



Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council, on Monday 1st November 2021 at 19:00.

The meeting was held both at Bonvilston Reading Rooms and remotely in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present:

Cllr I Perry (Chair), Cllr P Moss, Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr C Hunt, Cllr S Clarke, Cllr A Brown, Cllr G Rawson, Cllr M Sims.

Also present:

2 members of the public, plus one member of the public from item 8c

1. Chair's welcome and introductions

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:04, confirmed quorum, and Members introduced themselves.

2. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Curien

3. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr C Hunt – 6a – St Nicholas CIW School.

4. Cooption of Member

Item deferred.

Proposed Cllr I Perry, seconded Cllr C Hunt

5. Police Matters

No representative of the Police was present. The Chair summarized the information contained within the agenda documentation.

6. Vale of Glamorgan Council Matters

a. St Nicholas CIW School

It's probable that the Pre-Application Consultation for a replacement school building will begin later in November.

b. Active Travel Network

The route from Culverhouse Cross to Bridgend is on the revised Vale of Glamorgan Council Active Travel Maps and this is expected to be approved.

7. To approve the Minutes of the

a. Extraordinary Meeting of October 14

The Minutes had been published on October 15, however it wasn't possible to approve them as Members hadn't read them. There was a discussion on how documentation was presented.

8. To receive updates on completed & actioned projects

a. Accessible countryside – gate at Trehill

No update.

b. Community Benefit and Renewable Energy proposals

Cllr Moss updated Members of the Community Council following a meeting with Cenin Renewables. A discussion followed that included what 'Community Benefit' might look like and the social cohesiveness of the villages.

c. Community Engagement

A meeting of the working group with the facilitators to be convened as soon as possible.

d. Employment of a Clerk to the Council

A matter of urgency. In Norfolk alone there are currently 24 vacancies for Clerks. Cllr Clarke stated that there are many problems in recruitment. The job description is daunting for a part-time role – with very different skill-sets sought. Splitting the role to be considered.

e. Christmas Trees

It was resolved that the resident who installed the Christmas Trees last year will install them again this year.



9. Correspondence

Residents in Dyffryn concerned that the river Weycock is silted up behind a bridge, and that previous dredging has been piled on the road.

Obstruction of footway on Duffryn Lane – pallets, waste wood, fallen railings, unlawfully dug hole.

10. Items not on the agenda

Cllr Sims raised 'Community Benefit' in regards to the pumpkin farm. A resident suggested a pumpkin carving workshop.

11. Finances

a. Payments and income

Payments approved under Section 137, Local Government Act, 1972

2020-21 budget

- Poppy Appeal (Lamppost and alter poppies) £130
Proposed Cllr Brown, seconded Cllr Moss, (cheque 100839)

2021-22 budget

- Poppy Appeal (2x wreaths) £34 (cheque 100838)
- Poppy Appeal (2x wreaths and 20x lamppost poppies) £94
(Cheque 100840)

Cheques were signed by Cllr I Perry and Cllr A Brown at the end of the meeting.

The Council cancelled an uncashed cheque to the Welsh Basketball team for £150 Proposed Cllr Hunt, seconded Cllr Moss. The uncashed cheque had been raised by the Internal Auditor.

The Chair told Members that he'd had a phone conversation with the Internal Auditor that had lasted just over an hour. These include the spreadsheet from the accountancy company. Work has already begun on resolving the problems, e.g Members Register of Interests. The Chair has already informed members of the need for an extraordinary meeting to resolve problems. The Asset Register, and Annual Return will need resolutions to approve. The Chair was asked if the problems were written down. The Chair had had a phone call with the Internal Auditor. Audit Wales have informed the Chair that other councils have had similar issues.

Cllr Sims wasn't aware that the council had employed an accountancy firm.



The Chair stated that going forward the council would get everything right.

12. To receive updates from other meetings attended

None

13. To receive updates on planning matters

Planning decision had been circulated with the agenda

14. To consider Planning Applications & Matters

a. **Bonvilston Village Green**

No new developments to consider

b. **Diversion of Public Footpath No. 15 Bonvilston, CF5 6TQ**

The current route presents a problem of Accessibility vs Heritage as it passes over a stone stile. The council resolved to object to the route on the definitive map crossing the stone stile due to accessibility, and the need to preserve the stone stile. The width of the path and choice of gate at the southern end are additional concerns.

Cllr Clarke to look at the response with the help of Cllr Perry
– proposed Cllr Sims, seconded Cllr Moss

c. **Bolston House – Pre-Application Consultation**

The Community Council has responded to previous consultations on proposals for development at Bolston House. Concerns have been raised regarding the loss of Bolston House due to environmental concerns, and the number of dwellings needed to trigger S106 contribution towards “Sustainable Transport”. The main concern is the access to the A48 due to the volume of traffic and the speed limit. It was resolved that Cllr Perry will write a response on behalf of the council.

d. **13, Duffryn Close, St Nicholas**

Two identical retrospective planning applications considered at the previous meeting. The council will submit a response to this application that is

15. To discuss (a) Public Right of Way Audit, and accessible countryside, Millennium Heritage Trail and Haunted Field Walk, St Nicholas (b) New Public Rights Of Way

Deferred to a future meeting



16. To consider

a. Provision of Dog Waste Bins

Members of the Council gave consideration to the various means to provide litter and dog waste bins, and problems with dog poos bags being left around the community.

It was resolved that the Community Council (with powers under the Litter Act 1983, ss.5.6), would purchase five red dog waste bins for St Nicholas and one for Bonvilston, and ask the Vale of Glamorgan Council to assist with the installation and carry out the emptying.

b. Community Liaison Committee – S106 policy

The Community Council has previously asked that for developments of less than 10 additional new dwellings, S106 money from these developments goes not just to 'affordable housing', but also towards 'Sustainable Transport' infrastructure provision.

– Proposed Cllr Moss, seconded Cllr Hunt

c. Community Liaison Committee – Management of Public Open Space

Deferred to a future meeting

d. Request for Traffic Surveys – speed & types of vehicles

Deferred to a future meeting

e. Biodiversity Planting

Deferred to a future meeting

f. New Benches – Walkability – Age-friendly community

Deferred to a future meeting

g. Water Bottle Refill Station

Deferred to a future meeting

h. Bonvilston Milestone

Cllr Perry to raise the matter of the free standing, carved stone milestone being enclosed within a new boundary wall on behalf of the Community Council.

i. Scarecrow Trail

Deferred to a future meeting

The meeting Closed at 21:07

