Work to Trees covered by TPO No.04 of 1952: Removal of one mature Beech tree (T1); Reduction of one mature Beech tree (T2) and removal of one mature Horse Chestnut tree (T3)
Approved
- e. Llaneinydd, St Nicholas, Cardiff
Works to trees in Conservation Area - fell two beech trees
Approved



Planning Applications

2019/01031/RG3 – Bonvilston Village Green, Maes y Ffynnon Ten new dwellings and associated works

The Cabinet of the Vale of Glamorgan are attempting to overrule the Planning Committee by appealing the application for ten dwellings to the Planning Inspectorate.

This has attracted a lot of interest on social media, and from journalists.

Questions need to be answered, including can the Cabinet of the Vale Council use public money to attempt to override a decision made by the Planning Committee? Is this democratic?

There has been no response to the Ecology Officers objections, despite the Cabinet declaring a Nature Emergency.

- No mention of protecting the newts
- No recent bat survey
- No attempt to meet the statutory requirement of biodiversity enhancement.

It's reported that four properties owned by the Vale Council in the rural Vale have been left empty for 18 months.

The "excess" of public open space in the Wenvoe Ward that the Vale Council claim benefits residents of Bonvilston is Duffryn Gardens (3-miles away), and the private sports pitches at Wenvoe village (5-miles away).

There appears to be misinformation within the Vale Council regarding our Village Green. Few would agree that green public open space can be classified as brownfield for development.



2021/01270/FUL – Brooklands, Brook Lane, St. Nicholas

Part retrospective application to regularise and seek the approval for the completion of the 'as built' development for a new detached dwelling (through a barn conversion and associated works of adaptation and extension)

The site is located south of St Nicholas, east of Brook Lane.



2021/01303/FUL – 21, Maes Y Ffynon, Bonvilston

Proposed first floor bedroom extension with en-suite built over existing ground floor kitchen

The extension to the rear of the property will create an additional bedroom and en-suite.

