

# St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council held at Trehill Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Trehill.

**PRESENT:** Cllr F Spriggs (Chair) Cllr I Perry  
Cllr K Ward Cllr G Rawson  
Cllr E del Torto Cllr S Thomas  
Cllr A Brown

**ALSO PRESENT:** N. McGarrigle (Clerk)  
The Maes y Ffynnon Residents Association

**Requests for Declarations of Interest:** None

**[1] ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR:** The Clerk requested nominations for the position of Chair. As acting Chair, Cllr Spriggs put himself forward and Cllr Brown nominated Cllr Perry. The Council requested to hold a vote by secret ballot. Cllr Spriggs was elected by a majority.

The Clerk requested nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Cllr del Torto put herself forward, there were no further nominations. Cllr Brown asked Cllr Perry if he wanted to put himself forward, although Cllr Perry declined. The Council unanimously agreed to elect Cllr del Torto.

**Prop ST Sec KW**

**Cllr Spriggs and del Torto signed their declarations of acceptance of office.**

**[2] PUBLIC FORUM:** The MYFRA were in attendance to discuss the progress made by the CC on their decision to support the MYF Village Green application. Councillors had previously been circulated with a report from the Clerk which contained information from OVW, that the CC can spend money under section 111, the Community Council's current financial position, advice from OSS representatives and legal advice from recommended law firms.

Sian Clarke made a suggestion that the MYFRA and CC submit a joint application and make a firm agreement at the beginning of the process to make clear how much money can be given towards the application. It is highly likely that the application will be rejected which will result in a public inquiry. The MYFRA and Community Council can make a joint decision whether or not to proceed to an inquiry, depending on the strength of the application.

Cllr del Torto asked SC how strong the MYFRA feel their evidence is. SC confirmed they are still gathering evidence and making contacts.

The MYFRA are to liaise with their barrister and Planning Aid Wales during the week, to assess their evidence and establish their current chances of success. It was **AGREED** that Cllr del Torto will draft a list questions on behalf of the Community Council, which will be sent to the barrister for answering.

It was **AGREED** that the motion to vote on the Community Councils financial commitment towards the application will be carried over to the April meeting. Cllr Spriggs confirmed that, in principle, the Community Council are committed to assisting the MYFRA with the application.

The MYFRA are to report back to the Clerk once they have received feedback from their barrister.

[3] **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Jones, Cllr Griffiths, CB Cllr Bird

[4] **CONDOLENCES:** None

[5] **THE MINUTES** of the previous Full Council meeting of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed. **Prop ST Sec EdT**

The Clerk confirmed she is awaiting copies of the crime reports presented at the February meeting. Cllr Perry confirmed that PCSO Sian Roberts is currently on sick leave. Cllr Spriggs asked that if police attendance at the next meeting was in doubt, an update via email could be obtained.

[6] **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Clerk's report confirming outcomes of the actions from the February meeting.

[7] **POLICE MATTERS:** Clerk to make contact with PC Stuart Elson for February crime report.

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

[9] **URGENT BUSINESS:**

- a) Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of Cllr del Torto's MAR Governor application forms. There were no applications submitted by St. Georges CC. The Council unanimously agreed to elect Cllr del Torto as the new MAR Governor. Cllr Perry raised concerns about how the election process was initially managed by the previous Chair but that he fully supported Cllr del Torto's application. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk inform J. Sparks at the Vale. **Prop IP Sec ST**
- b) Cllr Spriggs shared a short presentation on the St. Nicholas Paired Comparison Method results, as collated by Cllr's Spriggs and del Torto. Cllr's Thomas and Rawson are to meet and collate the results for Bonvilston, with a view to finalising the Action Plan by April in preparation for the new financial year.
- c) In addition to the public forum, Cllr Perry raised the following points;
  - Cllr Perry requested that the CC make contact with Public Health Wales, to inform them of the proposed works at Maes Y Ffynnon. PHW need to be informed and participate in the consultation. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would make contact with the appropriate department within PHW and requested that they submit comment on the consultation.
  - Cllr Perry suggested that the Community Council make contact with Cardiff University to enquire if they could run a cost benefit analysis on the proposed works at Maes y Ffynnon, to be included in the application or used as evidence as part of the Village Green application. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Perry make contact with the appropriate department at Cardiff Uni. **Cllr Spriggs requested that Cllr Perry cc the Clerk into all email correspondence.**
  - Cllr Perry highlighted that the Future Generations Commissioner must review the PAC report submitted by the Vale in relation to the proposed works at Maes y Ffynnon. Cllr Perry confirmed this is a statutory requirement, the Vale must demonstrate they are working towards the Well-Being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015.
  - Cllr Perry suggested that the MYFRA and CC host a 'Day of Play' in conjunction with the VoG Council, to help promote the use of the Village Green. Full details can be found on the SNBCC Facebook page.
- d) Cllr Spriggs requested that the Council consider amending 6.10 of the Social Media Policy, to state that Councillors are not discussed or mentioned without prior approval. For absolute clarity, legal advice is to be sought from OVW as to whether or not this request can be actioned.

