



Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council, on Monday 5th October 2021 at 19:30.

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

Present:

Cllr I Perry (Chair), Cllr G Rawson, Cllr C Hunt, Cllr S Clarke, Cllr A Brown, Cllr S Curien. Cllr P Moss.

MAR Governor – Mr G Howells

1. Chair's welcome and introductions

Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, the meeting started at 19.30.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr M Sims, Cllr J Griffiths

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr Hunt declared an interest in Item 6b as a school governor, Cllr Rawson declared an interest in the funding application for St Mary's Church under Item 19. Cllr Clarke declared an interest in Item 14c as the applicant.

4. Co-option of Member

There have been some expressions of interest but no applications for co-option so far.

5. Police Matters

The Chairman read a report from the Police:

03/09/21 - Ongoing parking problems near the Red Lion – anything requiring police attention will be dealt with.

06/09/21 – Damage to hay bales – no suspect identified.

20/09/21 – RTI near St Nicholas and traffic island damaged.

No thefts or anti-social behaviour reported. Speeding seems to be the main issue. Police keen to set up Community Speedwatch but there is a shortage of volunteers.

6. Vale of Glamorgan Council Matters

- a. Model Farm – planning was approved but challenged by a resident – Vale of Glamorgan admitted a mistake and this was brought up at Full Council on 20th September.
- b. St Nicholas CIW School -
- c. Micro-Asphalt Surface Treatment – Village Farm, Bonvilston -
- d. Active Travel Network review -
- e. Local Development Plan Annual Monitoring Report -
- f. Review of Strategic Leadership Team Structure (September 28) -
- g. Vale of Glamorgan PSB Climate Emergency Charter -

Also noted were problems with dog faeces and litter bins.

7. To approve the minutes of the

- a) Extraordinary Meeting of August 31.
Approved – Proposed: Cllr S Curien; Seconded Cllr C Hunt – all agreed.
- b) Meeting of September 6.
Approved – Cllr P Moss; Seconded: Cllr C Hunt – all agreed.

8. To receive updates on completed & actioned projects

- a) Community Benefit and Renewable Energy proposals – Cllr Moss reported - Meeting was held with 3 members of Senedd. Visited solar farm sites. Said it was useful to have a map of the area – agreed they would talk to minister, seemed very positive and confirmed that Community Benefit payment should be part of the proposals. Approximately 6 weeks will be available to respond to a planning application, once it is submitted. Cllrs agreed to convene a meeting of the solar farm working group to prepare responses ready for the next Community Council meeting.
- b) Community Engagement – Active Travel – Cllr Perry has started an audit of the footways. Need to engage with residents, will arrange a meeting of the Engagement Working Group as soon as possible.
- c) Employment of a Clerk to the Council – It is hopeful that some progress will be made by November.
- d) Christmas Trees (planter) – Tree has been ordered and to be delivered in November.
- e) Accessible countryside – Update on Trehill gate, Vale of Glamorgan trying to contact landowner. Hopefully accessible gates will be installed at Lillipot Farm soon.



9. Correspondence

Correspondence received regarding the footpath by Red Lion – The Chairman confirmed it will be cut tomorrow.

10. Matters not on the agenda

- Cllr Hunt brought up the subject of the MAR Governor to the school – Geoffrey Howell explained that the school need to recruit some new parent governors. It has been suggested that Geoffrey Howell moves to be the Local Authority governor for Vale of Glamorgan and Ceri Hunt elected as the MAR governor. The process is that the LA would need to elect Geoffrey as the LA governor, then the Community Council will need to elect a new MAR governor.
- Cllr Moss suggested the CC meetings could run as hybrid meetings going forward, he can provide suitable equipment and has run a test at the Reading Rooms which worked well.

11. Finances

- a) Payments and income – Questions around a grant application for the Church – noted it was a later agenda item.
- c) Budgeting process for 2022-23 – Need to start process soon for Budget for 2022-23, audit for 2020-21 is in hand, precept needs to be set by end of January 2022.

12. To receive updates on other meetings attended

Community Liaison Committee – This was addressed under Vale of Glamorgan Council matters.

13. To receive updates on planning matters

- a. Bolston House – currently being held up by 3 things – access to A48, bat survey, housing density.
- b. Retrospective planning applications – Vale of Glamorgan have added tiles to the retrospective planning applications related to the dwellings in St Nicholas that they own.
- c. Planning decisions – were circulated previously, with the agenda.



14. To consider the following planning applications & matters

a) Bonvilston Village Green

Community Council's response to latest developments – Cllrs Hunt and Clarke have composed an open letter of complaint to be sent to Vale of Glamorgan after the appeal and planning meetings. Discussion held around whether to send the letter or not. Need a letter of engagement to be signed on behalf of SNBCC to engage solicitor. Confirmed £1,000 is earmarked for legal advice, discussion around whether to ask for donations and confirmed that the Community Council can accept donations. Cllr Moss proposed sending of the open letter to Vale of Glamorgan, engaging the solicitor and going back to residents' association to enquire about funding. Agreed Cllr Hunt to confirm with residents' association they are happy to send the open letter. Agreed Cllr Perry to sign solicitor's letter of engagement.

b) Brooklands, Brook Lane, St. Nicholas

Part retrospective application to regularise and seek the approval for the completion of the 'as built' development for a new detached dwelling – information circulated previously – Agreed to submit No Comment for this application.

c) 21, Maes Y Ffynon, Bonvilston

Proposed first floor bedroom extension with en-suite built over existing ground floor kitchen – Cllr Clarke gave an explanation of the proposed planning application and then left the meeting for this item. Cllr Moss expressed concern that Cllr Clarke was able to talk about the application – Chairman confirmed that an applicant is able to speak about the application. Agreed to submit No Comment for this application.

Cllr Clarke returned to the meeting.

d) Doghill Farm, Dyffryn

Erection of a rural enterprise workers dwelling – This application has been withdrawn.

e) Coedarhydyglyn Park, St. Nicholas

Hoarding Signs – Pumpkin Picking Patch – Agreed to submit No Comment.

15. To discuss

a) Traffic island and highway safety at St Nicholas

Deferred

16. To consider

a. Biodiversity planting

Agreed to defer this item.



17. Announcements

None

18. Next meeting

To be held on first Monday in November – Hybrid meeting at the Reading Rooms, Bonvilston.

Part ii

The public and press may be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) in accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

19. Applications for Financial Assistance

Grant application for St Nicholas churchyard maintenance – Agreed to grant £400.00 for churchyard maintenance only and ask the church to set up a Churchyard Maintenance Fund.

Meeting closed at 21.37

