



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

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

Present: Councillors: Ian Perry, Andrew Brown, Sam Cockrell, Sophie Curien,
Jane Griffiths, Philip Moss and Gill Rawson.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Locum Clerk.
Mr G Howell, MAR (Minor Authority Representative) of
St Nicholas CIW School.
Two residents

Item 1: Chairman's welcome and introductions.

The Chairman welcomed all present.

Item 2: To receive apologies for absence.

Councillor Maddy Sims.

Item 3: To receive declarations of interest.

Councillor Moss – Item 18.5 (Planning Application No.
2021/00944/FUL – applies to neighbouring property).

Item 4: Co-option of Member(s).

No co-option.

Item 5: Police Matters.

No update since previous meeting on 6th July.

Item 6: Vale of Glamorgan Council Matters.

6.1 Councillor Perry mentioned the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Budget
Surplus for 2020-2021 of £13,513,000 and yet there have been
controversial cuts in services.

6.2 Model Farm.

Disappointment was expressed at the approval of the planning
application proposal for the site of Model Farm and which is contrary to
the Vale of Glamorgan Council's own initiative of 'Project Zero'.

6.3 To receive a report of the Vale Council Member.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council Member was not present at the
meeting.

- Item 7:** **To approve the Minutes of:**
7.1 Meeting of 7th June 2021.
Proposed by Councillor Cockrell, seconded by Councillor Moss and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of 7th June 2021 be approved as a true record and to be signed by the Chairman.
- 7.2 Meeting of 6th July 2021.
Adjourned to September meeting.
- Item 8: Matters arising from the Minutes.**
No matters arising.
- Item 9: To receive updates on completed and actioned projects.**
9.1 Community Engagement.
The Working Group had met with 'Afallon' and have another meeting taking place in August and will report back to Council in due course.
- 9.2 Employment of a Clerk to the Council.
Councillor Perry advised that the post has been advertised with a closing date of 16th August 2021.
Resolved to appoint a Staffing Committee with the following Members: Councillors Cockrell, Moss, Perry and Sims, to sift through the applications and select applicants to be interviewed and to carry out the interviews.
Committee to report back to Council at the September meeting.
- 9.3 Planters.
Councillor Perry reported that the planters should be planted up by Thursday 22nd July.
- Item 10: To receive update on St Nicholas CIW School options.**
Mr Howell reported on the options for the school now being considered by the Vale of Glamorgan Council:
Option 1:
Increase the size of the school to 210 on an alternative location.
Option 2:
Retain the existing capacity of the school to 126 on current site with an addition of a nursery. The school would have a reduced internal footprint and would be achieved by removing one module from the end of the building. The additional parking spaces would be retained as per the previous plan.
- The Vale of Glamorgan Council to report back in due course. The School has no influence on the outcome.
- Item 11: PYO Sunflowers and Sweetcorn and Peter Pan Maze.**
This is to take place two fields east of Campbell Court on the same site where the PYO pumpkins at Halloween was held during 2019 and 2020.

Concern was expressed over possible traffic issues and particularly parking.

It was agreed that an enquiry should be made by the Clerk on what arrangements are in place to avoid traffic issues.

Item 12: Cluster Group of Community Councils.

Councillor Perry reported that a number of Community Councils are setting up 'unofficial clusters' to work together on specific items including biodiversity and climate change issues.

Item 13: Correspondence.

An e-mail had been received from a resident complaining at the locking of the access to the school playing field preventing its use by the Community.

This action had been taken by the school due to some dog walkers not picking up their dog poo and others throwing bags of dog poo over the hedge and onto the field. The school had taken the decision to lock the access for the safety of the children. Mr Howell advised that he had forwarded a letter to the Community Council outlining the issue and looking for suggestions and action from the Council and that he would forward the letter again.

Councillor Cockrell advised that he had been contacted by four residents who had raised their concerns at vehicles speeding; overtaking and dangerous driving. Members discussed 'Community Speed Watch' and how the initiative was progressing. Some residents who had expressed an interest in being volunteers had recently received the required forms for completion.

Item 14: Matters not on the agenda – Discussion Forum.

Members discussed the 'Open Days' held by Cenin Renewables:

- Some questions were answered, but not all.
- There is involvement with the National Trust at Dyffryn Gardens where the Gardens and Parkland are being returned to how they would have been 100 years ago.
- The question of whether the proposed footpaths might be accessible to cyclists was not answered and there was no information on the type of surface or the width of the footpaths.
- Residents had raised objections to the proposed 'Park and Ride' scheme on an environmental basis due to noise and lighting.
- Detail on the Park and Ride scheme was vague and impractical.
- When asked about 'Community Benefit', the Company would not give any indication of the scheme's profitability despite the scheme being compared with a similar scheme in the Treorchy area where the residents have received Community Benefit.

Resolved that some of the Councillors arrange to meet with their local Senedd Members to discuss their concerns and make the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Planning Department aware of Community Council's opinion on the proposal.

