

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council, held on Thursday 3rd of April 2025.

A hybrid meeting was held with Members and residents able to attend at the Field Study Centre, Amelia Trust Farm or remotely in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and the council Standing Orders.

Members present: Cllr I Perry (Chair), Cllr A Harris, Cllr C Volrath, Cllr M Hinton, Cllr I Forcada, Cllr G Ward, Cllr M Farkasovska, Cllr J Griffiths.

Also present: Four members of public were in the physical meeting room. Four accounts joined the meeting remotely.

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 19:12.

1. Chair's welcome and introductions

The Chair confirmed quorum and introduced members of the council to the public.

2. To receive apologies for absence

None.

3. To receive declarations of interest

None.

4. Co-option of members

Katherine Ann Reid and Rebecca Hunt were coopted

5. Police Matters

In addition to the incidents circulated with the agenda, there has been a serious road traffic collision on the A48 near Tair Onen, with three fatalities announced.

6. Vale of Glamorgan Council Matters

- Footways along the A48 are being cleared. Hedges cut back and detritus removed from the surface. The surface is in poor condition in places.
- The Vale Council has applied for funding for average speed cameras. There is no funding at present for widening of the footways. New guidance is overdue on setting of speed limits – which will facilitate the lowering of the speed limit through Bonvilston and to the west of the village. There have been two very serious road traffic collisions just outside the Community Wards in recent weeks. Driving without due care and attention is an issue, particularly around ghost islands.

7. To approve Minutes

- a. Meeting of February 25 – deferred

8. Other meetings attended and member activities

Cllr Perry has planted the living bollards on the St Nicholas Village Green and cleared the footways (working in partnership with the Highway Authority and adjoining landowners) of vegetation and detritus along the A48 so that people can walk unobstructed.

9. Correspondence from organisations including One Voice Wales

Letter from Llangollen Eisteddfod was noted

Stronger Communities are accepting applications for grants. It was agreed to put forward a proposal for grant funding at the next meeting of the council. Potentially to pay towards a community survey or new Village Gateway signs.

Vale of Glamorgan Council - Play in your Community. Some members expressed an interest in attending a one-hour online workshop by Play Wales.

Members have been provided dates for training provided by One Voice Wales in the Matters Arising document published and circulated ahead of the meeting.

10. Clerks' activity report and updates on Community Council projects

- a. **Village Green and watering of living bollards**
Due to the warm and exceptionally dry weather, the living bollards are having to be watered regularly. Volunteers sought to help water the topiary yew whilst the weather is so dry.
- b. **Warm up with a cuppa**
The events are successful and more must be considered
- c. **Forces Fitness – Wednesday, April 23**
Bookings are being taken by Forces Fitness, the event promoted locally on social media.
- d. **VE Day 80**
Thursday, May 8 – Piper, fish & chips, band.
- e. **Brass and tea on the Green, Bonvilston – Sunday, June 1**
Barry Brass confirmed to perform.
- f. **Walk and afternoon tea on the Village Green – St Nicholas**
Meet and greet to be arranged on a farm. Cream tea and band on the village green, as in August 2024. June 29.
- g. **VJ Day 80 – Saturday, August 16 – Big Band**
Agreed to hold the event on the Saturday after VJ Day. Skyliners Big Band approached to play music of the 1940's including that of Glen Miller.
- h. **Community Day, September – Family/children's entertainer**
No progress on this proposal



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- j. **Planters**
New planters delivered. All planters will require planting for summer.
- k. **Value in the Vale**
Value in the Vale are speaking with the Village Cinema about tickets.
- l. **Training completed and to do**
Dates circulated with the agenda.
- m. **St Nicholas phone box**
There are two quotes. £6,500 for full renovation. £900 for painting.

11. To consider financial matters

- a. **Payments received**
None.
- b. **Bank Balance**
 - Current Account – £42,820.82
 - Petty cash – £3,000
 - Savings Account – £30,062.36
- c. **Amendment to Budget 2025-26**
It was **resolved** to create a new budget line for payment approvals delayed from 2024-25 to 2025-26 by the cancellation of the March 31 meeting. This budget line will contain £24,000.
Proposed Cllr Volrath, seconded Cllr Harris
Cllr Hinton exited the meeting
- d. **Transfer money to savings account**
It was **resolved** to move £10,000 from the current account to the council's savings account.
Proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Ward
- e. **Payments to Approve**
Deferred.
- f. **Unity Trust Bank**
The council will consider banking options at a future meeting.

12. Discussion Forum – Matters not on the agenda

None.

13. Planning decisions and updates

Circulated with the agenda. No comments



14. To consider planning matters

- a. **1 Maes y Ffynnon, Bonvilston**
Proposed ground floor extension to the rear and side of the existing dwelling.
Matter deferred to next meeting
- b. **Earth Sheltered House, Land South of A48, Bonvilston**
Proposed flue.
Matter deferred to next meeting

15. Community Council Support Officer – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

- a. **Contract Terms**
It was **resolved** to offer contract terms as previously circulated to members.

16. To agree bands/musicians for forthcoming events

It was **resolved** to employ the following bands:

- VE Day 80 (May 8) – **Hot Gin Duo** – £300 (covered stage £450)
Proposed Cllr Perry, seconded Cllr Griffiths
- June 1 – **Barry Brass** (covered stage £700 / uncovered stage £500)
Proposed Cllr Perry seconded Cllr Ward
- June 29 – **Bayside Boogiemmen** – £980 (covered stage £700/£850)
Proposed Cllr Perry seconded Cllr Volrath
- VJ Day 80 (August 16) – **Skyliners Big Band** – £1,100 (covered stage (£850)
Proposed Cllr Perry seconded Cllr Griffiths

17. To agree details of VE Day 80 Plan

It was **resolved** to purchase wreaths and bunting for VE Day
Proposed Cllr Perry seconded Cllr Griffiths
A piper will be followed by fish and chips and then the band.

18. To consider

- a. **Partnership with Keep Wales Tidy**
It was **resolved** to partner with Keep Wales Tidy to organise litter picks within the Community Wards. The Community Council will provide the insurance, Keep Wales Tidy will do the Risk Assessment and provide equipment
Proposed Cllr Perry seconded Cllr Forcada
- b. **April coffee morning and newsletter**
It was **resolved** to hold a coffee morning at Cottrell Park in April and circulate a newsletter.
Proposed Cllr Perry seconded Cllr Volrath
- c. **VE Day 80 fish and chips, bunting and other event details – Thursday May 8.**
Considered earlier in the meeting



- d. **Evening event with Crime Reduction Officer, PCSO, other person of interest?**

It was agreed to consider this at a future meeting

- e. **St Nicholas Village Green, grass cutting quotes**

It was **resolved** to employ Doghill Property Maintenance to maintain the grass on the village green.

Proposed Cllr Forcada seconded Cllr Harris

- f. **Planting of planters**

Agreed that Cllr Volrath to source plants for the planters owned by the Community Council.

- g. **St Nicholas and Bonvilston – Villages in Bloom signage**

Deferred to next meeting

19. To discuss

Matters deferred

20. Next meeting

April 15, 7pm

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