



Minutes

Minutes of the EGM of the **St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council**, on Monday 9th August, 2021 at 19:30.

This meeting was requested by Members of the Community Council who are also members of our Working Group on Solar Farms, and the Chair added time-sensitive matters.

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

Present:

Cllr I Perry (Chair), Cllr G Rawson, Cllr A Brown, Cllr P Moss, Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr M Sims, Cllr S Curien (joined partway through item 3).

In attendance:

Residents: C Hunt, S Clarke, R Mooney (joined partway through item 4).

1. Chair's welcome and introductions

Cllr I Perry welcomed everyone and introduced the Members of the Council.

2. To receive apologies for absence

None.

3. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Brown declared an interest in relation to 11b as resident at this property

Cllr Rawson stated that meetings don't usually occur in August and queried the need for the EGM to consider anything other than the renewable energy policy, and the order of the meeting as the policy proposal was at the end of the agenda. The Chair explained that issues had been added to the agenda to avoid a second EGM to ensure that the council could continue to operate and meet the expectations of residents. The Chair stated that matters related to the councils banking were of critical importance due to the need to complete the internal audit and pay bills.

Cllr Rawson stated a preference for two EGM's to have been held, so that she need not be present for all items that were to be considered.

4. Notice of casual vacancy

Cllr Cockrell has resigned from the Community Council, and a casual vacancy is being advertised.

5. Co-option of Members to the Community Council

Residents of Bonvilston, Ceri Hunt and Sian Clarke put themselves forwards for co-option for the two vacancies and introduced themselves.

Proposer: Cllr J Griffiths

Seconder: Cllr M Sims

It was resolved to co-opt both residents as Members of the Community Council.

6. Police Matters

Cllr I Perry informed the council of the following incidents.

03/07/2021 – Neighbour dispute Cae Newydd

04/07/2021 – A48 and Brook Lane – Operation Snap. Where a member of the public has reported a vehicle for driving without due care and attention.

12/07/2021 – A4050 and A48 – Operation Snap. Where a member of the public has reported a vehicle for driving without due care and attention x 2.

13/07/2021 – RTC on Redway Road.

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17/07/2021 – Fly tipping at Homri Farm, Well Lane.

17/07/2021 – Neighbour dispute Cae Newydd

17/07/2021 – Report of careless and inconsiderate driving heading out of St Nicholas. Vehicle overtaking at speed.

20/07/2021 – Report of careless and inconsiderate driving A48 St Nicholas.

20/07/2021 – A48 St Nicholas. – Operation Snap. Where a member of the public has reported a vehicle for driving without due care and attention.

31/07/2021 – 2 Vehicle RTC A48 St Nicholas. (near old police station)

No member of the police was able to attend.

7. To receive updates on completed & actioned projects

None

8. Payments to approve

Payment for locum Clerk – 10 hours at £18/hour approved

Proposer: Cllr J Griffiths

Seconder: Cllr G Rawson



9. To consider Community Council's banking

It was resolved the Cllr I Perry would have a debit card in order to access online banking and make payments and that:

1 - It is in the Community Councils interest to apply for a Business Debit Card service.

2 - The Community Council would be bound by the Business Debit Card Terms and Conditions.

3 - Notwithstanding that the existing Appointment of Bankers provides for more than one person to give instructions to the Bank, the Community Council agrees, for the provision of Business Debit Cards only, to allow Barclays to accept and act on instructions from any one nominated cardholder.

4 - Authorised persons identified in section 3 of the Appointment of Bankers are authorised to apply for, nominate cardholders, and to accept the Business Debit Card Terms and Conditions on behalf of St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council.

Proposer: Cllr J Griffiths

Seconder: Cllr P Moss

10. To receive updates on planning matters

Cllr I Perry asked if members had any comments on the decisions circulated with the agenda. There were none.

11. To consider planning applications & matters

a. Old Police Station, Cowbridge Road, St. Nicholas

Change of use B1 Offices to D1 Non-Residential (Healthcare)

Resolved – the council has no comment to make

b. 10, Dyffryn Close, St. Nicholas

Retrospective application for the removal of chimney stack

c. 12, Dyffryn Close, St. Nicholas

Retrospective application for the removal of chimney stack

Resolved – the council deferred consideration of items 11b and 11c until the ordinary general meeting of September 6.



12. To consider

a. Paths to Well-being

Resolved – the council to submit an application to the Ramblers to be selected as one of their eighteen chosen communities for development. Cllr I Perry will work on the application with Cllr M Sims, and C Hunt, and D Clarke once they are formally Members of the Community Council.

Proposer: Cllr P Moss

Second: Cllr J Griffiths

b. Policy on solar farms within our community

A policy entitled '**Policy on Community Benefit for Renewable Energy Projects**' was adopted. This reads:

The council policy is that if any renewable energy schemes such as solar farms are proposed in the council area, the developers' proposals must include some element of Community Benefit. This could be:

- a guaranteed yearly cash payment linked to inflation, or infrastructure or capital projects of equal value.

This should equate to an amount of money per MW of generating capacity, of an amount per MW per year agreed with the Community Council for the length of the scheme. The Community Benefit to be managed by a not-for-profit Community Interest Company set up to manage these funds for the benefit of the whole community.

- Community Ownership of some of the scheme.

The community would be part-owner of the solar farm and receive a share of the profits.

Inclusion of Community Ownership or Community Benefit in the proposals would go some way to acknowledge the substantial effect of these schemes on the landscape and population of the area and show a long-term commitment to the community who will host these schemes for generations to come.

Proposer: Cllr J Griffiths

Seconder: Cllr M Sims

Cllr M Sims asked about the recruitment of a new Clerk. Cllr I Perry informed the Community Council that there had been respondents to the job advertisement.

Cllr G Rawson asked to return to physical meetings. Cllr I Perry reiterated the advice from One Voice Wales. Cllr P Moss volunteered to try to arrange a hybrid meeting for September.



The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

These Minutes were approved at the meeting of September 6, 2021



Cllr Ian Perry

Chair

