

St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

Minutes of the EGM of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council, called by Cllr's Perry and Cockrell, held remotely via video conferencing on Wednesday 29th July 2020 at 19:30.

PRESENT:

Cllr I Perry (Chair)	Cllr K Ward
Cllr A Brown	Cllr J Griffiths
Cllr E del Torto	Cllr G Rawson
Cllr C Jones	Cllr S Cockrell

ALSO PRESENT:

N. McGarrigle (Clerk)

Residents Mary Gent, Bryan Davies, Mike O'Hagan, Nigel Brown, John & Ruth Evans, Geoffrey Howell, Sally Carnall, Robert Mooney, Paul Knoyle, Paul Williams, Xavier Quayzin, Tim, Nicky, Ceire

[1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

[2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Cockrell declared an interest in the new design of the Community Council website, in relation to item 7 of the agenda. Cllr Cockrell to complete a declaration of interest's form.

[3] TO ELECT A CHAIR & VICE CHAIR TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A resolution was made to place residents in the waiting room for this section of the meeting.

Prop EdT Sec AB

The Clerk requested nominations for the position of Chair. Cllr Perry nominated himself, which was seconded by Cllr Brown. There were no further nominations. Cllr Perry was placed in the waiting room so a discussion could be held.

Cllr Brown thanked Cllr del Torto for filling the position of Chair for the last 11 months and acknowledged her commitment to the Council during this time. The Council agreed they were thankful for her continued support.

Following a short discussion, a vote was held for the position of Chair:

Agreed: 4

Abstained: 3

Cllr Perry was elected as Chair of the Community Council and brought back from the waiting room to Chair the remainder of the meeting.

Cllr Perry requested nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Cllr Cockrell nominated himself and was seconded by Cllr Perry. Cllr Cockrell was placed in the waiting room while a discussion and vote was held.

Following a short meeting, the Council unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Cockrell as Vice Chair. Cllr Cockrell and the public were brought back into the meeting.

RESOLVED that: The Clerk to update the Vale of the new Chair and to make the relevant changes to the Council website.

[4] PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Perry welcomed the residents to the meeting and thanked them for joining the Council. Cllr Perry advised that as residents were in attendance to discuss highways matters and the pre-planning consultation of St. Nicholas school, residents will be able to raise their comments individually under the relevant sections of the agenda rather than the public session which is limited to 15 minutes.

[5] HIGHWAY MATTERS

Concerns raised by residents;

Bonvilston

- Road markings are not suitable
- Road surface and tarmacking is unsuitable
- Road markings need to be amended and that more bike lanes are needed in Bonvilston, as it is a popular cycle route with cyclists

St. Nicholas

- Narrow pavements
- Mirrors on pavements could provide pedestrians with better vision and reduce potential accidents
- Motorists speed through the village, could the Council look at what other Counties do
- Motorists are already speeding as they enter the village. A reduction in speed needs to happen before they enter the village (coming up Tumble Hill)
- The flash sign entering St. Nicholas goes unnoticed by most drivers
- Calming needs to start well outside of the 30mph area, possibly at 400 meters
- An increase of traffic has been noticed since lockdown
- Traffic has worsened following since the changes at Sycamore Cross, in particular West Bound
- Defects in the road are adding to the noise

Cllr Perry confirmed he had received additional letters from residents Anthony Griffin, Caroline Dixon, David Lubin (all Bonvilston residents), Lindsay & Caroline Gray, Keith & Janice Bennett, Veerle & Tom Van Nuland-Brouns, Peter Maunder, Chris McCormack, Gareth & Lucy Huddleston, Robert Mooney, Rebecca Johnson (all St. Nicholas residents).

Cllr Perry stated that residents must remain mindful that highway matters affect both villages.

While motorcycle noise lies outside of the Community Council's remit, Cllr Perry would like to write to the South Wales Police & Crime Commissioner, Rt. Hon Alun Michael about the issue. The Council agreed they were happy for Cllr Perry to write a letter on behalf of the Community Council.

Prop AB Sec JG

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Terms of Reference for A48 Working Group as prepared by Cllr Perry. Cllr del Torto would like the ToR to confirm that the Working Group will incur no expenses and that the Working Group will not have free reign to represent the Community Council in the first instance.

Cllr Perry is mindful that the Working Group needs to be proactive, not reactive.

Cllr del Torto clarified that she is seeking the following amendments to ensure the Council is acting lawfully before the ToR is adopted by the Council;

- The Working Group has no expenses (a budget of zero)
- Powers of the Working Group to be worded correctly

Cllr Perry to make these amendments to the ToR and circulate a copy of the ToR to Cllr's without email. Should no further comments be received by Friday (31/07/20) evening, then the Working Group will go ahead. Cllr's Perry and Brown will form the Working Group, Cllr Perry will invite resident Anthony Griffin to assist.

Prop IP Sec AB

[6] TO CONSIDER THE PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION OF ST. NICHOLAS CIW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Resident Bryan Davies raised concerns that residents were not invited to the consultation in 2019 and further confirmed that 47 rejection letters were received from residents following the consultation. Residents felt they have not been included during the consultation process.

Further concerns were raised as to why the Community Council appeared to be supporting the planning application.

Cllr Perry confirmed there seemed to be a misunderstanding between residents and the Community Council.

BD raised concerns in relation to the minutes of the recent school governor meeting which appeared to show support for the planning application. Cllr del Torto clarified comments made during school governor meetings and confirmed that it was suggested that a letter could be written by the Community Council to assist with the school to reflect the pros and cons to the planning application. Cllr del Torto assured residents that the support and involvement of residents has been a priority throughout the process. BD felt that the school governor meeting minutes needed to be amended to reflect this.

Resident Paul Williams raised that he had not heard from the Community Council prior to the most recent consultation and that information had not been extended throughout the village.

Resident Ruth Evans confirmed that Cllr del Torto and resident Sally Carnall did speak with residents and distributed paper copies which Cllr del Torto had requested from Nathan Slater at the Vale.

Cllr Perry clarified that this is not a Community Council consultation and that the Vale of Glamorgan Council has a legal duty to ensure residents are informed. It was further suggested that a complaint is raised with the Vale as to how the consultation has been conducted. Vale officers need to engage with the community.

Cllr Perry clarified that the Community Council will highlight concerns all residents to the Vale as the Council has a duty to represent all people. The Community Council will carry out scrutiny on behalf of all residents.

RESOLVED that: Cllrs Perry, Cockrell and resident Bryan Davies and Xavier Quayzin will work together to highlight issues with the Vale.

[7] TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Cockrell confirmed that the final version of the CC website is now complete and that the majority of documents from the current Council website have been transferred onto the new website. Cllr Cockrell added that he attended the 'Preparing to Meet Accessibility Guidelines' as agreed at the Full Council Meeting on 6th July 2020 which he found extremely beneficial. The Clerk still needs to convert all documents from September 2014 onwards into accessible documents. Costs of the website plan, email accounts and domain to be discussed at the Full Council Meeting in September. It was agreed that Cllr's Perry and Cockrell could go ahead and use the new SNBCC logo on the new website as put forward at the Full Council Meeting in July.

This meeting closed at 21:25.

NAOMI MCGARRIGLE.

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Chairman

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Date