

St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council held at Trehill Hall on Monday 4th December 2017 at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr K Fuller (Chairman) Cllr P Fisher
Cllr C Jones Cllr I Perry
Cllr G Rawson Cllr K Ward
Cllr N Annetts

[1] **APOLOGIES:** Cllr J Grffiths

[2] **CONDOLENCES:** Gwyneth Cule; funeral to be held on Monday 11th December, 12pm at St. Nicholas Church.

[3] **THE MINUTES** of the previous meeting of 6th November 2017 which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed. *Clerk to note 'Approved' on section 10 'Results of Previous Planning Applications'.*
Prop NA Sec KW

[4] **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** (a) Further to an email received from Carol Price, Cllr Fuller confirmed that both representatives from the VoG Council and Hafod Housing were unable to attend the meeting tonight due to unforeseen circumstances. Cllr Fuller asked the Clerk to email Carol Price and invite them to the meeting in either January or February 2018. (b) Cllr Fuller shared that he and Cllr Fisher met with Hannah Dineen from the Creative Rural Communities team to discuss the forthcoming Communities Mapping Event. Hannah is happy with the proposed plans for the event, Cllr's Fuller and Fisher confirmed that no further funding for resources is required. The event will take place on Saturday 20th January 2018, at the Reading Room in Bonvilston. Members of the community can 'drop-in' at any time between 10am – 3pm. Cllr Fuller encouraged Councillors to use their best tools to help generate ideas on the day. Cllr Fisher has created a poster for the event, which will be circulated within the community and displayed on both notice boards. A survey will need to be created, via Survey Monkey. Cllr Bird suggested asking Hannah Dineen to create the survey. **Cllr Fuller to contact Hannah Dineen.** Paper copies of the survey will be made available for those who do not have access to the internet. The survey will be aimed at people who live in the community and visit the area. People taking part in the survey will be required to provide a postcode, so that a better understanding of who lives in the community and who visits the area can be established. Cllr Fuller asked that all Councillors attend the event, attendance for the whole day is not required. (c) Five Mile Lane, Cllr Bird to confirm information later in the meeting. (d) Further to the concerns raised by Cllr Perry at the November meeting, Cllr Bird made contact with Michael Clogg who received confirmation from Paul Gray, Routine Maintenance & Street Light Manager, VoG, that the fencing and earth bund at the new development site in St. Nicholas are temporary, as is the grass and other features. The earth bund will be removed shortly and replaced with a welfare cabinet. This will see the knee-high fence moved back to accommodate the kerbing and shared footway/cycle path.

[5] POLICE MATTERS: PC Dan Rees was unable to attend the meeting tonight. PC Rees confirmed with the Clerk that there had been no crimes reported for St. Nicholas or Bonvilston during November.

[6] LICENSING: No Licensing Applications

[7] URGENT BUSINESS: Cllr Fuller confirmed that an error had been made when confirming the Clerks hourly rate at the beginning of her employment, following changes made to the increments in April 2017. The correct hourly rate is £10.09 and therefore the Clerk is entitled to a back payment. Cllr Fuller confirmed that the correct hourly rate for the Clerk at present should be £10.74, which is effective from the date of this meeting. ***Clerk to workout correct back payment.***
Prop PF Sec GR

[8] CORRESPONDENCE:

- Hannah Dineen, from the Creative Rural Communities team, will be holding an event to explore opportunities to bring redundant and underused buildings in the rural Vale back into use for business purposes. The event is to be held at St. Donats Art Centre on Wednesday 17th January 2018. ***Clerk to email link to Councillors and display information on the notice boards and Council website.***

[9] TO ACCEPT REPORTS FROM:

(a) County Borough Councillor –

- **(a)** Cllr Bird confirmed that the contracts have been issued for the work on the Five Mile Lane. Work will commence February 2018. The archeological site is due to close in March. The quotes provided for the work should come in under budget, Cllr Bird anticipates that the surplus funds will be used to carry out further work on the road from Pendoylan to Sycamore Cross. A budget is currently being set, Cllr Bird to provide further information as and when it becomes available. There will be a 5% reduction in funding by the Welsh Government. Cllr Bird anticipates that there will be an increase in Council Tax of 2.8%, an explanation will be provided for residents. **(b)** it would appear funding for the school in St. Nicholas has been granted, subject to the business case standing up to scrutiny. Cllr Fuller shared that Alan Cairns paid a visit to the school w/c 27th November and was concerned about the state in which the school was in. **(c)** Finances for the benches (to replace the benches which had been stolen from the village green in St. Nicholas) has now been made available. Cllr Bird confirmed the benches are sturdy and will be expected to remain in excellent condition for 30+ years.

