

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council, held on Wednesday 1st November 2023.

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

Members present: Cllrs I Perry (Chair), Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr M Sexton, Cllr C Devonish, Cllr M Farkasovska.

Also present: Mr. P Malone (Clerk).

Meeting started at 19:30

1. Chair's welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and announced a casual vacancy for the council and of Vice Chair.

2. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr I Forcada.

3. To receive declarations of interest

None

4. Police Matters

The following incidents were reported

- 06/10/2023 (St Nicholas) – Report to Police of threats made by motorist to pedestrian.
Outcome: Driver of Car being dealt with by way of careless driving.
- 07/10/2023 (St Nicholas) – Report of Drug use in public place & car obstruction.
Outcome: No car registration identified or males identified by reporting person
Area anti-social behaviour referral submitted.
- 08/10/2023 (Bonvilston) – Report to Police of a male lying on the side of the road.
Outcome: Outcome no male identified no further action.
- 12/10/2023 (St Nicholas) – caught speeding by mobile camera 55mph in a 30mph zone.
Outcome: Court process
- 11/10/2023 (Bonvilston) – Report to Police of a person unknown entering a garden at night and causing damage.
Outcome: Crime recorded no suspect identified.

- 11/10/2023 (St Lythans) – Criminal damage to padlocks.
Outcome: Crime recorded no suspect identified.
- 14/10/2023 (St Nicholas) – Neighbours dispute
Outcome: Both parties given words of advice.
- 12/10/2023 (St Nicholas) – caught speeding by mobile camera 55mph in a 30mph zone.
Outcome: Court process
- 14/10/2023 (St Nicholas) – Report to Operation Snap
Outcome: Driver identified as driving without due care and attention and issued with fixed penalty notice.
- 14/10/2023; 16/10/2023(St Nicholas); 18/10/2023 (St Nicholas); 18/10/2023; 23/10/2023; 27/10/2023 (St Nicholas) – Reports of Vehicle obstruction
Outcome: Police have attended and spoken to the school, contractors, residents & the local councillor. All parties spoken to words of advice given and contractor is in discussion with the council to arrange alternative parking solution to the contractors. Further parking infringement to be reported to operation snap.
- 17/10/2023 (Bonvilston) – Report to Police of an alleged assault.
Outcome: Officer attended spoke to all parties word of advice issued.
- 21/10/2023 (St Nicholas) – Report of traffic issues on the A48 Pumpkin Festival
Outcome: Police monitoring issues
- 27/10/2023 (St Nicholas) – Report to Police of Neighbour dispute.
Outcome: Both parties spoken to by Police.

5. Vale of Glamorgan Council Matters

- The Vale of Glamorgan Council has replied to the consultation on Community Ward Boundaries and has the same view as the Community Council.
- Contractors working on the new school building are continuing to park their vehicles around the church in breach of a planning condition. This has been flagged up with the Vale Council, and obstructions reported to the police. The police have been unable to attend due to a lack of police vehicles.
- There have been more incidents of fly-tipping on lanes outside the villages.
- The replacement Local Development Plan (rLDP) will be considered by the cabinet. The proposed strategy that will go out to consultation appears to avoid large new developments within our community.



6. To approve Minutes

- a. **Meeting of September 7th**
Proposed by Cllr Sexton, seconded by Cllr Griffiths
- b. **Extraordinary meeting of September 21st**
Proposed by Cllr Sexton, seconded by Cllr Griffiths
- c. **Extraordinary meeting of September 28th**
Proposed by Cllr Perry, seconded by Cllr Griffiths
- d. **Meeting of October 11th**
Proposed by Cllr Sexton, seconded by Cllr Griffiths

7. To receive updates from other meetings attended and One Voice Wales.

None

8. Clerks' activity report and updates on Community Council activities

a. Clerks' Activity Report

South Wales fire and rescue have released their end of year improvement plan
The Welsh audit office have released our audit result for the last year.

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The Barry and Llantwit Major Fairtrade Committees are continuing to promote Fairtrade within their areas in conjunction with Fairtrade Wales and the Welsh Government. In order to encourage a wider participation in developing and publicising Fairtrade in the future across the whole of the Vale of Glamorgan They are holding a meeting on Tuesday 21st November at 2.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Barry Town Council in the Town Hall in Kings Square.

