

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council,  
held on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2023.**

The meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and the councils Standing Orders.

Members present: I Perry (Chair), A Harris, M Sexton, J Griffiths, S Clarke.

Also present: Mr P Malone (Clerk), six members of the public

Meeting started at 7:06pm

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

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. To receive apologies for absence**

None

**3. To receive declarations of interest**

None

**4. Co-option**

The council has received a letter of interest unfortunately the individual could not be at the meeting tonight. It is hoped the person will be in attendance in the August meeting.

**5. Police matters**

The Chair read out the following incidences provided by the local PCSO

- June 1 – St Nicholas – Report to operation SNAP  
Outcome: Warning letter sent out to the driver, driving too close to cyclist.
- June 6 – St Nicholas - Report of a family dispute.  
Outcome: Police attended and supporting the family.
- June 11 – St Nicholas – Report of a Theft.  
Outcome: Ongoing Investigation.
- June 18 – St Nicholas – Report to operation SNAP  
Outcome: Driver of the car given an educational course as a result of driving without due care and attention.
- June 19 – Bonvilston – Report of a Road traffic accident between 2 cars.  
Outcome: Police attended the scene insurance details exchanged.

- June 22 – St Nicholas – Report of neighbour parking dispute.  
Outcome: Both parties spoken too, and words of advice given.
- June 23 – Bonvilston – Report of HGV vehicles parking on the pavement near the shop.  
Outcome: Shop spoken to and asked customers not too park on the pavement.
- June 26 – Bonvilston – Report of a Road Traffic collision.  
Outcome: No injuries incident to be resolved through the insurance companies.

## **6. Vale of Glamorgan Council matters**

The change to black bag and garden waste collections was discussed.

## **7. Updates from other meetings attended and One Voice Wales:**

None

## **8. Clerk's activity report and updates on community council projects:**

- Clerk will be attending on online webinar for the Older Peoples commission on the 16th of August. The clerk also mentioned he had been sent some reading material and at some-point will feedback to the council and see if we can engage with the Older Peoples Commission.
- The required training plan was discussed it was suggested that councillors take specific courses so that the council overall has the knowledge to be a truly effective council rather than trying to have all councillors take all the available training that is on offer.
- The clerk spoke about the meeting he had held (online) with the internal auditor. He then read some prepared notes that had been agreed upon with the internal auditor. It was suggested that in future in so far as it is possible that issues of the administration of the council be discussed at times other than full council meetings. As it is a drain of precious time. The matters raised in the notes will be worked on going forward to resolve any outstanding issues that were raised in the internal audit.

## **9. Correspondence:**

Correspondence from the East Vale Ministry (Bonvilston Memorial Plaque), The Director of Mission, Church in Wales (future opportunities for the small school) and Black Poppy Rose was noted.

## **10. Matters not on the agenda- Discussion Forum:**

A plot of land in Campbell court is up for sale and will be auctioned off on July the 14<sup>th</sup>. The land has no intrinsic value and cannot be used to any great affect. The members believe the land would be better off being transferred to the stewardship of the council. The chair will look into seeing if that is possible.

A member of Valeways gave an update on work on the footpath network locally.



## 11. Finance:

### a. Payroll/HMRC

Process of starting up payroll is underway and will be completed shortly.

### b. Corporate multi-pay card

Options for new payment card being investigated.

### c. To receive a Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation for June 2023

Deferred to next meeting.

### d. Amendments to budget

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales increased the amount payable to members after the budget was set. It was resolved to increase the Councillor Payments budget to £3,424 from reserves.

Proposed Cllr Griffiths, seconded Cllr Harris – resolved.

### e. To approve payments

The following payments were approved:

Payments under Financial Regulation 4.1:

Vale of Glamorgan Council – Green sacks for Community Payback  
*Cheque 100943 – £66*

Debit card payments:

- June 7 – First Rescue Training and Supplies Limited – Pedi pads – £125.94
- June 7 – The Slate Workshop – Plaque for trees – £180
- June 12 – Tesco – Stationary for Clerk – £60

Invoices received:

- SLCC Enterprises – Locum fees, May 2023 – £1,758.42 – Invoice 575  
*Cheque 100953*

Proposed Cllr Sexton, seconded Cllr Harris – Resolved

## 12. To receive updates on planning matters:

No comments.

## 13. To consider planning applications and matters:

### a. Oaklands Solar farm:

Members of the public raised concerns over the impact and the long-term implications of this individual proposal, and the cumulative impact of the proposed solar parks in this area. Council to object due to:

- Close proximity to Historic Landscape & threat to archaeological record
- Battery storage presents fire risk in ancient woodland
- Query soil survey
- Compaction of soil – degrading, additional run-off
- Exceeds boundaries of LDP site



- Negative impact on countryside – agriculture, leisure for health and wellbeing
- No reimplementation of hedgerows
- Lack of screening – particularly in winter. Additional screening needed prior to installation of panels. Concern that site may be more visible than developer has stated.
- Opens up countryside for more development
- Cumulative impact with other nearby proposals
- Lack of longer-term Community Benefit such as rights of way or finance (Only single lump sum of £150,000 offered)

Proposed Cllr Perry, seconded Cllr Harris – resolved

**b. Vacant agricultural land with abandoned rural buildings**

- Planning application very similar to previous application that was refused by the Planning Authority and at appeal
- Objection: Development in the open countryside, poor access onto A48

Proposed Cllr Sexton and Seconded Cllr Griffiths – resolved.

**14. To consider:**

**a. Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for exempting Cowbridge Road (A48), St Nicholas, from default 20mph speed limit**

Resolved – employ legal firm to review TRO and relevant legislation and guidance and respond to the TRO consultation on behalf of the council.

Proposed Cllr Perry, seconded Cllr Griffiths – resolved.

**b. Planting for biodiversity and wellbeing**

Quotes received for enhancing the green spaces of the villages. Decision deferred to next meeting.

**c. Fly-tipping cameras**

Resolved – council to contribute ten cameras to the Vale of Glamorgan Enforcement Department for use in combatting fly-tipping in St Nicholas and Bonvilston Community Wards.

Proposed Cllr Griffiths, seconded Cllr Harris – resolved.

**d. Remembrance wreaths.**

Working group to determine options and report back to the full council with recommendations.

**e. Phone box painting.**

Volunteers to be sought to strip & repaint phone box. All members were in agreement.

**f. Planter covering**

Following the theft of decorative flags from the planters, the planters will be left bare.



**15. Next meeting**  
August 7, 7pm

These Minutes were approved at the meeting of August 7, 2023



Cllr Ian Perry  
Chair