(b) Community Councillors –

- **Cllr Fisher (a)** attended the WelTAG meeting, held on 30th November 2017, to discuss the potential options for the proposed works from Junction 34 (M4) to Sycamore Cross, including the Pendoylan Corridor to access Cardiff Airport. Cllr Fisher has requested a copy of the presentation. Cllr Bird to chase and forward to the Clerk, for distribution with the minutes. **(b)** Cllr Fisher shared that residents of Bonvilston have raised queries regarding the lack of street lighting in Bonvilston past midnight. Cllr Bird confirmed that due to the lighting being non-LED, the lights will be turned off at midnight. Cllr Bird further shared that the VoG Council hope to convert 85% of non-conventional street lighting to LED over the next 12 months. **(c)** Cllr Fisher would like

to know who issued the contract for the recent roadworks on the A48. Cllr Fisher has emailed BT Open Reach directly, due to the amount of rubbish left in the area once the work had finished. Cllr Bird advised Cllr Fisher to complain directly via the Highways department, and that payment should have been requested from the contractor if the Reading Room carpark was used to park their vehicles. **(d)** Cllr Fisher asked who was the best contact for Broadband in Bonvilston, due to connections being lost which is making residents unhappy. Cllr Fisher has emailed Alan Cairns, but has received no response. Cllr Bird provided Cllr Fisher with a contact. **(e)** Cllr Fisher is pleased to announce that Bonvilston has a new bin, which has been placed next the notice board at the top of Maes Y Ffynon.

- **Cllr Rawson** – None
- **Cllr Ward** – None
- **Cllr Annetts** raised concerns of other vehicle users tailgating on the A48 through Bonvilston and St. Nicholas. Although the speed limit is 30 mph, motorists seem to be driving between 30-40 mph. Due to the lack of speed awareness in the area, are calming measures needed, possibly using 106 money? Councillors have noticed a mobile speed van being used, although this does appear to be an ongoing issue which needs to be monitored.
- **Cllr Perry** - None
- **Cllr Jones** – None
- **Cllr Fuller** – None

(c) Reports on outside bodies –

- **Cllr Rawson** – None
- **Cllr Jones** - None

(d) The Clerk - None

(10) RESULTS OF PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- **2017/00974/ADV Redrow Homes, Land to East of St. Nicholas:** Display of marketing signs for Redrow Homes housing development comprising 9 x freestanding signs, 1 x sales centre sign and 5 x flags - **APPROVED**

(11) NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

There were no declarations of interest.

- **2017/00409/FUL Redlands Farm, Bonvilston:** Proposed change of Use, from tourist accommodation to rural offices.
- **2017/01182/FUL Tudor Lodge, Bonvilston:** Retention of building, as erected.

(12) PAYMENTS TO APPROVE:

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| • Clerk November Salary | £160.62 | Prop KF Sec PF |
| • Damian McKenna | £660.00 | Prop PF Sec CJ |

(13) BUDGETARY CONTROL: The Clerk confirmed that all receipts and payments to date were within budget and the present balance of the account was £8232.20. The precept for 2018/2019 is to be set in January 2018.

(14) ANY OTHER MATTERS: Cllr Fuller invited Councillors to attend the school community Christmas concert on Friday 8th December at 10am. There will be Carol services held on the following dates:

- 17th December at 2pm in St. Nicholas
- 21st December at 7pm in Bonvilston

(15) NEXT MEETING will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 8th January 2018 at Trehill Hall. Hafod Housing and VoG have confirmed attendance to give a presentation on a Local Lettings Policy.

This meeting closed at 7.55pm.

NAOMI McGARRIGLE.

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Chairman

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Date