

St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council held at Trehill Hall on Monday 5th February 2018 at Trehill.

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

[1] **APOLOGIES:** Cllr J Grffiths, Cllr K Ward

[2] **CONDOLENCES:** None

[3] **THE MINUTES** of the previous meeting of 7th January 2018, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed. **Prop PF Sec NA**

[4] **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** (a) Cllr Fuller confirmed he will cover Hafod Housing and the Local Lettings and Sales Policy under 'Urgent Business'. (b) Cllr Fuller queried with Cllr Bird when the new benches will be installed in St. Nicholas; Cllr Bird confirmed that the purchase of the benches has been actioned, although the VoG are being particularly slow at installing them. (c) The Clerk has made contact with OVW regarding the bespoke Code of Conduct training session. An email has been sent out to all Clerks in the Bridgend, Vale and Cardiff area, which has successfully generated a good amount of interest. After a short discussion, Cllr Fuller proposed to hold the training on Monday 26th March. Cllr Fisher to confirm if the Reading Room can be used as the venue. **ACTION: Clerk to email Wendi Huggett at OVW to confirm suggested date.** (d) Cllr Annetts confirmed that an error had been made in the January minutes; the litter pick in Bonvilston is to be held on Saturday 3rd March, not the 2nd March.

[5] **POLICE MATTERS:** PCSO Rees was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but confirmed via email to the Clerk that no crimes had been reported during January.

[6] **LICENSING:** No Licensing Applications.

[7] **URGENT BUSINESS:** Following the attendance of Hafod Housing and VoG at the January meeting, Cllr Fuller has completed the Local Lettings and Sales Policy on behalf of the Council. Cllr Fuller read the amendments to the Councillors, the Council unanimously agreed to accept the alterations. **ACTION: Cllr Fuller to forward alterations to the Clerk, for submission to VoG/Hafod.**

[8] **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Further to the recent WelTAG stage 2 review meeting, a copy of the report and terms of reference have been agreed and are available for viewing. **ACTION: Clerk to forward a copy of the report with the February minutes.**
- A petition has been put together by members of Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People, which has been given the go ahead by the WA and will hopefully encourage premises

across Wales to improve access for customers with disabilities. **ACTION: Clerk to forward details of the petition with the February minutes.**

- The Vale of Glamorgan passenger transport satisfaction survey 2018 is now available to complete online or paper copies can be completed. **ACTION: Details to be sent out the February minutes.**
- The April meeting date has been moved back a week to Monday 9th, due to the first Monday in April being Easter Monday. **ACTION: Clerk to inform G. Hoskins and to place updated calendar of meetings on both notice boards. Website has been amended.**

[9] TO ACCEPT REPORTS FROM:

(a) County Borough Councillor –

- **(a)** Cllr Bird confirmed that VoG are in the process of setting the final budget for 2018/19. An increase of 3.9% Council Tax is likely, which will balance the current financial year. Cllr Bird expressed this is a very challenging time, with many cuts to be made following tough decisions. Road repairs are being classed as a priority, the VoG is currently negotiating the recycling contract; mixed recycling is to be considered, but hopefully this option will be avoided. **(b)** Cllr Bird confirmed there is no further news on the start of the Bonvilston development. No official start date has been confirmed. **(c)** Cllr Bird shared that the School has been allocated a budget for a partial re-build. Cllr Bird confirmed he is due to meet with the people from the education department, where he will encourage an agreement for a complete new build.

(b) Community Councillors –

- **Cllr Fisher (a)** Following the recent consultation event, Cllr Fisher was pleased to confirm that 23 questionnaires were completed online and 7 hard copies have been submitted to date. Cllr Fuller to check with the School and Church if there are any more to hand in. Cllr Fuller felt the event was positive with a successful turn-out. Hannah Dineen of Creative Rural Communities is pleased with the outcome; 30 is a good turn-out for an event of that size. **(b)** Cllr Fisher shared that pavement clearing had taken place on the left-hand side of the A48 (Cowbridge bound) although further clearing is required in different places. **ACTION: Cllr Fisher to send photographs to Cllr Bird who will then email Emma Reed at VoG directly.**
- **Cllr Rawson** – None
- **Cllr Jones** - None
- **Cllr Perry – (a)** Cllr Perry has received a report from a resident that a dead cow or sheep has been found in a near by field. Questions have been raised with Cllr Perry if the remains should be left where they are; is the carcass a health and safety hazard? The Council unanimously agreed that the livestock owner is responsible for the safe removal of the animal. **(b)** Residents are still reporting issues with the broadband in St. Nicholas. Cllr Bird agreed this is a common issue with BT Internet. **(c)** Residents have raised concerns with Cllr Perry about a horse box, which has been left on the pavement on the A48 outside the police station. The horse box has been there for approximately 2 weeks. The horse box has been left in a dangerous place and is blocking a public right of way, and could also cause a collision should a vehicle need to turn onto the A48 when leaving the police station. **ACTION: Cllr Perry to inform PCSO Dan Rees. (d)** Newly installed street lighting outside the Waterstone development site is causing problems for a resident living opposite the site at night time, due to light

