



**Minutes of the Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council,
on Monday 7th December 2021 at 19:30.**

**The meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Local Authorities
(Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020.**

Present: Chairman : Councillor Ian Perry.
Vice Chairman : Councillor Sam Cockrell.
Councillors : Emma Del Torto, Jane Griffiths and Phillip Moss.
3 Members of the Public.

These Minutes were completed by the Locum Clerk on 23rd May 2021 from a 'Zoom' recording provided by the Chairman.

- Item 1: To receive Apologies for Absence.**
Councillors Colin Jones, Gill Rawson and Ken Ward.
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor J Bird.
- Item 2: Co-option of Member.**
Members were reminded that there is still a vacancy on the Community Council and that a Member can reside anywhere within the Community Council area and up to three miles 'as the crow flies' from the boundary of the area.
- Item 3: To receive Declarations of Interest.**
None.
- Item 4: To consider Police Matters.**
Crime statistics for Bonvilston and St Nicholas ward October 2020 were given:
Please note all COVID 19 related calls are logged as ASB
4/10/20 – Road Traffic Collision – St Nicholas
6/10/20 – Burglary – Bonvilston
14/10/20 – Violence against the person – St Nicholas
15/10/20 – Anti Social Behaviour – Bonvilston
16/10/20 – Violence against the person – Bonvilston
20/10/20 – Violence against the person – Bonvilston.
- Item 5: To receive a report of the Vale Council Member.**
No report.
- Item 6: To approve the Minutes of the EGM on 20th August 2020 and the Ordinary Meeting of 7th September 2020.**
Item not dealt with.
- Item 7: Matters arising from the Minutes.**
No matters arising.

Item 8: To receive updates on completed and actioned projects.

a. Daffodil Planting.

Reported that the planting of 2,000 Tenby Daffodil bulbs is near completion.

b. Remembrance Sunday.

Wreaths laid, and poppies displayed on lampposts and church and chapel gates.

c. Christmas Trees.

Christmas trees should be in situ by the weekend.

d. Village Name Signs.

Reported that the signs had been cleaned and Community Council logo applied.

e. St Nicholas Water Pumps.

The pumps had been removed temporarily for painting and then returned and attached to new wooden stakes.

Proposed by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Del Torto and **resolved** that some research into the pumps' history is carried out and put onto signs or information boards for residents and tourists' information.

f. Bonvilston – Best Kept Village – tree and railings.

No information.

g. Bench at northern end of Maes y Ffynon.

The wrong bench had been replaced. A new one has been purchased and is to be installed soon.

h. Bonvilston Village Green Application.

It was reported that some residents wish to give evidence at the hearing.

Item 9: Correspondence.

a. Resident concerning footways.

A resident has complained that following the thorn hedge being cut the cuttings have not been swept up to clear the footpath. Matter to be raised with the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

b. Resident concerning footways.

A complaint had been received regarding the lack of 'drop kerbs' in St Nicholas. A list of 14 had been drawn up and sent to the relevant Officer at the Vale of Glamorgan Council for their attention.

c. Resident concerning housing.

Following the debate in October's meeting regarding issues with Vale Council housing in the Community Council's area, the Chairman advised that he had received a letter from a resident of one of the properties asking that the Community Council reconsider their decision not to obtain independent surveyors reports on the properties. The issue was debated at length by the Council once again.

Proposed by Councillor Del Torto, seconded by Councillor Cockrell and **resolved** that the Community Council contacts the Vale Council one more time expressing their serious concerns and requesting that the problems in the housing are investigated and resolved as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Del Torto agreed to write to the Vale Council and asked that Councillor Perry forwarded all the documentation to her to bring her up to date and to attempt to progress the matter.

Item 10: Public Participation.

No matters.

Item 11: To consider matters arising from resident correspondence and participation.

No matters.

Item 12: To receive budget update.

Councillor Perry updated Members:

- A budget had been produced.
- Christmas trees would come in under budget at just below £2,000.
- Bank balance £14,152.83 in the Current account.
- Precept payment due in at the end of the month.
- Funds from work to Village Green last year due in.

Item 13: Payments to approve.

Expenditure on poppies:

- £1.89 on cable ties;
- £30.00 for 10 large lamppost poppies;
- £100.00 for 100 poppies for decorating the memorial and churchyard gates.

Proposed by Councillor Cockrell, seconded by Councillor Griffiths and **resolved** that the payments be approved.

