

St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council held at Trehill Church, St. Nicholas, on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 19:30.

PRESENT

Cllr E del Torto (Vice Chair)	Cllr I Perry (In the Chair)
Cllr S Cockrell	Cllr K Ward
Cllr G Rawson	Cllr C Jones
Cllr J Griffiths	

ALSO PRESENT

N. McGarrigle (Clerk)
Mr & Mrs Bennett of the Old Post Office, St. Nicholas

[1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr J Bird, Cllr A Brown

[2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

[3] POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Summers was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Clerk to request crime report and disseminate to the Council once received.

[4] PUBLIC SESSION

Resident D. Bennett was in attendance to request permission from the Council to make alterations to his driveway; to replace the garage doors, adjust the depth of the driveway and to lay grids across the driveway. The Council agreed to DB's request.

Mr & Mrs Bennett left the meeting. The Council thanked them for attending.

[5] MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PUBLIC SESSION

Agreement made under section 4.

[6] THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on Monday 6th January 2020, which had been circulated, were confirmed and were duly signed by Councillor Perry.

It was agreed that the minutes of the EGM held of Tuesday 28th January would be considered at the meeting on Monday 2nd March 2020.

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[7] MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Following concerns raised by resident Rob Thomas, Bonvilston, in relation to the new traffic light system at Sycamore Cross, Michael Clogg at the Vale was able to provide the following response:

I would confirm that the Sycamore Cross junction was improved as part of the recently completed Five Mile Lane road construction project and the Council is aware of a minor safety issue at the junction following a road safety audit carried out for this project. The safety issue involves see through to certain secondary traffic signal heads within the junction layout where motorists may be confused by the signal at the next stop line.

I anticipate that this phenomena is the cause of the safety issues and near misses experienced and I would reassure you that mitigation works are already in-hand as required by the safety audit to adequately address the problem to ensure that the junction operates safely. I anticipate that the mitigation will involve placing louvres or extended hoods on the relevant signal heads to make them less visible from the incorrect stop line.

I hope this clarifies the position and reassures that appropriate action is being taken to ensure the junction operates as safely as possible in the future.

Residents in attendance at the meeting held on 06.01.20 have been informed of this response.

Councillor Griffiths queried why the design of the new Community Council logo had not been placed on the February agenda. It was agreed that Councillor Perry would obtain the updated designs and the discussion of the new logo be added to the March agenda.

RESOLVED that: Councillor Perry to obtain updated logo designs and to forward onto the Clerk in preparation for the March meeting.

[8] TO RECEIVE REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Report to be received at the March meeting.

[9] TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CLERK

H. Hanman at the Vale confirmed with the Clerk on 31.01.2020 that no signatures were received in relation to the St. Nicholas vacancy. The Council now may go ahead and fill the position through co-option.

RESOLVED that: Clerk to upload vacancy details on the Council website, notice boards and to place a copy of the vacancy notification in the Red Lion and Old Village Shop.

[10] INVOICES & PAYMENTS TO APPROVE

Invoices

Invoices approved at the EGM on 28.01.2020.

Payments to Approve

- Clerks January Salary **810** **£269.54**

Payments made using CC bank card and by cheque during January

Following the success of the school and community defibrillator training, it was suggested that 8 1st aid books, written by the company who provided the defibrillator and facilitated the training, were purchased for St. Nicholas school on behalf of the Community Council. With permission from Councillor del Torto and the Headteacher of the school, 8 books were purchased. The cost of the books will be taken from 'St. Nicholas Projects' on the budget.

- Amazon (1st aid books for school) **£47.92**
- Post Office **£2.80**
- Tesco (Ink Cartridge) **£22.00**

The Council agreed they were happy with these purchases.

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[11] BUDGETARY CONTROL

The Clerk confirmed that the balance of the bank account as of 31/01/2020 was £14, 172.11.

Following confirmation of the Q3 budget analysis and monthly bank reconciliation, the Clerk confirmed that the budget analysis had been amended and an additional line had been inserted to show that the contribution received from the community of St. Nicholas towards to defibrillator had been earmarked for the defibrillator and had not fallen into general reserves.

Following the amendment, it is now possible to move money from 'St. Nicholas Projects' into 'VAT' to cover the overspend of VAT when purchasing the defibrillator, instead of moving funds from 'Clerk's Salary' as previously agreed at the EGM on 28.01.2020.

The Council agreed they were happy with this amendment.

Receipts

None this month.

[12] NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **Amendment to 2019/01212/FUL (JK) The Old Post, Swansea Road, Bonvilston:** A response from the Council had previously been submitted in relation to this planning application. The Council agreed there were no further comments following the amendment to this application.
- **2020/00088/SC1 Land at Pancross & Oaklands Farm, near Bonvilston:** This planning application has been assigned to Llancafán CC, although it was agreed that Councillor Perry would submit a response on behalf of the St. Nicholas with Bonvilston CC as the proposed plan of a solar farm would have an impact on the local conservation area.

RESOLVED that: Councillor Perry to submit comments on the above planning application and to send a copy of the response to the Clerk.

