



**Minutes of the Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council,
on Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 19:30.**

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

Present: Chairman : Councillor Ian Perry.
Councillors : Andrew Brown, Emma Del Torto, Jane Griffiths, Gill
Rawson and Ken Ward.

In Attendance:

Councillor J Bird, Ward Member, Vale of Glamorgan Council;
Representative of Cenin Renewables;
Members of the Public.

*These Minutes were completed by the Locum Clerk on 30th April 2021 from a 'Zoom'
recording provided by the Chairman.*

Item 1: To receive Apologies for Absence.
None received.

Item 2: Co-option of Member.
The Chairman introduced Mr Phillip Moss to the Members. Mr Moss
had expressed a desire to join the Council.
Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Griffiths and
resolved that Mr Phillip Moss be co-opted onto St Nicholas with
Bonvilston Community Council representing St Nicholas Ward. The
Chairman welcomed Councillor Moss to the Community Council.

Item 3: To receive Declarations of Interest.
No declarations received.

Item 4: Parc Dyffryn Presentation – Celin Renewables.
The Chairman welcomed Mr Martyn Popham to the meeting to talk to
the Members about the proposed solar farm development. Besides the
solar farm, the proposal has several elements to it and information on
the proposals is to be sent out to the community. Far more detail on
these proposals will be presented to the Community Council at a future
meeting.
Mr Popham advised that he is from the local area and therefore has
local knowledge. The planning process for the development is
expected to take approximately two years. Mr Popham invited the
Members to ask questions on the project.
Mr Popham was asked if an event to inform the residents could be held
as the community has previously been concerned at the lack of
consultation.

It was appreciated that this was difficult at present due to Covid 19 but it was intended to hold a series of consultations at a later stage in the process.

The Company is keen to engage with the public and to listen to their views.

Mr Popham was asked about the effect of the proposal on transport in the community. It was confirmed that construction traffic will require access to the site from the A48 via the Link Road for some 3 to 4 months. Construction traffic through St Nicholas Village should be negligible.

Mr Popham was asked whether there would be any benefits to the local community. It was confirmed that there should be a number of positive aspects as the project will include footpaths including from the A48 to Dyffryn House; education; access to the land etc.

The Chairman thanked Mr Popham for his presentation and requested that he stay in touch with the Community Council.

Item 5: To consider Police Matters.

The Chairman gave a report on crime figures to the Members:

Figures for St Nicholas – 1 report of concern for safety;
8 reports of violence against the person;
1 Covid related Anti-social behaviour;
1 abandoned vehicle at Trehill.

Figures for Bonvilston - 1 report of suspicious behaviour on 2nd August;
2 reports of violence against the person;
1 case of fraud;
1 incident of theft on 29th September;
1 Road Traffic Collision on 2nd July.

Item 6: To receive the report of the County Councillor.

Vale of Glamorgan Councillor J Bird presented his report to Members:

- Planning Application for new school in St Nicholas to go to Planning Committee in November. There are major issues with regard to traffic and pedestrian access. The proposed one-way system is considered to be unworkable. Councillor Bird requested that any objections, as well as being reported to the Planning Committee, are also reported to him.
Councillor Bird advised that if any Members of the public wish to speak at the Planning Committee meeting, there is a time limit of 6 minutes and therefore it is advisable to choose 2 people to speak for 3 minutes each. Those wishing to do so need to register. Councillor Bird agreed to send a link to the agenda and corresponding papers to those attending.
- WelTAG work consultation continuing regarding the train line station at junction 34.
Residents have mixed views regarding the road. Motorists are in favour but others have concerns with regard to ecology.
- The Council is working to assist with issues due to Covid. Those isolating can receive a delivery service which can be arranged via Councillor Bird.

- Recycling centres are closed during the firebreak lockdown and appointments already made will be rearranged.
- Fly tipping continues to be an issue. Any fly tipping incidents to be reported to the Vale Council and to Councillor Bird.

Item 7: To approve the Minutes of the
a. EGM held on Thursday 20th August 2020.
 To be printed and circulated to Members.

b. Meeting of 7th September 2020.
 To be printed and circulated to Members.

Item 8: Matters arising from the Minutes.
 No matters arising.