Expenditure on Christmas:

- £975.00 for planters;
- £360.00 for planter surrounds;
- £180.00 for trees;
- £134.91 for lights.

Proposed by Councillor Del Torto, seconded by Councillor Cockrell and **resolved** that the payments be approved.

Item 14: To receive updates from other meetings attended.

No updates.

Item 15: To receive updates on planning applications.

a. St Nicholas School.

Members discussed the business case put forward by the Vale of Glamorgan Council for the proposed new primary school.

Criticism of the existing school cover the uneven sizes of all the classes and the backlog of work required to the building.

The determination of the planning application for the new school is awaited but is delayed due to the weight of opposition to the proposed footways and one-way system. Other sites in the village had been considered and disregarded.

Item 16: To Consider Planning Applications and Matters.

a. Field Cottage, A48, Bonvilston – 2020/01310/FUL

Demolition of existing dwelling and garden outbuilding and erection of one detached dwelling with associated stables and manege.

The Community Council **objected** on the same grounds as the previous objection.

b. 11 Maes y Ffynon, Bonvilston – 2020/01256/FUL

Demolition of existing single storey structure and construction of new double storey rear extension, with balcony.

The Community Council had concerns with regard to the proposed balcony which would overlook neighbouring gardens.

Item 17: To consider:

a. Clerk's e-mail address and website domain.

Due to Welsh Government advice, the Clerk's e-mail address could be amended to:

clerk@stnicholasbonvilston-cc.wales

The cost of this domain name would be £4.40 per month.

Proposed by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Moss and **resolved** that the proposed e-mail address be amended to the above.

Renewal of Domain name due December at a cost of £9.99

Proposed by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Perry and **resolved** that the domain name is renewed for the following 12 months.

A connection fee of £4 per month could be paid to connect the domain name to the Weebly website.

Proposed by Councillor Cockrell, seconded by Councillor Griffiths and **resolved** that the domain name is connected to the Weebly website at a cost of £4 per month.

b. Proposed changes to the roads within St Nicholas.
Previously discussed.

c. Footway outside of Old Village Shop, Bonvilston.

It was reported that there is a long delay in the work to install drop kerbs in the Vale of Glamorgan. It had been suggested by the Vale Council that the Community Council pay the fee of £150 per drop kerb for installation at the layby outside the Village Shop in Bonvilston. The Community Council had refused to pay the fee as this should be covered by Highways.

The Community Council to refer the matter back to the Vale Council with involvement from the Equality Commission.

d. Maintenance of bench at top of Duffryn Lane.

Members discussed the bench, owned by the Vale Council, which had rotted in parts. A Contractor had quoted £600 for its repair, although a Contractor who already carries out work for the Community Council had offered to do a repair for £180.

Proposed by Councillor Cockrell, seconded by Councillor Griffiths and **resolved** that the quotation for repair at a cost of £180 be accepted and the repair work carried out.

e. Work to railings around Bonvilston 'Best Kept Village' tree.
A quotation of £350 had been received for the rails to be cleaned off and then repainted.

Councillor Del Torto agreed to obtain two further quotations.

f. Proposed new road between Sycamore Cross and junction 34, M4.
No matters.

g. Milestones.

The Community Council had been debating purchasing replicas of the milestones for the two villages. Examples were shown to Members which had been produced by a local company at a cost of £400 per milestone. The replicas would be made out of polished concrete. The original milestones would stay in situ with the new ones placed beside them. The Vale of Glamorgan Council had approved the proposal. Proofs would be provided prior to the construction of the milestones. Councillor Moss offered to cast his eye over the proofs.

Resolved to go ahead with the project subject to the approve of the proofs.

h. **Meeting dates for 2021.**

Resolved that all meetings would take place on the first Monday in the month.

Item 18: To discuss:

a. Community Council Projects and Activities 2021-2022.

Members were asked to consider projects and activities for delivery by the Community Council and to ask residents for their suggestions.

Item 19: Announcements.

Councillor Del Torto reported that she intended to raise the issue of the locking of the school gates during school time. Apparently, this was done due to Covid concerns and residents walking dogs in the school fields. A suggestion is to be made to put laminated signs on the school gates advising that dogs not allowed on school premises.

Item 20: Next Meeting.

Next meeting to be held on 4th January 2021.

The Annual Meeting to be held before the end of 2020.

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The public and press may be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) in accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Item 21: Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Community Council.

See appendix 1.

These Minutes were approved at the meeting of June 2, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Perry'.

Cllr Ian Perry
Chair