pollution. The resident had telephoned Cllr Fisher prior to the meeting to share their concerns, which Cllr Fisher passed onto the Clerk. The Clerk has emailed Michael Clogg at the VoG, but is still waiting for a response. **ACTION: Clerk to chase Michael Clogg for a response.** **(e)** The owner of 10 Ger y Llan has raised concerns over the close proximity in which Redrow has erected one of their homes to his house, which has caused serious damage to a protected tree on his property. Regulation states that the house should have been built at least 10 meters away from the tree, although there is only approximately 5 meters space. This has caused anger with the resident as he will have to pay for the tree to be removed. As the tree is protected, it will need to be replaced but there is not enough space. Redrow have failed to take this into consideration during the planning process. **(f)** Cllr Perry shared with the Council a plan of the houses which have been sold at the Redrow development site. **(g)** Cllr Perry produced a report of responses from the consultation event; Cllr Fuller requested a copy. **(h)** Cllr Perry queried if the Council is responsible for finding land for allotments. Councillor's are unaware of available land for allotments in the area, and that there are no existing allotments local to St. Nicholas or Bonvilston which residents could use. Cllr Perry asked if land could be found or rented. Cllr Bird confirmed that there is currently no funding available for the Council to buy land. The cost of maintaining the land and ensuring the allotment space is a success would prove to be a financial burden, which would add unnecessary pressure on the Council. Cllr Jones referred to the successful scheme in Pendoylan; could this be an option for the Council? **(i)** Cllr Perry shared his ideas with the Council for an outdoor gym; simple structures which are not expenses to purchase. Cllr Bird raised that the cost to install and maintain the apparatus is very expensive and that strict health and safety standards would also need to be followed. Cllr Perry queried if any of the new development sites would be installing play equipment on their land? **(j)** Cllr Perry has noticed that speeding checks have moved further into the village, where traffic is naturally slower. This is not a like for like comparison when making checks along other sections of the A48. **(k)** Cllr Perry has noticed that the footpaths in St. Nicholas are too narrow, and do not provide enough width for wheelchair users. Cllr Perry shared ideas with the Council on how improvements could be made to public footpaths to make them more wheelchair friendly and generally safer for pedestrians to use.

After a short discussion between Cllr Bird and Cllr Perry, Cllr Bird left the meeting.

(l) Cllr Perry asked if the Community Council could make use of the old Post Office, which will be put on the market in the near future. Residents of St. Nicholas have often raised that they would like to have more amenities in the village. Cllr Fuller raised that parking would be an issue.

- **Cllr Annetts** - None

- **Cllr Fuller** – None

(c) Reports on outside bodies –

- **Cllr Rawson** - Confirmed that the Community Liaison Committee meeting scheduled for 30th January was cancelled. The next meeting is to be held on 21st March. Cllr Rawson to report back to the Council at the April meeting.
- **Cllr Jones** – Confirmed that due to unforeseen circumstances, he was unable to attending the OVW area meeting on the 15th January.

(d) The Clerk - None

[10] RESULTS OF PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- **2017/00689/LBC The Lodge, Cottrell Park, St. Nicholas:** The removal and replacement of the existing apsidal porch to the eastern elevation. The removal of existing ceiling joists to entrance lobby. The removal of existing ceiling joists and replacement with half the floor area replaced to form a gallery and double height space.

[11] NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:
There were no declarations of interest.

- **2018/00043/FUL Homri Farm, Well Lane, St. Nicholas:** Demolition of existing dilapidated extensions to the rear of original farmhouse. Building of replacement extensions to the rear of the building, new double garage to the side of the house and new porch to the front of the house.
- **2018/00071/FUL Pen Bedw, Bonvilston:** Removal of existing garage and construction of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension to enlarge kitchen, provide new lobby and utility room to ground floor, with en-suite and dressing room/bedroom number 4 to the first floor.

[12] PAYMENTS TO APPROVE:

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| • Clerk January Salary | £320.18 | Prop CJ Sec PF |
| • Vale of Glamorgan May Elections 2017 | £125.66 | Prop NA Sec CJ |
| • Heart Internet (Cllr Fisher paid via DD) | £19.18 | Prop KF Sec NA |

[13] BUDGETARY CONTROL: The Clerk confirmed that all receipts and payments to date were within budget and the present balance of the account was £8,712.00.

The quarter ended 31/12/17 bank reconciliation has been completed and Cllr Fisher confirmed he had reviewed this and signed the reconciliation.

The quarter ended 31/12/17 budget review had been completed and previously circulated for discussion at this meeting. The analysis does not suggest any additional budget is required. The Council had no further comments to make and all changes to the budget remained uncontested. *Clerk to update Budget.*

[14] ANY OTHER MATTERS: None

[15] NEXT MEETING will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 5th March 2018 at Trehill Hall.

This meeting closed at 8:40pm.

NAOMI McGARRIGLE.

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Chairman

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