The independent remuneration panel for Wales has released notification that there may now be tax implications regarding councillor's basic remuneration package. The clerk has sent an email to better understand the new rules. So far there has been no response.

b. Defibrillator installation

The new defibrillator cases a with the contractor awaiting installation.

c. Remembrance Sunday

The wreath stand for the Memorial plaque at Bonvilston has been delivered and will be installed ahead of Remembrance. Some wreaths were lost by a parcel delivery company and have had to be replaced.

d. Community Payback activities

Work at St Mary's and St Nicholas Churchyards is continuing. Footpaths in Bonvilston have also been cleared of overgrowing vegetation.

9. Correspondence

Correspondence has been received from residents regarding parking issues associated with the construction of the new school building in St Nicholas.



10. Discussion Forum – matters not on the agenda

No matters were raised.

11. Finances

a. Bank Reconciliation

Deferred so the information can be sent to a different councillor for verification. Once, verified it can be presented to the council for ratification

b. Budget vs Actual

Deferred so the documentation can be sent to all councillors.

c. To approve payments

Scheduled payments

- PR Accountancy (Gocardless) – Payroll – £10.00 (direct debit)
- Adobe – Acrobat DC subscription – £19.97 (card)
- Enwau – Clerks email – £10.26 (card)
- Giff Gaff – phone and data – £6 (card)
- P Malone – Clerks' salary – £639.16

Other payments

- Vale Planning – Planning consultancy and representation – £315.00
- Cllr Ian Perry – Expenses – £33.99

Financial Regulation 4.3 card purchases

- seltra39 (Ebay) – white poppy wreath – Oct 23 – £35
- Amazon – 2x Lest We Forget flags – Oct 22 – £8.99
- legs.galore2009 (Ebay) – 4x planter flags – Oct 22 – £17.80
- legs.galore2009 – Remembrance Day Flag – Oct 22 – £16.72
- BlackPoppyRose – 2x poppies – Oct 21 – £8.40
- nicgilbe-0 (Ebay) – wooden Remembrance crosses – Oct 20 – £12
- seltra39 (Ebay) – white poppy wreath and postage – Oct 20 – £40.49
- kasmurt-0 (Ebay) – poppy wreaths – items lost, refund due – Oct 3 – £124.50
- seltra39 (Ebay) – white poppy wreath and postage – Oct 2 – £40.49

Proposed by Cllr Sexton, seconded by Cllr Perry



12. To receive updates on planning matters

Retrospective planning applications by the Vale of Glamorgan Council at Duffryn Close were approved by the planning committee. Reasons given at the planning committee for approval included that double lapped tiles are no longer necessary due to membrane being used under tiles, a shortage of wood and Covid 19 – the work was complete in 2018. At the meeting of the Planning Committee, the Community Council was represented by Vale Planning in objecting, The Community Council is disappointed that the Planning Committee granted approval.

13. To consider planning applications and matters

a. The Old Manse, St Nicholas

Revised Garden elevation to previously approved application number 2022/01096/FUL to replace gable with flat roof construction, to increase internal headroom and reduce external scale.

Members resolved to make comment

b. Application to CADW for delisting of Duffryn Close from County Treasures

Members are unhappy with a lack of weighting in planning decisions given to protecting and enhancing the St Nicholas Conservation Area. Members would like to see the Conservation Area Management Plan reviewed and strengthened.

14. To consider

a. Additional Christmas Trees in Bonvilston

It was resolved to provide additional Christmas Trees at Bonvilston, Pen yr Heol (Old Rectory) and at the Aubrey Arma. Additionally, the Community Council will offer to pay the cost of the purchase of the Christmas Tree at the Red Lion.

Proposed by Cllr Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Sexton

b. Planters on School Lane

It was resolved to purchase a large stone effect trough planter for School Lane using powers under Highways Act 1980, s.96 and to comply with Duty under Environment (Wales) Act, 2016 to enhance biodiversity.

c. Stronger Communities grant

This grant scheme will reopen for applications in the coming weeks. An application could be made for a contribution towards the renovation of the phone box at St Nicholas, or full funding may be sought from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The Clerk will provide the council with three quotes for a schedule of works and the stripping down and repainting of the phone box onsite.

d. Remuneration Panel for Wales, Draft Annual Report consultation.

There are no proposals for an unlift next year. The council agreed to make no comment.



15. Co-option

None

16. Next meeting

Wednesday 6th December at 7:30pm

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