Item 9: To receive updates on Projects and Other Matters.
a. S106 Report.
 S106 monies of £1.3 million received from Acorn Developments for building works in Bonvilston. Some monies have been utilised by Welsh Water to upgrade waste water plant. There is work to be carried out on a footpath from Cae Newydd to St Nicholas.

Item 10: Correspondence.
a. David Mackie – Public Art Project at Cae Newydd completed.
 Landscape work to be completed shortly.

b. Request for Allotment Provision.
 8 residents have now requested allotments. Members discussed possible sites including derelict land off Dyffryn Lane although there is some Japanese knotweed in the field. Councillor Bird advised that he has a contact who can eradicate the knotweed usually within 3 years. Members acknowledged that they have a duty to provide allotments if at all possible. Councillor Perry asked Members to give the matter consideration for discussion at a future meeting.

Item 11: Public Participation.
 No matters discussed.

Item 12: To receive updates from Other Meetings attended.
 Councillor Perry reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Community Liaison meeting where an update on crime figures and incidents was given.

Councillor Perry reported on a recent meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the local committee of One Voice Wales where the following items were discussed:

- Bench marking.
- The success of the Heritage Fund of the National Lottery.
- Wildlife planting carried out by Keep Wales Tidy and funded by the Welsh Government.

Item 13: To receive updates on Planning Applications.

No updates.

Item 14: To consider Planning Application and Matters.

a. St Nicholas CIW School – 2020/00874/RG3

Members discussed the recent Planning Application for a new St Nicholas Church in Wales School and raised the following points:

- The School Governors have received no updated information.
- Transport assessment includes suggestion of a pedestrian access via the Eastern junction into the village to provide a link to the bus stop and concern at the proposed exit point onto the A48.
- Informal one-way system through St Nicholas via a TRO.
- Footways through the village including a 2-metre wide footway in front of the church, a crossing around the corner and a 2-metre-wide footpath across in front of the church with a crossing and a 2-metre-wide footpath in front of the school plus barriers in front of the school.
- Walking bus from Cae Newydd.
- 2 sets of zig zags in front of the school.
- Single exit out of St Nicholas considered to be very dangerous
- Insufficient parking for parents to pick up children at the end of the school day.

All were urged to read the addendum attached to the Transport Assessment.

Figures regarding number of vehicles conflicts within the Assessment. The link to the document was provided to Members.

It was made clear that the current application being discussed was a full application with many documents attached.

Resolved that the Community Council should object to the planning application, in relation to the traffic, architecture, Conservation Area, sports field, roof line and development in the countryside.

Letter to be sent to the Vale Council as soon as practicable with assistance from Councillor Moss.

Agreed that the Community Council should send a representative to the Planning Committee Meeting to speak with one spokesman from the village as there will only be 6 minutes to speak. It was noted that the public must register with the Planning Committee to speak at the meeting. Furthermore, anyone wanting to attend the meeting but not speak will also need to register.

Councillor Bird to send link to Councillor Perry advising how to register to speak or attend the Planning Committee Meeting.

b. Wellesley House, Bonvilston – 2020/00927/FUL

To erect a single storey extension to the rear of the property to provide additional living space – **No objection.**

c. Pen Bedw, Bonvilston – 2020/01143/FUL

Construction of a single storey contemporary glazed orangery extension to the rear of an existing double storey residential property –
No objection.

d. Benacre, Cowbridge Road, St Nicholas – 2020/01132/FUL

Raise the roof height of existing roof to create first floor, front gable extension and rear dormer. Some concerns to the change of the elevations of the property. Agreed to make some comments although none were specified.

e. 99 Cae Newydd, St Nicholas – 2020/01172/FUL

Construction of a single storey contemporary glazed orangery extension to the rear of a double storey single occupancy residential property.

No objection.

Item 15:

To consider:

a. M4 (Junction 34) to A48 highway proposal

- In consultation.
- Lot of public interest.
- Mixed views in Pendoylan.
- Potential to reduce traffic through St Nicholas and Bonvilston.
- Concerns expressed regarding the traffic study.
- Adjourned discussion until December meeting.

b. Public Housing Matters

A number of tenants of Vale of Glamorgan Council properties had contacted Councillor Perry regarding damp and mould issues within their properties. Condensation has ruined carpets etc. 'Patch up jobs' have been carried out but either these have not solved the issues or have created new ones.

