

St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council held at Trehill Hall on Monday 10th July 2018 at Trehill.

PRESENT:	Cllr P Fisher (Chair)	Cllr I Perry
	Cllr K Fuller	Cllr K Ward
	Cllr G Rawson	Cllr J Griffiths
	Cllr A Brown	Charlotte Pugh (VoG Representative)

(Residents J. Beadsworth & T. Parker-Jervis were in attendance as observers)

[1] APOLOGIES: Cllr N Annetts & Cllr C Jones

[2] DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE: Following the recent vote at the meeting on 02.07.18, A. Brown signed his declaration of acceptance. The Council welcomed Cllr Brown to the Council.

[4] VoG S106 REPRESENTATIVE: Cllr Fisher welcomed CP to the meeting. CP provided the Councillors with detailed reports, which included information on the improvements that the new development sites in Bonvilston and St. Nicholas are making and what money has become available through S106 funding. **See appendix 1, 2, 3 & 4.** Spending is legally defined. 35% of the houses on the Redrow site have been allocated to affordable housing; this will bring a public art space and play area to the site. Waterstone Homes have allocated 40% to affordable housing; a ghost island and flash signs have been installed. CP explained it is easier for the development sites to install and make infrastructure changes as part of the Highways agreement. CP explained that due to the waste treatment installation and the Pendoylan development, Bonvilston could not receive S106 money. There will be various triggers as to when money will be received.

CP confirmed that work has started on the development site in Bonvilston; 20% of the site will be allocated to affordable housing and there will be a park built within the site which will serve the whole of Bonvilston. A public space (a park) will be made available on the Redrow site, which will serve the whole of St. Nicholas. A smaller log trail will be built for the use of residents living on the estate. The School in St. Nicholas meets the criteria for Band B funding through the Welsh Government scheme, which will either significantly improve the building the present school building or provide funds for a new school building. Resident T. Parker-Jervis commented that when the School was originally built, there was a space available for public use. The School has since been significantly remodeled; more open space is required which would create opportunities for the community.

CP further explained that once the contribution has been received, the CC will need to work with 3rd parties, as nothing is Council owned, to identify what the best schemes would be for the community.

[4] PUBLIC FORUM: Integrated with Section 3.

[5] COMMUNITY CONSULTATION: Cllr Fisher provided a presentation on the results gathered from the recent community consultation questionnaire. **See appendix 5 & 6.**

Cllr Brown questioned how the survey was advertised. Cllr Fisher confirmed a leaflet drop was completed and the survey advertised via social media. Questionnaires were also distributed via the village shop and Churches in St. Nicholas and Bonvilston. Councillors agreed that communication and engagement is always an issue. Cllr Griffiths added that Button Ride is often left out, hence why a notice board is required in Duffryn Lane.

To conclude, there is evidence that Bonvilston residents would like to have a park and St. Nicholas residents would like a communal space.

[6] OTHER VILLAGE CONSULTATIONS: Cllr Perry presented his report. **See appendix 7.** In addition to Cllr Perry's report, the Council unanimously agreed that better seating at the bust stop must be considered, and possibly incorporated when moving the notice board from the village green.

[7] REVIEW OF MEETING, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT: Following a short discussion on footpaths, the LDP and bids for funding, CP suggested the CC put together a 'wish list' to identify what would be of most value and benefit the residents of St. Nicholas and Bonvilston the most. The Community Council must focus on the everyday needs first. There is a time limit on spending S106 money so the CC need to be realistic and find other ways of finding funding for other projects.

A second consultation will need to be held to meet with residents so that the CC can share feedback from the initial consultation. The outcome of the consultation will then need to be fed back to the Vale.

[8] AOB: None

This meeting closed at 20:50pm.

NAOMI McGARRIGLE.

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Chairman

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Date