Results of previous Planning Applications

- 2019/00890/FUL Land at Ty Groes Farm, A48, Bonvilston: Approved 30.01.2020

[13] CORRESPONDENCE

- Minutes of the OVW Area Committee Meeting held on 13.01.20 have been received. Clerk to disseminate.
- Cardiff Local Development Plan full review. Information disseminated on the consultation on the draft review and draft delivery agreement.
- Councillor Perry confirmed that he had spoken with resident Mariclare Carey-Jones in relation to the timing of the hedge cutting along Brook Lane and the impact on the moth caterpillar nests within the hedges. Councillor Perry confirmed that the farmer is responsible for cutting the hedges and not the Vale. It is unsure when the hedges were last cut and the source of the information on the moths. Councillor Perry agreed he would continue to look into this and would liaise with MCJ.

[14] OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED

- a) Councillor Perry attended the OVW Area Committee Meeting held on 13.01.20 at the Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Cowbridge.
- b) Councillor Perry attended the Vale Charter Working Group meeting held on 22.01.20 at the Civic Offices, Barry. Councillor Perry commented that progress is being made and is awaiting further updates from the Vale.
- c) Councillor Perry attended the Vale Community Liaison Committee meeting held on 28.01.20 at the Civic Offices, Barry.
- d) Councillor Perry attended the Vale of Glamorgan Gateway Railway Station (Junction 34 of the M4) GRIP study review held on 09.01.20 at the Alps Depot, Wenvoe. Update to be provided to the Council once Cabinet have met.
- e) Councillor del Torto attended a school governor meeting held on 13.01.20. Councillor del Torto raised concerns in relation to the location of the new school. Concerns were shared of potential consequences if the school was built in a new area. Submission of the planning application has been delayed by at least 6 months.

The Council agreed to make a resolution to bring forward discussion of item 15(e) **'To discuss the progress of the redevelopment of St. Nicholas School'**.

It was agreed that the Council need to meet with the community to discuss the mixed views of the school. The purpose of the meeting will be to listen to the residents. It was suggested that the Council consult with the Headteacher and 21st Century Schools before proceeding with the meeting.

RESOLVED that: A meeting will be held with residents to discuss the views of the community on the school in March 2020. Councillor Cockrell offered to design a poster for the meeting.

[15] TABLED BUSINESS

- a) The Council discussed what the appropriate level of commenting from the Community Council should be when responding to planning applications. It was questioned whether or not the Council should submit a comment only, rather than 'objection' or 'no objection', so that the view of the Council remains neutral and reduces protentional conflict.

RESOLVED that: The Council will continue to raise concerns and insights where necessary following discussion of planning applications at full council meetings.

- b) Following a short discussion, the Council agreed that the feedback from the community on adopting the telephone kiosk in St. Nicholas was positive, therefore the Council should proceed with adopting the kiosk. The Clerk confirmed that BT are able to donate the correct paint required when refurbishing the kiosk.

RESOLVED that: Clerk to complete contract and return with a cheque of £1.00 to BT to adopt the kiosk **(chq 813)**.

- c) Discussed under 13(c).

- d) Following a short discussion, the Council agreed they were happy to adopt the Vale TCC Charter.

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- e) Discussed under item 14(d).

- f) Councillors had previously been circulated with applications received for financial assistance. Following the decision to amend item 3 of the application criteria at the EGM on 28.01.20, a further application was received from the Basketball Wales u14 Boys Team. Each application was given full consideration by the Council:

- **Basketball Wales:** The Council agreed to contribute £150 towards a bronze sponsorship **(chq 811)**.
- **Valeways Ltd:** The Council agreed to contribute £400 towards resources on the condition that the money will be paid back into the St. Nicholas and Bonvilston Community. In addition to the contribution, the Council agreed to mention the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival in the spring Community Council newsletter **(chq 812)**.

Following a detailed discussion, the Council discussed the NALC L01-18 guidance on 'Financial Assistance to the Church' and whether the Council should make a contribution towards closed churchyard grass cutting and maintenance. Councillor Perry confirmed that he had telephoned the Wales Audit Office for clarity although he had not received an answer. Councillor Perry requested that the Council wait until confirmation had been received from the Wales Audit Office before making a decision.

A vote was held by show of hands:

Unconditional – 5

Conditional – 1

Against – 1

It was agreed that the following contributions would be made towards churchyard grass cutting and maintenance:

- Trehill Presbyterian Church: £400.00
- St. Nicholas Church: £400.00
- St. Mary's Church: £400.00

RESOLVED that: Councillor Perry will email the Wales Audit Office and copy the Clerk into the email.

- g) It was agreed that leads for community lead projects would be discussed at the March meeting.

[16] COUNCILLOR REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Councillor Cockrell:** Confirmed that the roads within the Redrow estate will be finished in May/June 2020 following questions raised by residents.
- **Councillor Griffiths:** Raised concerns in relation to the construction work taking place at 'The Pound'. There are H&S concerns with tractors creating a dangerous obstructing on the road.
- **Councillor del Torto:** Raised concern and has received a separate message from a resident querying the recent newspaper article, as published by Councillor Perry in the Western Mail and Barry & District News, on Thursday 30th January 2020. Councillor Perry confirmed he is allowed to campaign as an individual Cllr and that there was no mention of the Council.

[17] NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at **19:30** on Monday 2nd March 2020 at Trehill Hall.

This meeting closed at 21:10pm.

NAOMI MCGARRIGLE.

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Chairman

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Date