Existing (left) and proposed side elevations

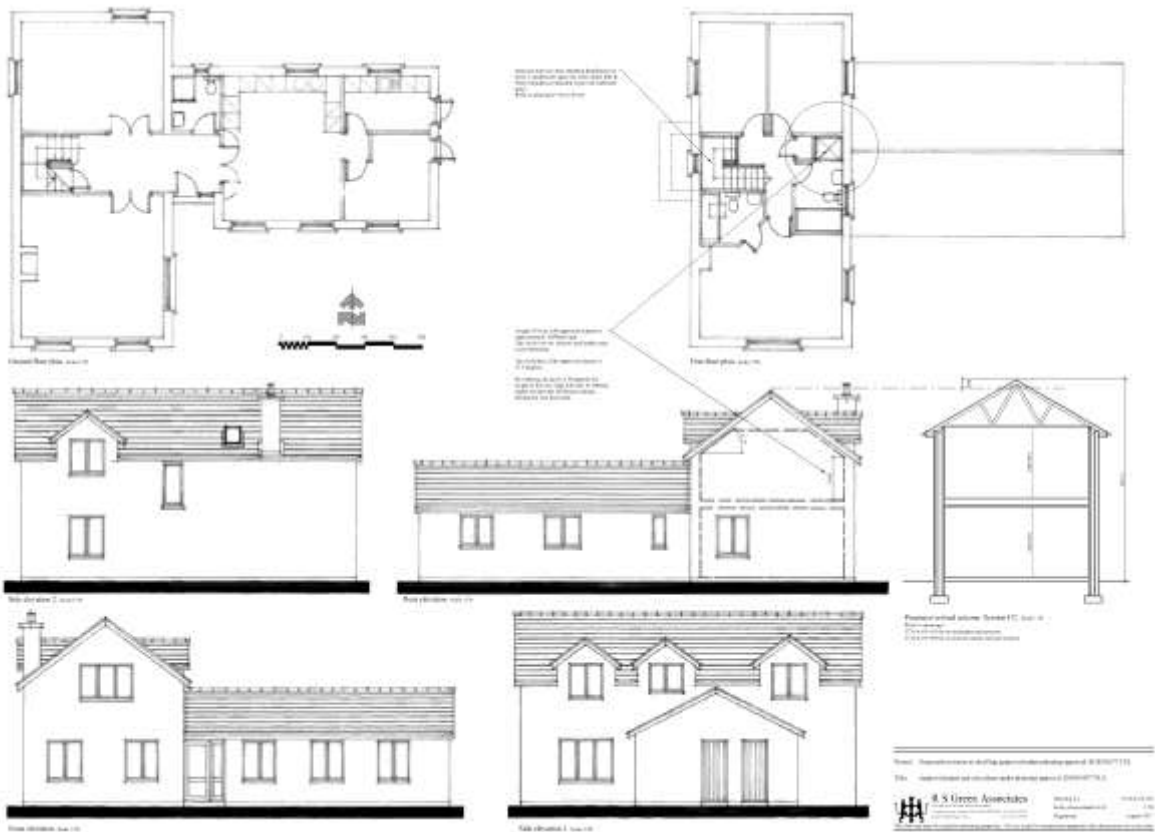
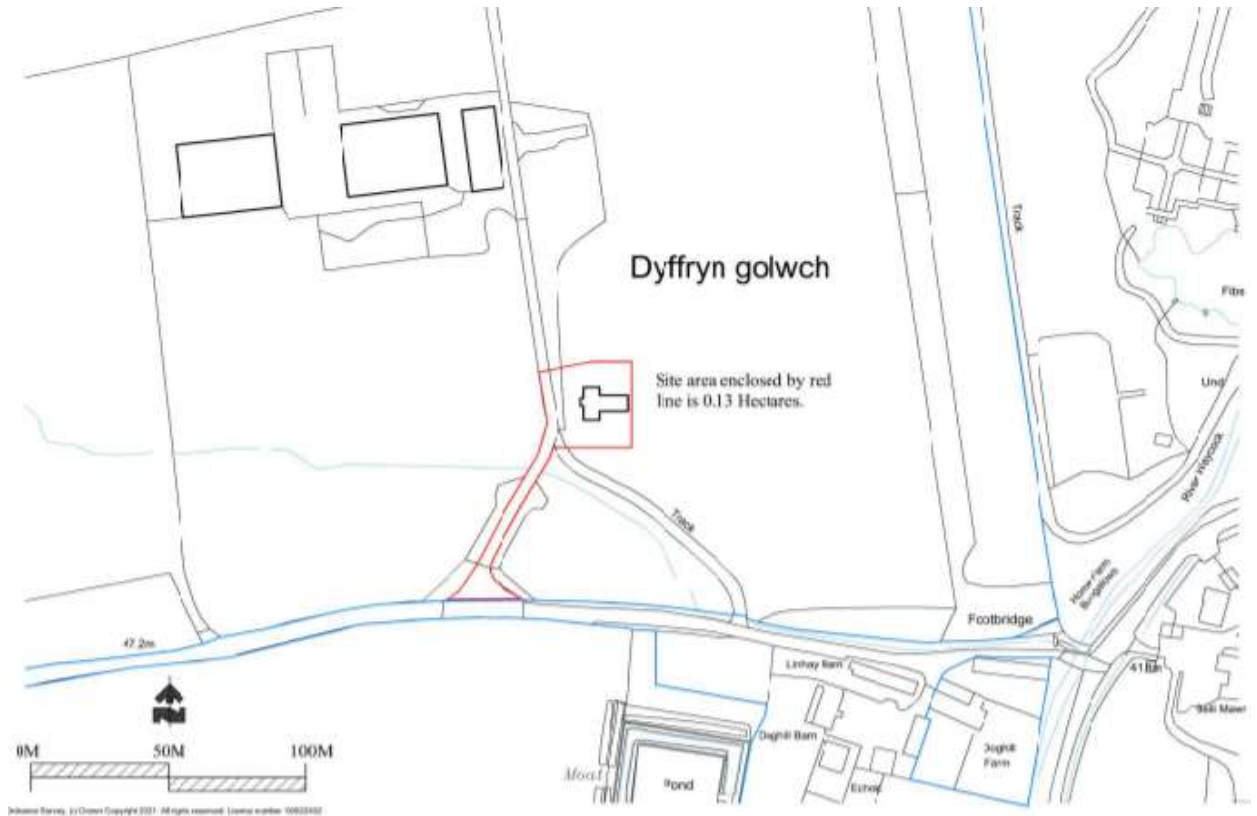


