

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council,
held on Wednesday 11th of October 2023.**

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

Members present: Cllr I Perry (Chair), Cllr A Harris, Cllr M Sexton, Cllr I Poveda, Cllr M Farkaovska.

Also present: Mr P Malone (Clerk),

Meeting started at 7:35pm

1. Chair's welcome and introductions

The Chair confirmed quorum and welcomed all to the meeting.

2. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr C Devonish, Cllr J Griffiths.

3. To receive declarations of interest

None

4. Police Matters

The Chair read through the reported police incidents as printed in the meeting agenda documentation. There were no comments.

- 24/08/2023 (St Nicholas) – Report of a car blocking a drop curb.
Outcome: Police have attended, and patrols conducted, the vehicle is not registered locally. Police to attend address of registered keeper to give word of advice.
- 27/08/2023 (Bonvilston) – Report of loud music coming from a local Public House.
Outcome: Police made contact with the reporting person and local officer have given word of advice to the Public House.
- 18/09/2023 (Dyffryn) – Report of cows on the road.
Outcome: Police attended, and the cows were no longer on the road.

5. Public Engagement feedback

Steve Milton of Local Government Resource Centre (LGRC) summarised the processes and outcome of the community engagement meeting held on September 20. The Chairman provided feedback on the report. He believes the report is more of an 'evidence bank' than a plan to implement. The chairman then spoke through and highlighted several elements within the report.

6. Vale of Glamorgan Council matters

- The uncollected bins of last week have now all been picked up. Cllr Clarke commented on the deteriorating standard of the rubbish collections, saying that material is being dropped and left on the ground. Also, the noise and language from the crew can be inappropriate. Cllr Clarke believes the issues discussed on this matter should be fed back to the Vale council.
- The Community Council is still waiting on an invoice for fly-tipping cameras from the Vale Council.

7. To approve the Minutes of the meetings of September 7, 21, & 28

Deferred

8. Updates from other meetings attended and One Voice Wales

The issue of Community Ward Boundary Review was discussed at the Community Liaison meeting with Wenvoe Community Council opposing the boundary change between Wenvoe and St Nicholas.

9. Clerks' activity report and updates on Community Council projects

a. Clerks report

- Notification of the latest funding for the nature network and local places for nature programme is now available. This programme is to aid in restoring nature areas in Wales.
- 2024 will be a significant anniversary date for a specific event of WW2. Namely it will be the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings of June 1944. There will be activities to commemorate this event. Details are to follow.
- There is limited time left for the free orchard packages. The closing date for applications are the 27th of October.
- The Welsh Air Ambulance has launched its community Council appeal of 2023.
- As a council we have been invited to offer charitable donations. Welsh Air Ambulance is willing to go through a grant application process.
- The older Peoples commission has launched a campaign survey to capture information. From older people in the community regarding their experiences of their local GP practices. The survey is readily available on line with the closing date being the end of November 2023.

b. Defibrillator Installation

The new cases are with Channel Electrical awaiting installation.



- c. Memorial paving and new displays**
The installation of new paving around the St Nicholas Memorial is on hold due to the time of year. Wreath stands ordered.
- d. Remembrance Sunday**
Wreaths and other items have been ordered.
- e. Bonvilston Noticeboard**
Snap frames to hold notices are ready to be installed.
- f. Quotes for landscaping works**
Awaiting quotes.

10. Correspondence

None

11. Matters not on the agenda – Discussion Forum

- There is still no confirmation on what will become of the small school, St Nicholas.

12. Finances

- a. Quarter 2 bank reconciliation**
Deferred
- b. Quarter 2 budget vs actual**
Deferred
- c. To approve payments**

Scheduled Payments

- Adobe – Acrobat DC – £19.97 (card)
- PR Accountancy – Monthly payroll – £10 (direct debit)
- Enwau – Clerk email address – £10.26 (card)
- Clerk salary – £639.16

Cheque payments

- Cllr Ian Perry – Expenses – £43.94
- Cllr Ian Perry – Stationary/office – £257.90

Further purchases will be made for Remembrance using the Financial Regulation 4.3

Proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Sexton



13. To receive Planning Decisions and updates on planning matters

a. Non determination of planning application

The Vale Council received notification of tree works in a Conservation Area in the form of a planning application. As the matter was not determined within 6-weeks, it had instead been marked “INVALID - awaiting info”, the applicant was able to proceed with the works.

b. Retrospective planning applications at Duffryn Close

A planning consultant has been engaged by the Community Council.

14. To consider Planning Applications and matters

a. Oaklands Solar Parc Consultation

Concerns:

Cumulative impact – are all current and proposed sites being considered?

Cumulative impact – on farming, leisure activities and historic landscape?

Uncertainty on the impact on local ecosystems.

b. Parc Dyffryn Solar Parc Consultation

Concerns:

- Working hours and noise – particularly Saturday
- Damage to ground/soil during construction.
- What grade will the soil be after compaction and what type of agriculture will the land be fit for? Forestry?
- Would the land be suitable for arable and livestock farming when solar panels are removed?
- Will right turns be allowed into the site?
- Will fully accessible year-round footpaths be provided?

c. Parc Dyffryn Solar Parc Consultation

The council maintained its objections to the change of roof tiles and is supportive

d. 13, Dyffryn Close, St. Nicholas Removal of existing defective render and re-rendering (Tyrollean finish)

e. 4, Dyffryn Close, St Nicholas Removal of existing defective render and re-rendering (Tyrollean finish)

The council considered planning applications for 2, 4, 12 and 13 Duffryn Close together. The Community Council would like the applicant (Vale of Glamorgan Council) to restore original feature of the properties (black facias, rainwater goods, & decorative gable ends) whilst the proposed work is being undertaken.

15. To consider

a. Review of polling stations

No changes proposed for St Nicholas or Bonvilston. No comment to make.

b. Relocation of St Nicholas defibrillator

The school will no longer host a defibrillator for the community. A resident has been approached and is open to installation of the case on their garage wall.

The council resolved to relocate the defibrillator to Fernley by the village green.



Proposed Cllr Perry, seconded Cllr Harris.

c. Defibrillator Memorandum of Understanding

It was resolved to use the Memorandum of Understanding as circulated prior to the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Clarke, seconded Cllr Sexton

d. Heritage Street Lighting

It was resolved for the community council to pay for street light heads to be upgraded around the Conservation Areas when opportunity arose at a cost to the Community Council of about £700 per head. The new heritage heads will have a warmer light and the poles will be painted black. Comment was made that the front of the new school frontage in St Nicholas isn't in keeping with a Conservation Area.

Proposed Cllr Farkasovska, seconded Cllr Sexton

e. Community Surgery/Coffee Morning

It was agreed to organise a Saturday coffee morning as soon as possible.

16. Next Meeting

November 1

