



# Minutes

**Minutes of the Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 19:00.**

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

**Present:**

Cllr I Perry (Chair), Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr S Clarke, Cllr A Brown, Cllr S Curien, Cllr M Sims (until item 14).

One member of the public from item 13.

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:04, confirmed quorum, and welcomed Members. Cllrs Hunt and Moss had resigned from the council.

**2. Apologies for absence**

None

**3. Declarations of interest**

None.

**4. Cooption of Member**

No interested parties present.

**5. Police Matters**

None

**6. Vale of Glamorgan Council Matters**

None

**7. To approve the minutes of the**

- a) Meeting of December 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Approved – Proposed: Cllr J Griffiths; Seconded Cllr S Clarke
- b) Extraordinary Meeting of November 16<sup>th</sup>  
Approved – Cllr J Griffiths; Seconded: Cllr M Sims

**8. To receive updates on other meetings attended.**

None

**9. To receive updates on completed & actioned projects**

a) None

b) Recruitment of a Clerk to the Council – Cllr Clarke: there was a hefty job description. Recruitment difficult. The council had decided to separate the financial aspect of the job from the administrative aspect, and subsequently recombine the roles, delaying the advertising of the position. The person spec and job description is more use friendly, and condensed.

There is as £500 budget for recruiting a Clerk – recruiting a Clerk is a priority.

Cllr M Sims offered to read through the job description and person spec.

c) Christmas trees have been removed, and items stored for safe keeping

**9. Correspondence**

None to note – other than the Welsh Government item considered below.

**10. Matters not on the agenda**

Mr Jim Law of St Nicholas passed away over the New Year having been ill with Covid.

**11. Finances**

None

**12. To receive updates on planning decisions**

These were circulated with the meeting documentation

Neighbours of the school are unhappy with the present proposal. The Community Council has submitted a response to the Pre-Application Consultation.

**13. To consider the following planning applications & matters**

a) Land at Bolston House – 2021/00423/FUL

Cllr A brown was concerned about to amount of parking.

There are concerns with access onto the A48. Cllr I Perry believes that the speed limit will be reduced no later than April 2023. The Community Council has already written to the S106 Officer at the Vale of Glamorgan

Reuse. Scarce building materials – Bonvilston House application has been returned to the housing department of VOG council – no further updates

Objection to the demolition of Bolston House on the basis of the environmental impact of demolition and replacing an existing building (materials) and heritage Sian



Jane. Cllr M Sims asked for clarification on the council previous responses. Cllr I Perry stated that the Community Council had previously objected to the proposal due to:

- Access onto the A48 – 40mph speed limit
- Too few dwellings for the site (now resolved)
- Loss of Bolston House and grounds of heritage and the environment.

Cllr I Perry to write a letter of objection for and on behalf of the Community Council.

#### b) Replacement LDP

Deferred.

Cllr S Curien asked about Place Plans, as they are mentioned in the LDP documentation. Cllr M Sims replied that the consultants thought that the community needed a business plan, rather than a Place Plan. Community mapping would be a first step. There's a need to identify the community demographic and find out what the community wants. Cllr S Clarke believes that the Community Council needs to be engaging with the community – and needs a Clerk for admin backup.

### 14. To discuss

#### a) Management of Public Open Spaces of new housing developments

Deferred

#### b) Consultation on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Community and Town Councils statutory guidance

The council currently lacks capacity to respond to this consultation.

#### c) Projects for 2022-23

Cllr J Griffiths said that engagement was a priority.

Cllr M Sims said that the priority was fixing the council.

Cllr M Sims apologised, resigned from the council, and left the meeting.

Cllr S Clarke asked members who had been on the council longer for suggestions for a way forward. Cllr J Griffiths said that in the past, the Clerk and Chair had sorted everything out. There was no discussion at meetings as the Clerk and Chair did it all. Nothing much happened, and that we'd probably done more since they departed, but still the council remained unproductive. Cllr S Clarke suggested the council lacked structure and processes. Members are not joined up. Cllr A Brown said that eh council had got things done, but without a Clerk, and during a pandemic it's so hard to be productive. Cllr S Clarke said that the council previously appeared to be a closed door, not receptive or interested in the communities interests. Now the problem is that the council acts, but without proper structure and systems.



Members will meet up to discuss the way forward. Cllr S Clarke to advertise the Clerk vacancy – free options.

**15. Announcements**

None.

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