Site location plan



2021/01328/FUL – Doghill Farm, Dyffryn

Erection of a rural enterprise workers dwelling



[2021/01410/ADV](#) – Coedarhydyglyn Park, St. Nicholas

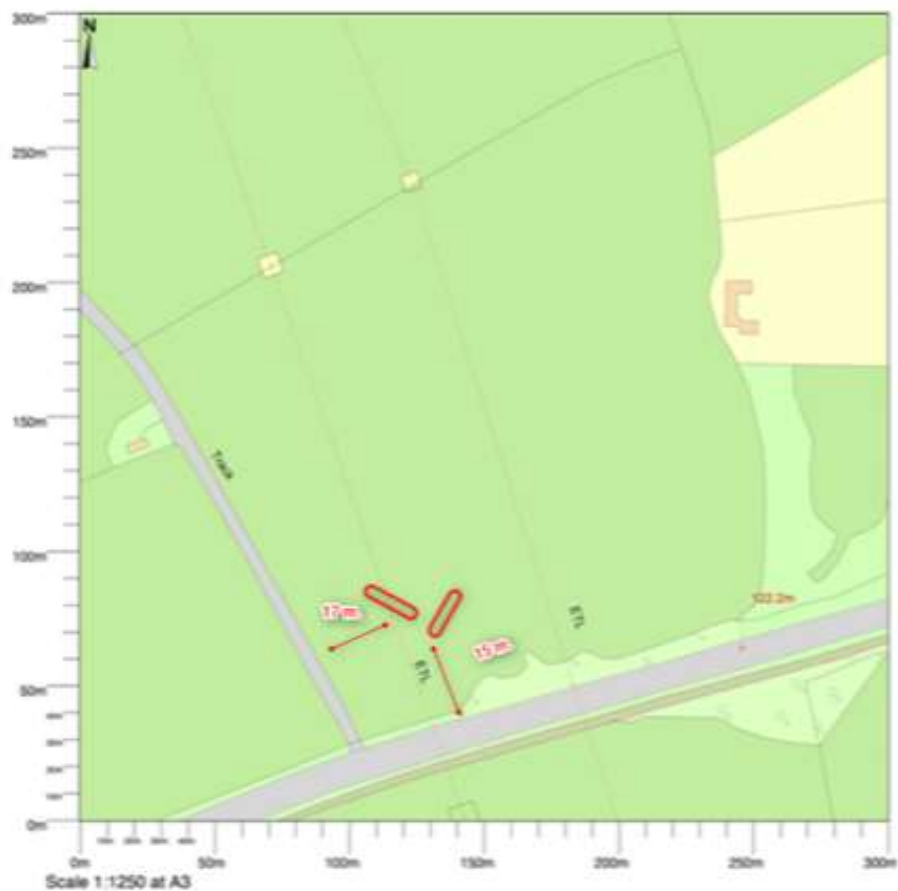
Hoarding Signs - Giving information regarding the (Pumpkin Picking) event such as dates that the event will run over as well as the opening and closing times and web address for more information

This is where the sunflower picking and maize maze were earlier this year.

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Pumpkin Field St Nicholas



Traffic Island and Highway Safety at St Nicholas



Biodiversity Planting



- In ground wild flower and tree planting
- Planters
- Land at Duffryn Close and Button Ride, St Nicholas
- Land west of redway Raod, Bonvilston
- Area to front of Maes y Ffynnon, Bonvilston

Announcements



Meeting of October 5, 2021