

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council, held on Tuesday 11th of February 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.

Also present: Four members of the public were in the room and five members of the public joined remotely.

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 19:02.

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

Cllr Griffiths.

3. To receive declarations of interest

None.

4. Police Matters

Cllr Perry ran through the incidents reported in the meeting agenda documentation. There is an abandoned vehicle in St Nicholas, possibly stolen.

5. Co-option of members

The council has two vacancies. One for the Community Ward of Bonvilston, and one for the Community Ward of St Nicholas. A resident of Bonvilston introduced themselves in application for the Bonvilston. Two people introduced themselves in application for the vacancy in St Nicholas, and there was a further application that had been received by email. After deliberations, the council deferred the decision until all candidates had put their applications in writing.

6. Vale of Glamorgan Council matters

The X2 bus will travel to Cardiff via Cowbridge Road (A48) instead of the Cardiff Bay (A4232). This is due to the construction of Cardiff Cross Rail that will prevent buses traveling between Cardiff Bay and the city centre. Benefits of the bus reverting to Cowbridge Road as access to St David's Hospital and doctor surgeries in Ely and Canton. Disadvantages include travel times to Cardiff Bay and the city centre.

50% of litter bins are being removed. There will then be a review of provision.

A member of the community Council raised the possibility of the Community Council taking over responsibility for the bins on Cae Newydd. These bins are expected to be removed as soon as Cae Newydd is adopted by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

7. To approve Minutes

a. Meeting of January 28 – approved

Proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Perry

It was noted that the draft minutes had the incorrect proposer and seconder of the meetings of the meeting of January 14.

8. Review Warm up with a Cuppa

The event held in the café at Duffryn Gardens was successful. The next is to be held on February 12 at Baffle Haus with the local Crime Reduction Officer present.

9. Updates from other meetings attended

A detailed account is provided with the agenda. There was a thorough and interesting report by a member of South Wales Fire and Rescue service

10. Correspondence from organisations including One Voice Wales

Information provided with the agenda.

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

a. Memorial Paving and bench

The work is complete. The wreaths are being returned to the Memorial on February 12 with some new printing attached. The yew bollards have been delivered and will be planted shortly.

The St Nicholas Memorial is on land owned by the Community Council and is not adopted by the Highway Authority.

A grant is being sought for an assessment of the Memorial in Bonvilston.

b. Accessible Footpath Gates

These are being ordered. There has been a request for two additional gates to be considered at a future meeting.

c. Warm up with a cuppa

An event at Baffle Haus has been advertised with a leaflet drop.

d. Forces Fitness

April 23 has been agreed.

e. Training completed and to do

Training dates are included in the meeting documentation.

f. VE80

The piper who performed for D Day 80 has been booked for 6pm on VE Day 80. A Big Band has been approached for VJ Day in August.

g. Brass and tea on the Green, Bonvilston – Sunday, June 1

Barry Brass will perform.



h. **Community Day**

No updates.

12. Discussion Forum – Matters not on the agenda

A member of the public raised the increasing number of cars and vans that are parked on the end of Cae Newydd causing a hazard at the junction with the A48.

The safety of Sycamore Cross was also raised. The Highway Authority have declined a request to reverse the traffic signally so that all lights westbound turn green together. There are regular incidents of people driving off westbound on red when some lights ahead of them turn green, collisions have resulted from this error.

People are using the hatched area on the A48 at the junction to Pant y Ffynnon Lane to overtake, with near missing occurring when people are waiting in the ghost island to turn right into the lane.

The MAR Governor was present at the meeting and reported that there would be an update regarding resolution of the build problems at the school and the collapse of the contractor ISG.

13. Planning decisions and updates

One decision of approval, presented on the agenda documentation.

14. To consider planning matters

- a. **Pwll Sarn Farm, A48, St Nicholas** – Installation of roof mounted solar panels
The proposed change of use of an existing redundant stone barn with an additional extension for the creation of a new 4-bedroom detached dwelling.
No comments

15. To consider

- a. **Request for ongoing funding for St Nicholas Church**
- b. **Request for financial assistance for new paving to St Nicholas Church**
Both requests will be considered at a future meeting and when the council sets the budget for 2025-2026
- c. **March and April coffee mornings – Warm Up with a Cuppa**
It was agreed to hold a coffee morning in March.
- d. **S106 projects**
Heads of Terms need to be agreed to lease land as the first step to delivering a new bus shelter. The Community Council is expected to need to add about £15,000 to the available grants from the S106 pot.

16. To consider financial matters

- a. **Payments received**
None.



b. **Payments to approve**

- LGRC – Locum Clerk – £1,031.41 – **deferred** for timesheet.
- Armstrong Masonry – removal of old paving, restoring original ground level and supplying and laying of new paving around Memorial. Supplying paving for picnic bench area and picnic bench assembly and installation. Engraving of the word 'Peace' in different languages x11. Removal of plaques on Memorial and repair of step and engraved names and filling of drilled holes – £17,988.00 – **deferred**.
- Ian Perry – Reimbursement for purchase of defibrillator pads and batteries from Defib-Warehouse - £156
Proposed Cllr Volrath, seconded Cllr Ward
Cheque number: 101148
- Ian Perry – Reimbursement for purchase of 18 yew beehives for Village Green from Greenhills Nursery – £3294.00
Proposed Cllr Volrath, seconded Cllr Ward
Cheque numbers: 101149 (£2,000) & 101150 (£1,294)
- PR Accountancy (Gocardless) – Payroll – £20.00 (direct debit) – March
- Acrobat DC subscription – £19.97 (card) – March
- Enwau – Clerks email – £10.26 (card) – March
- Giff Gaff – phone and data – £6 (card) – March
- Scribe 58.80 (direct debit) – March

Not considered – to be taken to next meeting



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

- a. To consider contract terms

It was agreed to amend the Job Title to Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and offer 10 contracted hours a week will be offered to the Clerk, with 20 days holiday as in the Community Council existing policy.

- b. To consider pension scheme

A NEST pension will be offered

An amended contract will be circulated for members to approve prior to being sent to the prospective Clerk.

18. Next meeting

The second February meeting will be held to consider budget and precept.

The meeting ended at 21:12.

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