



Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council, on Monday 6th September 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 P Moss, Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr S Curien, Cllr C Hunt, Cllr M Sims, Cllr G Rawson.

ALSO, PRESENT:

MAR Governor: Geoff Howell
Residents: RE & JB (joined from item 5)

1. Chair's welcome and introductions

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:30, confirmed quorum, and welcomed Members and the MAR Governor

2. To receive apologies for absence

None.

3. To receive declarations of interest

None.

4. Co-option of Member

The Chair announced that the Community Council has been authorized to coopt a resident to fill the vacancy for the Bonvilston Community Ward

Cllr I Perry announced the untimely passing of Rob Manley of St Nicholas and condolences for his family

5. Police Matters

PCSO Owain Reynolds had emailed the following information to the Chair:

31/08/2021 – Road Traffic collision (RTC). Redway Road, Bonvilston.

30/08/2021 – Shed burglary Duffryn Close St Nicholas.

Occurred around 02.36hrs on the 29/08/2021 – Black bike stolen from Shed (CUBE HYDE PRO 2016)

17/08/2021 – RTC between bus and car near Cottrell Park. Seems to be in a lane.

10/08/2021 – Operation SNAP. Driving without due care and attention. Fixed penalty notice.

08/08/2021 – Report of ASB. Drone being flown over an address. Reporting person thought it was filming them in the garden.

06/08/2021 – RTC Car vs Bike. Car doing U-turn near Bonvilston. Hit a cyclist.

06/08/2021 – RTC on Redway Road. Lorry vs Car. It might come up on the next stats, but I would like to raise awareness of the below.

Black bags have been fly tipped all the way up Redway Road. The Vale Council have been notified and cleared away the bags. PCSO Owain Reynolds found a few letters within the bags with a name and address on them, and the council is taking this forward for prosecution.

PCSO Owain Reynolds has attended an incident in fields off Redway Road (September 1). Someone deliberately damaged 60 bales of Hay by cutting the wrapping and netting on them with no other reason than to cause financial loss to the owner.

For the entire Wenvoe Ward, there were 53 incidents created on the Police system. As before, this includes Culverhouse Cross, Wenvoe and other surrounding areas.



6. Vale of Glamorgan Council Matters

a. Garden material collection

The Vale Council have asked that green sacks that are not collected by the end of Sunday are removed from the footway. There is a national shortage of qualified drivers and many councils are struggling to employ people to undertake collections.

Cllr J Griffiths reported that hers had been collected earlier that day.

The previous Monday, other green sacks had been collected.

It's perhaps best just to leave green sacks out until they are collected.

b. Traffic Regulation Order at Cottrell Gardens

No objections.

c. St Nicholas CIW School

A resident has reported that drawings have been completed for a new school at St Nicholas. The Vale Council say that these are still draft, and that no decision has been taken.

The MAR Governor advises that no final decision had been reached on whether to move the school to an alternative site, or build a 126-place school on the existing site.

Cllr C Hunt raised safety concerns with the street outside the little (reception) school, but said that the school in the centre of the village should be at the heart of the community.

Cllr I Perry is trying to set up a meeting of Members of the Community Council with C21st Schools, so that there is engagement, community influence on decision-making, and some community buy-in.

Cllr P Moss raised the possibility of holding a Community Council meeting at the school - and this might help to "mend bridges". Cllr M Sims agreed.

The MAR Government said there appears to be no letting policy, so this probably needed to be raised with the Governors at their next meeting on September 30.



7. To approve the Minutes of the

- a. EGM held on Monday, June 7

To approve:

Proposer – Cllr J Griffiths

Seconded – Cllr G Rawson

Approved.

- b. EGM held on Monday, July 6

To approve:

Proposer – Cllr P Moss

Seconded – Cllr M Sims

Approved.

- c. EGM held on Monday, July 19

To approve:

Proposer – Cllr S Curien

Seconded – Cllr P Moss

Approved.

- d. EGM held on Monday, August 9

To approve:

Proposer – Cllr J Griffiths

Seconded – Cllr M Sims

Approved.

Minutes of the August 31 EGM will be considered at the next meeting.

8. Matters arising from the Minutes

None



9. To receive updates on completed & actioned projects

Community Engagement – there will be a physical meeting of the working group to make progress. Planning issues have consumed considerable resource.

Internal Audit – ongoing.

Employment of a Clerk – the first interview session wasn't successful. Cllr S Clarke was volunteered, in her absence, to oversee the recruitment process due to her professional expertise.

Solar farms – Cllr Moss announced that meetings with MS's had been agreed, along with site visits.

Village gateway sign – the Community Council previously resolved to take responsibility for cleaning and eventually replacing the gateway (village name) signs. The St Nicholas and 30mph signs on the A48 approaching St Nicholas form Cardiff was removed in August.

It was agreed to contact Michael Clogg (Highways Authority), who is very responsive to emails, to find out what he knew about the removal of the signage.

+ Following the meeting it was learnt that Welsh Water had removed the signs without the knowledge of the Highway Authority.

Accessible gate to footpath at Trehill – there is no information on how this project has progressed, so the Chair will follow up with the Vale Council.

10. Correspondence

Weeds growing through footway (Bonvilston) – Reported to the Highways Authority, and the Community Council to keep an eye on this.

Noise and parking related to the Red Lion – Cllr Perry explained the issues some residents had reported. Cllr C Hunt said it was something to monitor, but the events that had attracted a high number of people are rare occurrences.

Parc Prison – are looking for new Members for their Independent Monitoring Board

St Nicholas Community Path – the letters published on the Community Council website were sent to the council in 2018. The residents will receive an acknowledgement of their correspondence and an update.

11. Public participation

None.