- It was **AGREED** that Cllr del Torto seek advice and report back at the April meeting.
- e) An update on the additional bollards for the Village Green in St. Nicholas is to be provided at the April meeting when Cllr Bird is in attendance.
  - f) Cllr's Thomas and Perry drafted a Grant Making Policy on behalf of the Community Council. Cllr Thomas confirmed that further amendments need to be made to the draft. A copy of the draft policy will be issued in the April meeting pack. Cllr Del Torto was assured by Cllr Thomas that her observations had been received.
  - g) Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of a report by Cllr Perry on Highways and Transport Matters. Cllr Perry provided the Council with a short, verbal presentation and discussed the report in further detail. Whilst the Community Council support Cllr Perry's work and research, Councillors commented that the all agreed work would need to fit the criteria of the Action Plan and be approved by the Community Council before further work takes place. Cllr Thomas agreed to spend some time with Cllr Perry to help gain a better understanding of his research. Cllr Perry confirmed that a more detailed report will be circulated in the April meeting pack and hoped to communicate more with Councillors in between meetings. Until all work has been agreed, Cllr Spriggs requested that no further publications are made by Cllr Perry under the name of the Community Council. Cllr Perry disputed this request, due to his work with Plaid Cymru. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Spriggs seek further advice and report back at the April meeting.

**[10] CORRESPONDENCE:**

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Clerk's report confirming all correspondence. In addition to this, the following information was agreed at the meeting;

- a) The Council had no further comments on proposed street names, made by the Vale, within the new housing development in Bonvilston. Clerk to inform D. Loughman at the Vale of this information.
- b) Link to the IRPW Annual Report, published February 2019 (section 13 relates specifically to Town and Community Councils):  
[Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: annual report 2019 to 2020](#)
- c) The agenda and reports for the Vale of Glamorgan Council meeting, held on 27.02.19, have now been made available for viewing:  
[https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our\\_council/Council-Structure/minutes\\_agendas\\_and\\_reports/agendas/council/2019/19-02-27.aspx](https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/minutes_agendas_and_reports/agendas/council/2019/19-02-27.aspx)
- d) It was **AGREED** that Cllr Perry would draft a response to the latest update from PSECC campaign for 20mph across the wider the Vale. To be included in the April meeting pack.

**[11] TO ACCEPT REPORTS FROM:**

**County Borough Councillor -**

Cllr Bird to provide an update at the April meeting.

**Community Councillors -**

**Cllr del Torto** - None

**Cllr Thomas** - None

**Cllr Brown** - None

**Cllr Perry** shared that the hedge behind Ger y Lan, adjacent to the Redrow Estate, has reduced in size significantly. Cllr Perry will investigate with Redrow and report back to the Community Council at the April meeting.

**Cllr Ward** - None

**Cllr Rawson** - None

**Reports on outside bodies:** None

**The Clerk** - Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Clerk's report in the meeting pack. In addition to this information, the Clerk confirmed the following information:

- a) The Clerks working hours for Community Council are 20 hours per month (main working days Monday's and Friday's).
- b) Cllr's Brown, Perry and Thomas are booked onto the OVW Code of Conduct training on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Clerk to confirm details by email.

**[12] RESULTS OF PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- **2018/00982/FUL Land to the East of St. Nicholas** Replan of plots 51-55  
**Approved 11.02.19**
- **2018/01388/FUL The Old Barn, A48, Bonvilston** Material alterations to the façade and roof, including feature extension.  
**Approved 22.02.19**
- **2018/01423/FUL Sheepcourt Barns, A48, Bonvilston** Demolition of dilapidated outbuilding. Extensions to main barn to form larger bedroom/ensuite bathroom, garaging and ancillary accommodation within new courtyard.  
**Approved 22.02.19**

**[13] NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- **2019/00168/FUL (JK) Dyffryn Gardens, Dyffryn Lane, Dyffryn:** Replacement of existing hard standing with 'Clearwater' recycling system and wash pad area. **No Objection**

**[14] PAYMENTS TO APPROVE:**

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| • Clerks February Salary             | 776 | £277.73               |
| • One Voice Wales 2019/20 Membership | 777 | £109.00               |
|                                      |     | <b>Prop FS Sec ST</b> |

**Receipts:** There were none.

**[15] BUDGETARY CONTROL:**

The Clerk confirmed that all receipts and payments to date were within budget and the present balance of the account was £11,323.13.

**[16] ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER MATTERS:** Cllr Spriggs reminded Councillors to copy the Clerk into all agreed emails to outside bodies.

**[17] NEXT MEETING:** will be held at **7:30** on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April at the Reading Room, Bonvilston.

This meeting closed at 21:25pm.

**NAOMI McGARRIGLE.**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**