



**Minutes of the Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council,  
on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 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 : Sophie Curien, Emma Del Torto, Colin Jones, Phillip  
Moss, Gill Rawson and Ken Ward

**In Attendance:** Vale of Glamorgan Councillor, J Bird.  
Six Members of the Public.

*These Minutes were completed by the Locum Clerk (Jackie Griffin) on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
from a 'Zoom' recording provided by the Chairman.*

**Item 1: To receive Apologies for Absence.**  
Councillors Andrew Brown and Jane Griffiths.

**Item 2: Co-option of Member(s).**  
No matters arising.

**Item 3: To receive Declarations of Interest.**  
No declarations received.

**Item 4: Vale Communities for Future Generations.**  
Councillor Bird reported that a meeting is being arranged for 19<sup>th</sup>  
November for the Members to be briefed by the Vale of Glamorgan  
Council on the proposed new road from Sycamore Cross to Junction  
34 of the M4. E-mail to be forwarded in due course.

The Chairperson of the Vale Communities for Future Generations gave  
a briefing to the Members about the group's work and in particular the  
proposed new road. It was noted that Stage 1 and the Consultation  
was flawed. During Stage 2 there were many objections raised.

*At the time of writing these minutes, the whole question of the road has  
been superseded by a decision by the Welsh Government not to fund it  
and as a direct result of this, the Vale of Glamorgan Council cancelled  
the project on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.*

**Item 5: To consider Police Matters.**  
No report.

- Item 6: To receive a report of the Vale Council Member.**
- Councillor Bird confirmed that a meeting is being arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 regarding the proposed link road from Sycamore Cross to Junction 34 of the M4.
  - Councillor Perry queried the Bridleway along the 5-mile lane which currently does not appear on any map and is lacking signage.  
Councillor Bird assured that the Bridleway is in existence and would, at some stage, be identified on future maps and that the appropriate signage would also be put in place and was 'work in progress'.
- Item 7: To approve the Minutes of:**
- a. EGM held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020**
  - b. Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**
- Councillor Perry advised that the minutes would be circulated in due course.
- Item 8: Matters arising from the Minutes.**
- No matters arising.
- Item 9: To received updates on Projects and Other Matters.**
- a. Maes y Ffynnon Village Green Application.**  
The pre-hearing is in December with the enquiry taking place in January 2021 subject to Covid restrictions.
  - b. Remembrance Sunday.**  
There will be no event due to Covid, however residents are encouraged to mark the day from their doorstep. Two wreaths to be collected from Cowbridge to be placed at Memorials but no formal service will take place.
  - c. Licence to Access Old Post Office.**  
Licence has been signed off and the solicitors have been paid.
  - d. Recruitment of New Clerk.**  
Four applicants were to be interviewed but due to one 'pulling out' there would be three applicants interviewed and it was hoped to appoint one before December's meeting.  
Councillor Del Torto advised that there were 24 applicants in all and the Committee should be in a position to appoint by the end of the week.
  - e. Code of Conduct Training.**  
Councillor Moss to undertake Code of Conduct training during the week at a cost of £30.

- Item 10: Correspondence.**  
One Voice Wales had conducted a survey on remote meetings of community and town councils and overwhelmingly the results had been positive. The results of the survey would be fed back and could influence any decision on future meetings being held on a remote basis, post covid pandemic.
- Item 11: Public Participation.**  
No items raised by the public in attendance.
- Item 12: To receive updates on completed and actioned projects.**  
**a. Daffodil planting.**  
Permission had been obtained from the Vale of Glamorgan Council for bulbs to be planted on verges. 2,000 bulbs should be planted within the following few weeks by a few volunteers, numbers of which were restricted due to Covid.
- Item 13: Payments to be Approved.**  
Training payment; bulb planting tools and new magnets for notice boards.  
and  
**Proposed** by Councillor Del Torto, seconded by Councillor Cockrell  
**resolved** that payments be accepted.
- Item 14: To receive updates from other meetings attended.**  
Councillor Del Torto reported on a recent School Governors meeting at which the restrictions due to Covid had presented a number of challenges to school operations and disappointment at delays on decisions regarding the new school building.
- Item 15: To received updates on planning applications:**  
**a. School Consultation Response**  
The response from the Community Council with regard to the new school planning application had been submitted to the Vale of Glamorgan Council and could be viewed on the Council's website.  
  
