



# Minutes

**Minutes of the Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 19:00.**

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

**Present:**

Cllr I Perry (Chair), Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr S Clarke, Cllr A Brown.

**Also present:**

Locum Financial Officer: S Shippen

MAR Governor: G Howell

## **1. Chair's welcome and introductions**

The Chair opened the meeting and confirmed quorum.

## **2. To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Rawson

## **3. To receive declarations of interest**

None.

## **4. Finances**

### **a. Payments for approval**

- One Voice Wales
  - Code of Conduct Training – £30  
Proposed Cllr Griffiths, seconded Cllr Brown  
*Payment covered by credit received from bursary.*
- Replacement of Pedi Padz for defibrillator  
The current pedi padz are out of date. It was resolved to replace these from the Community Projects budget  
Proposed Cllr Perry, seconded Cllr Griffiths

b. **Budget 2022-23**

The following were agreed:

**Civic & Democratic**

Councillor payments	£1,850
Meeting Costs	£600
Elections	£2,000

Meetings costs allow for hybrid meetings to be held.

The Community Council will have to pay the cost of elections of May 2022.

**Administration**

Staff costs	£7,541
Office/Stationery/IT	£750
Subscriptions/Memberships	£320
Training	£1,000
Audit & accountancy	£1,000
Insurance (public liability)	£350
Professional/legal costs	£8,000
Recruitment	£200

Staff costs were increased to enable the Community Council to employ a mentor for a new Clerk, and to ensure that the council can provide a competitive package to employ a new Clerk – 30 hours a month.

Training is for members and the Clerk.

Professional and legal costs is to employ planning consultants and legal.



## Community Services

Newsletter	£600
Christmas Trees	£2,800
Remembrance	£200
Engagement and Place Plan	£15,000
Community Projects	£9,500

The council has the budget for an additional Christmas tree in 2022.

## Environment

Grass cutting	£1,260
Planting	£200

## Grants

S137 & Other grants	£1,000
Contribution to/from reserves	£1,000

### c. Precept for 2022-23

As a result of the budgeting process, a precept of £55,171 was set.

On a tax base of £726, there is a BandD charge of £76 – £1.46 a week.

This is about the UK average.



## 5. Announcements

Mr Howell reported that at a Governors meeting he'd raised problems associated with vehicles waiting for the school obstructing School Lane. Prior to the current one-way system, the traffic was a concern as a danger to children walking through the village. The new system reduces the number of vehicles maneuvering, and the number of children walking to parked cars.

The Vale Council is trying to get a new school through planning before the May elections.

**Meeting Closed at 8:22pm**

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