Councillor Cockrell agreed to contact the MS's and arrange the proposed meeting.

Councillor Cockrell suggested that Halloween and Christmas be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Item 15: Finances.

15.1

Payments and income.

Payment to SLCC for the service of a Locum Clerk at 6 hours - £108.

Proposed by Councillor Moss, seconded by Councillor Griffiths and **resolved** that the payment be made.

Councillor Perry advised that the Bank Mandate at Barclays should now be in place allowing the Community Council to obtain statements and operate the account.

Councillor Perry then advised that the Internal Audit should be completed prior to the employment of a new Clerk.

Item 16: To receive updates from other meetings attended.

16.1

Community Liaison Committee.

Councillor Perry had attended the recent meeting and confirmed that the items discussed were listed on the agenda.

16.2

One Voice Wales Area Committee.

Councillor Perry reported that a discussion had taken place on remote meetings and the issues that many Councils are facing by having to hold 'hybrid' meetings.

Item 17: To receive updates on planning matters.

17.1

Planning decisions.

- (i) 1 Manor Cottages, Cowbridge Road, St. Nicholas Work to trees – approved.
- (ii) Doghill Farm, Duffryn
Increased height of existing silage clamp – approved.
- (iii) Caia House – variation of condition – approved.
- (iv) The Cwm, Brook Lane, St Nicholas
Compliance with a rural occupancy condition (horse sanctuary) – refused.
- (v) Kingfauns, Cowbridge Road, St. Nicholas – extension – approved.
- (vi) Benacre, Cowbridge Road, St. Nicholas – raised roof to create first floor – approved.
- (vii) Swyn-y-Coed, St Nicholas, Cardiff – work to trees – approved

- Item 18: To consider Planning Applications and Matters.**
- 18.1 Planning Application No. **2020/00818/FUL** - Whitton Mawr Solar Farm, Land East of Five Mile Lane.
Variation of Condition 2 (time limit) from 25 years to 40 years.
The Community Council **objected** to application on the following grounds:
- The request for the variation of condition 2 from 25 years to 40 years is premature on the basis that the effect the development has and will have on the biodiversity of the land is currently unknown.
 - The Company is not prepared to compensate the residents by offering 'Community Benefit'. Many areas of the UK which have solar farms in their locality receive 'Community Benefit' enabling communities to provide additional facilities to residents from this source of funding.
- 18.2 Planning Application No. **2021/00791/FUL** - Church Hall House, Cowbridge Road, St Nicholas
Replace secondary glazing on one ground floor side window.
No objection.
- 18.3 Planning Application No. **2021/00827/FUL** - Carreg Las, Redway Road, Bonvilston
Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of Planning Permission 2020/00381/FUL : Proposed new dwelling.
Objection on the grounds that the change from a pitched roof to a flat roof is out of keeping with properties in Bonvilston.
- 18.4 Planning Application No. **2021/00918/FUL** - Doghill Farm, Dyffryn
Variation of Condition 2.
No objection.
- 18.5 Planning Application No. **2021/00944/FUL** - 58 Cae Newydd, St Nicholas
Orangery to rear elevation.
No objection.

- Item 19: To Consider:**
- 19.1 Approved list of Public Right of Way furniture (gates) and financing of units and installation.
Councillor Perry had forwarded examples of numerous pedestrian gates which give persons with mobility issues easier access to Rights of Way.
Proposed by Councillor Moss, seconded by Councillor Cockrell and **resolved** that, as far as possible, all Rights of Way should be fully accessible and inclusive.
- 19.2 Accessible routes.
Councillor Perry mentioned a footpath at Trehill which is accessed by a stone stile. The footpath is used regularly by an elderly resident in the Community who is finding it increasingly difficult to access the footpath. It was suggested that an approach should be made to the Vale of Glamorgan Council to ask if the Vale Council would be prepared to share 50/50 the cost of purchasing a fully accessible gate costing in the region of £450 and if the Vale Council would install the gate once purchased. The permission of the landowner would need to be obtained prior to the ordering of the gate.
- 19.3 Diversion of Public Right of Way – Bonvilston 6, Pendoylan 3, 4, & 26. Notification of the diversion of a public right of way received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Community Council agreed to the diversion but would request that as the Community Council is opposed to kissing gates, which are not fully accessible, they should be replaced with more accessible gates such as the Aston – 2-way opening gate.
- 19.4 Highway obstruction under Section 130(6) of the Highways Act (1980).
Adjourned to September meeting.
- 19.5 Tools for clearance of Public Rights of Way.
Adjourned to September meeting.
- 19.6 Training Policy for Community Council Members and Employees.
Proposed by Councillor Moss, seconded by Councillor Griffiths and **resolved** that the Training Policy for Community Council Members and Employees be adopted.
- 19.7 Applications for financial assistance.
Adjourned to September meeting.
- Item 20: Announcements.**
No announcements.
- Item 21: Next Meeting – Monday 6th September 2021 at 7.30pm.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Perry', written in a cursive style.

Cllr Ian Perry
Chair