

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council,
held on Thursday 7th of September 2023.**

The meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and the council Standing Orders.

Members present: Cllr I Perry, Cllr A Harris, Cllr C Devonish, Cllr M Sexton.

Also present: Mr P Malone (Clerk), 2 members of the public

Meeting started at 7:30pm

1. Chair's welcome and introductions

The Chair confirmed quorum and welcomed all to the meeting.

2. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr S Clarke, Cllr J Griffiths.

3. To receive declarations of interest

None

4. Co-option of Members

Dr. Maria Farkasovska and Mr. Ivan Forcada Poveda were coopted as members the Community Council.

Proposed Cllr Sexton, seconded by Cllr Harris.

5. Police Matters

The Chair read through the reported police incidents as printed in the meeting agenda documentation. There were no comments.

6. Vale of Glamorgan Council matters

- Vale of Glamorgan Council has exempted Cowbridge Road through St Nicholas from the defaults 20mph speed limit for restricted roads. The speed limit will be set at 30mph despite complaints regarding road noise and the proximity of the school and dwellings.
- There was a discussion on the use of remaining S106 money from developments in St Nicholas for expenditure on "Sustainable Transport" projects.

7. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of August 7

The minutes were approved

Proposed Cllr Sexton, seconded by Cllr Harris

8. Updates from other meetings attended and One Voice Wales

None

9. Clerks' activity report and updates on Community Council projects

a. Clerks report

None

b. Engagement Event

Community engagement event Wednesday 20th of September. Leaflets will be procured and distributed to residents.

c. Defibrillator Installation

Channel Electrical have agreed to install the defibrillators cases as a form of 'Community Benefit' resulting from work carried out for the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

It was resolved to replace the defective defibrillator case at St Nicholas School and purchase two pole mounting kits for the cases – total amount £715+VAT

10. Correspondence

None

11. Matters not on the agenda – Discussion Forum

- Road noise pollution at Cottrell Gardens Bonvilston was raised.
- The use of the Copthorne Hotel by Cardiff City Council to temporarily house homeless families until at least March 2024 was then discussed. The Home Office ended its use of the hotel for evacuees from Kabul and Cardiff Council saw an opportunity to centralise its temporary accommodation for the rising number of homeless families from Cardiff. The centralised location will enable the council to provide better support. Children will continue to attend the same schools

12. Finances

a. Budget Review

None

b. To approve payments Cheque payments

SLCC Enterprises – Locum Clerk – £1,527.54

Cheque number: 100980

Wrights Plastics Snap frames – £59.44 + £11.67VAT = £71.21

Cheque number: 100981

DefibStore – Defib case and 2x post mountings – £846.00

Cheque number: 100982

David Ogilvie Engineering – Remembrance metalwork – £1044.00

Cheque number: 100983

Paul Malone – Clerk Salary – £639.16

Cheque number: 100984



SLCC Enterprises – Locum Clerk – £521.40

Cheque number: 100985

Integrated Graphics – leaflets – £144.00

Cheque number: 100986

Poppy Appeal – wreaths and street poppies – £222.50

Cheque number: 100987

Direct Debit payments

PR Accountancy (August) – Monthly payroll – £10.00

PR Accountancy (September) – Monthly payroll – £10.00

Monthly card payments

Enwau – Clerk email address – £10.26

Adobe – Acrobat DC – £16.64 (new monthly price).

Further purchases will be made for Remembrance using the Financial Regulation 4.3

Proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Sexton

13. To receive Planning Decisions and updates on planning matters

Two planning application had been determined since the agenda was published.

- Plasnewydd, Bonvilston – Proposed alterations to existing front boundary wall to improve visibility and safety entering and leaving existing property – Approved.
- 11, Dyffryn Close, St. Nicholas – Demolition of washhouse and construction of a two-storey side extension with associated works – Approved.

14. To consider Planning Applications and matters

a. 12, Dyffryn Close, St. Nicholas

The council maintained its objections to the change of roof tiles and is supportive of the replacement of the removed chimneys.

b. 10, Dyffryn Close, St. Nicholas

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15. –

16. To consider

a. Employment of a Support and Training Officer

It was resolved to employ an extra officer on a short-term basis through the Local Government Resource Centre (LGRC)

Proposed Cllr Perry, seconded Cllr Sexton

b. Boundary Commission ‘Community Ward’ boundary review proposals

It was resolved to respond to the consultation on the proposals by the Boundary Commission for new Community Ward boundaries. It was felt that



the retail parks at Culverhouse Cross, the new development at the site of the former HTV studios and Twyn yr Odyn (allotments and playing field owned by Wenvoe Community Council) should be part of the new Brooklands Ward. Properties at the top of Lon Haelfaes should be moved from St Georges into the St Nicholas Community Ward. The Council was happy with the proposed changes for the Bonvilston Community Ward.

c. Vale of Glamorgan Council Cabinets decision on Default 20mph speed limit exemption at St Nicholas

There is disappointment with the decision of the Vale Council to exempt Cowbridge Road at St Nicholas from the 20mph default speed limit. The cost of Judicial Review is prohibitive. The council will continue to advocate for improved compliance with the speed limit and action to reduce the level of road noise pollution.

d. Locations of Christmas Trees

It was resolved to install an additional tree at Trehill, by Old Rectory Drive, with other trees being installed as in 2022 at Maes y Ffynnon, Cottrell Gardens, School Lane, St Nicholas green, Cae Newydd and Duffryn Lane – except those trees that were in planters will now go into the ground.

Proposed Cllr Sexton, seconded Cllr Glasson

e. Picnic bench for St Nicholas village green

It was resolved to have a picnic bench installed on the Village Green at St Nicholas, funded by S106 money from the new housing developments.

Proposed Cllr Harris and seconded Cllr Glasson

f. Memorial Paving product and contractor

Matter deferred

g. Spring bulb planting – planters

Matter deferred

17. Next Meeting

Date to be confirmed