Proposed by Councillor Perry that under the Power of Wellbeing Act, the Community Council commissions an independent damp specialist surveyor to survey the properties by carrying out a whole house survey and ascertain the cause of problems with the properties. The Vale of Glamorgan Council has carried out its own surveys on the properties but these are not available for public viewing. Councillor Perry obtained three quotes in the sums of £110, £120, and £195 per dwelling.

Members debated the matter at length and the proposal was not supported.

It was thought that this is a matter that should be dealt with by the Vale of Glamorgan Council as landlords of the properties, so advice was sought from Councillor Bird.

Councillor Bird agreed to take the matter up with the Housing Department on behalf of the tenants involved, once they had given him permission to do so. It was noted that some of the solutions were not permissible due to a number of the properties being in the Conservation Area.

c. Remembrance Sunday

Members discussed Remembrance Sunday Commemorations which have been affected by Covid. There is no Church organised service and no Bugler will be required.

Resolved to purchase two wreaths, one for each village memorial, at a maximum cost of £25 each.

d. Verge Markers for St Nicholas

There are currently 14 white plastic bollards in front of the church in St Nicholas and it was Council's intention to have more to prevent parking on the grass. Highways have quoted £125 to complete the row of bollards in front of the church; they cost £5.95 each and it was suggested that Council could install the bollards 'in house'.

Councillor Bird stated that the standard of the bollards has to be approved by Highways plus liability insurance would be required by the persons installing the bollards so a professional should be engaged. Furthermore, Conservation Area approval should be sought.

Resolved that the Council follows the advice of Councillor Bird and Councillor Perry will obtain three quotations for the work to be completed by a professional person or company.

Resolved that the opinion of 'Ger y Llan' residents should be sought with regard to installing bollards in their area.

e. Use of logo on village name signs

Councillor Perry had spoken to Mike Clogg of Highways regarding the logo on the village signs and Mr Clogg had quoted £1,000 per sign.

Resolved that stickers with the logo should be purchased 'in house' at a cost of £84.

f. Community Ward Boundaries

Boundary Commission Review currently being carried out and comments required as soon as possible. The current boundaries are historical and confusing.

Resolved that Councillor Perry will draw up a response with the assistance of Councillor Brown.

g. Remote Platform and Plan

Councillor Del Torto confirmed that she was prepared to carry on hosting 'Zoom' through her account for the use of meetings by the Community Council.

Item 16: To discuss:

a. Access to St Nicholas Defibrillator

The defibrillator is stored at St Nicholas CIW School and the school gates are locked during school opening times, at present, due to Covid. When school is closed, the gates are open so access is possible to get to the defibrillator. Councillor Del Torto was asked to enquire if the Council wish to remove the defibrillator to ease access during the school day.

Resolved that the defibrillator remains in situ as there are people in the school during the time the gates are locked, who can allow access to the equipment.

b. Wild Bulb Planting

Volunteers have come forward to assist. Highways require a plan of the proposed planting scheme. Some planting has been carried out. Purchase of some tools is required at an approximate cost of £22. More volunteers are welcome and social distancing needs to be observed.

c. Phone Box Refurbishment

Members discussed the phone box refurbishment. It was agreed that professionals should carry out the painting. There were concerns about damp damage to the books inside the phone box. Councillor Del Torto will seek three quotations for painting the phone box.

Item 17: Announcements.

It was reported that Mr Terry Clarke of Duffryn Close and Mr Martin Truran of Ger y Llan had recently died. Councillor Del Torto agreed to send the Community Council's condolences to the families.

Item 18: Exclusion of the Press and Public.

Resolution under Standing Order 10a(xi)

"That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, that the public be temporarily excluded and be instructed to withdraw for the duration of the next item"

**Item 19: To consider the support needs of the Community Council and the vacancy of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
See Appendix 1.**

Item 20: Date and time of next Meeting.

Monday 2nd November 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

These Minutes were approved at the meeting of May 10, 2021



Cllr Ian Perry
Chair