12. Finances

The VAT Return has been completed and sent for a refund – £898.68.

Payment to DCK Accounting Solutions of £850

Proposer: Cllr Griffiths

Seconded: Cllr C Hunt

Approved

13. To receive updates from other meetings attended

None.

It was agreed that Members may go on the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference.

New Members were reminded of the need to attend Code of Conduct Training.

14. To receive updates on planning matters

There were no comments on the planning decisions circulated with the agenda.

15. To consider Planning Applications

a. Bonvilston Village Green, Maes y Ffynnon.

Cllr I Perry informed Members that the application had gone to determination at the planning committee meeting of September 1, and the vote for approval was lost 6:7.

Cllr C Hunt said the Vale Council was both the applicant and the planning authority - there was tension when the result was announced. What's the point of a vote when the vote goes against the recommendation, members of the committee don't know what to do.

The Community Council is investigating employing planning lawyer.

Cllr I Perry can't find evidence that the Vale Council has dismissed its Equality Duty. The excess of public open space in the Wenvoe Ward comes from Dyffryn Gardens (where there's a charge) and private sports pitches at Wenvoe (which could be discounted like the private golf courses), which isn't what's intended to count as public open space.

Cllr Sims raised Project-0, and the Vale Councils desire for engagement and delivering community environmental projects, whilst building on public space.



Prior to the Planning Committee meeting Cllr Perry circulated a list of LDP and Planning Policy Wales 11 policies that the proposed development was in conflict with.

Cllr P Moss asked why loss of open space wasn't a sufficient reason to give for voting against approval.

Concerns were express that Members of the Planning Committee had been misled.

Cllr P Moss raised the possibility of making a formal complaint, Cllr C Hunt and Cllr I Perry agreed. Cllr Sims agreed that a letter should be send to the Vale Council.

It was agreed to make a written complaint to the Vale Council on how the meeting was conducted, and the information provided to Members of the Planning Committee.

Proposed: Cllr G Rawson

Seconded: Cllr P Moss

b. Old Police Station, Cowbridge Road, St. Nicholas Change of use B1 Offices to D1 Non-Residential (Healthcare)

Cllr M Sims sympathises with the neighbours, as there is a lack of parking throughout the village.

Cllr I Perry said that it was good to have more employment within the village, and residents may use the facility. The building is in a poor state of repair, and the business would result in it being refurbished and maintained.

Cllr P Moss asked about future monitoring of parking. The council acknowledge that in the future, the business may expand creating a significant shortfall, however in the future our reliance on cars and the layout of the road may also change in the future.

Cllr P Moss stated support for the applicant's desire to restore building and run a business if parking ok. All other present Members of the Community Council agreed.

The Community Council resolved, with agreement of all Members present, to write a letter of support for the planning application.



c. 10, Dyffryn Close, St. Nicholas

See 12 Duffryn Close.

d. 12, Dyffryn Close, St. Nicholas

It was agreed to respond to the consultation on the basis of the planning authority needing to ensure that planning law is applied equally in their decision-making. The issues include:

- Lack of Heritage Impact Assessment
- Similar applications for dwellings in Conservation Areas have been refused due to planning law and policy. Cllr I Perry gave examples including of the chimneys on a bank in the Penarth Conservation Area.

Cllr I Perry voiced dismay that the Vale of Glamorgan Council had acted unlawfully, and set a bad example.

Cllr Hunt said there was precedent in refusal of permission for changes in Conservation areas.

Cllr P Moss the laws the law, and comment needed to be made and the council had acted wrongly – a point of principle that could not be put right by retrospective planning application.

The Community Council agreed to submit a response to the consultation in respect to precedence and Conservation Area law.

Proposer: Cllr J Griffiths

Seconded: Cllr C Hunt

Cllr C Hunt excused herself from the meeting

e. Doghill Farm, Dyffryn

Whilst dismay was expressed that an application has been made to change conditions of approval, the council recorded no objection.

Cllr M Sims left the meeting



16. To consider

a. Remembrance Sunday

It was agreed to purchase wreaths as usual and more lamppost poppies

b. Halloween and Christmas decorations

Cllr Rawson requested to discuss Christmas decorations at the next meeting. The Chair explained the lead time in delivering planters was lengthy, and a decision was necessary at this meeting to ensure delivery before December.

Cllr I Perry stated that there was budget for an additional planter for a Christmas tree for Bonvilston. Cllr J Griffiths said that there was an imbalance with St Nicholas having three and Bonvilston none.

It was resolved to purchase an additional planter.

Proposer: Cllr J Griffiths

Seconded: Cllr S Curien

c. Retaining wall along the A48

Cllr I Perry explained that a survey had revealed the walls are in poor repair. No one wants ownership of the wall.

It was resolved that the Community Council will write to the Vale of Glamorgan Council asking them to determine ownership and ensure the wall is maintained.

d. Highway obstruction under Section 130(6) of the Highways Act (1980)

Overgrowth and poor and broken surface S136 is a formal way to address the problem

Cllr J Griffiths reported that her father was unable to get his mobility scooter along the footway to the Red Lion. He only used his mobility scooter once due to obstructions of the footway, including overgrown hedges.

Cllr I Perry reminded Members that the Vale Council has a statutory duty to ensure the footway is clear of obstruction.

It was resolved to serve S130(6) on the Vale of Glamorgan Council

Proposed: Cllr S Curien

Seconded: Cllr J Griffiths

e. Tools for clearance of Public Rights Of Way

Deferred to October



17. Election of Vice Chair

Deferred to October

18. Announcements

None.

19. Next Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2021.

Meeting closed at 21:30

These Minutes were approved at the meeting of October 5, 2021



CLlr Ian Perry

Chair