A member of the public suggested that an opinion from the Emergency Services with regard to access to the school and surrounding properties was sought with the request that they look at the planning application as no view had been obtained by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.  
Councillor Perry agreed to look into the matter and would share any findings with the Council.
- Item 16: To consider Planning Applications and Matters.**  
**a. Stables at Great House (Ty Mawr), Bonvilston – 2020/01180/FUL**  
Installation of solar panels in roof of stables.  
Details of the application had been circulated. Concern was raised that the building had a Grade II listing. It was decided to seek the Conservation Officer's comments on the application and to monitor the application in the meantime.

**Item 17: To consider:**

**a. Community Review.**

The Community Council had one property at Peterston-Super-Ely and four at Dyffryn due to historical boundaries. A request could be made for the Vale of Glamorgan Council to carry out a Community Review to make small adjustments to the boundary. This could mean that the one property could join Peterston-Super-Ely Community Council and the four at Dyffryn could join Wenvoe Community Council. There was also an anomaly at The Downs where three properties belonged to Wenvoe Community Council and the rest came under St Georges with St Brides Community Council.

**Resolved** that Councillor Perry should raise the matter at the January meeting of the Community Liaison Committee meeting.

**Item 18: To discuss:**

**a. Parc Dyffryn Solar Park.**

Councillor Moss raised the Solar Park proposition following the discussion which took place at the October meeting of the Community Council. The proposal was for 65mw, which would be fairly large compared to the biggest in the U.K. of 72mw at Deeside in Flintshire. Parc Dyffryn would be approximately 100 hectares which compares with other local solar parks of 15 and 6.5 hectares. Other projects in the U.K. have 'Community benefits', e.g. Swindon (55mw) gives the community £55k per year for 30 years; in Dorset £18k per year for 25 years. Similarly, in Wales, Treorchy gets £1.8 million per year through grants for 25 years to a community interest company. On a comparable basis, St Nicholas with Bonvilston could get £520,000 per year for 25 years.

Just to make Members aware that there were solar/wind farms in Wales which gave communities significant amounts of money. It was noted that the leaflet giving information from the company proposing Parc Dyffryn mentioned a Woodland Walk and education points.

Councillor Del Torto appreciated being given these facts and acknowledged that the community benefits offered, at present, from Cenin Renewables would seem 'meagre' in comparison, however Councillor Bird pointed out that projects of this nature were heavily subsidised by the Government previously, but that was no longer the case and consequently profitability had been reduced overall.

**Resolved** that a Committee of consisting of Councillors Cockrell, Moss and Perry look into the project and gather further information on the proposed project.

**b. Community Council Projects and Activities 2021-2022.**

Councillor Perry advised that the Council would need to set their budget in January 2021. There should be a budgeting process that take months to prepare and involved looking at projects for the forthcoming year. Suggested that a brainstorming session away from the formal meeting be held. Projects need to be priced up.

Councillor Del Torto asked for it to be noted that all her projects have been delivered but some projects in the past have been too ambitious

and that the projects need to be realistic. It was acknowledged that Covid had affected the delivery of some of the projects. Members discussed engaging with the residents in a consultation process to get the community on board via various means e.g. Facebook, zoom meetings, doorstep (limited due to Covid).

**Item 19: Announcements.**

None.

**Item 20: Next Meeting.**

Next meeting was scheduled for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 19.30.

These Minutes were approved at the meeting of May 10, 2021



Cllr Ian Perry  
Chair