

Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL at the Council Offices Newport Rd, Bedwas on
Thursday 2nd May 2019 at 6.30pm

Present	Apologies
E Aldworth	E Davies
D J Davies	K Regan
J Gale	
D Havard	
A McConnell	
C Morgan	
L Phipps	
P Rosser	
J Walsh	
J Winslade	

281 Police & Road Safety Committee

PCSOs Lisa and Menna Watkins presented a verbal report on key issues of interest within the Ward. Off-road vehicles and scramblers continue to present as problems especially around Navigation Street.

Cllr AMcC sought clarification on the continuation of CCTV in Graig y Rhacca. No further news but recognised that CCTV is still needed.

Cllr AMcC enquired about alleged burglaries in the Waterloo area and it was confirmed that the country lanes between Caerphilly and Cardiff were being used as a 'rat-run' but some success in catching perpetrators breaking into homes to steal keys for 'high-end' cars.

PSCO Lisa indicated street surgeries will shortly be set up in the area and invited councillors to join her.

The Force now has a drone but officers require training in its use.

Cllr EA enquired about alleged incidents near to Bedwas High School during school hours. PSCO Lisa would make enquiries.

282 Declarations of Interest: None received

283 Attendance and apologies for absence were noted as above.

284 To Consider and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2019

The Minutes, subject to the following amendments were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Amendments: Date: April and not March. 265: It was agreed in principle that tablets should be purchased using the Councillor's allowance. 271: road markings had been completed. 279. Cllr A McC had contacted CCBC in regards to CCTV in Graig y Rhacca but no further information had been received. 280: Regarding the role of the Caretaker, DH moved to offer the caretaker post as permanent.

285 Chair's Announcements and Report

Cllr CM had been voted into office in the AGM prior to the meeting and therefore no Chair's report was given.

286 Clerk's Report

The new Clerk, Marcia Jones attended the meeting but was not officially in office until 28th May therefore no Clerk's Report was received.

Cllr PR thanked Cllrs LP especially but also CM, DH and JWa for their assistance and work in the interim period between Clerks.

287 Forward Plan

Bedwas Workmen's Hall update was added to June, September, December and March for quarterly updates from the Chair or appointed officer.

288 Financial Audit by BPU Chartered Accountants

Cllr LP proposed to postpone the audit until June or soonest when BPU were available but after MJ was settled into post.

It was **resolved** that Cllr LP would contact BPU for alternative dates.

289 One Voice Wales

It was agreed that formal updates from the representatives (Cllrs CM and DH) would be received as appropriate following agreement to continue membership during 2019 - 2020.

Guidance from OVW regarding payments to councillors was noted and copies received by all councillors.

290 To Consider support of Caerphilly Volunteer Achievements Award

Cllr AMcC proposed sponsorship of the Awards administered by GAVO. She considered this to be good publicity for the Community Council. Cllr LP proposed to use the unused £1,000 from 2018-19 Chair's Award. A vote was taken and

It was agreed to sponsor one Award up to the sum of £250 and Cllr Winslade is to present the award.

Reports of Committees

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2019-2020 Chair: Cllr Chris Morgan Vice Chair: Cllr Jan Walsh

291 Chair's Report

Cllr CM informed Council of tasks that have been completed in relation to former clerks. Cllr LP proposed Playworks to be appointed to administer payroll for new clerk and caretaker during 2019-2020 following an interim arrangement and support given during March and April 2019. Cllr CM to sign the agreement proposed by Playworks.

292 Account Summary

A list of payments made between 27th March and 25th April 2019 was presented to Council.

293 One Voice Wales Membership

Cllrs CM and DH are to attend One Voice Wales meetings with one vote allowed for BTM council during decision-making processes.

294 Ward Expenditure

None received.

295 Applications for Financial Assistance

None received.

LAND AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

2019-2020 Chair: Cllr Amanda McConnell Vice Chair: Cllr Jill Winslade

296 Chairs Report

Cllr DD informed Council that CCBC are not undertaking pest control at commercial premises. Cllr AMcC to liaise with the BWH committee and endeavour to obtain quotes from appropriate pest control companies.

Dale Electricals had been requested to liaise with caretaker of BWH. No contact had been received to date. Cllr LP informed Council that contact details of Dale electricals had been sent to the caretaker.

Brumble contractors are to undertake emergency lighting.

It was agreed that Cllr LP would chase Brumble.

The business plan required letters of support to accompany any bids for funding. It was agreed DH will meet Chair of BWH.

Cllr AMcC is compiling a list of stakeholders involved with BWH.

Cllr JW had submitted an eleventh hour expression of interest bid to CADW which had not been successful. Another round is available later in the year.

Fire doors are to be painted by BWH Caretaker burgundy/mulberry in keeping with the colour palette of BWH, subject to advice and confirmation from Conservation Department at CCBC.

Caretaker had requested training. It was agreed to identify the cost of training in order to prioritise before confirming.

It was resolved to defer the decision for all grants to be in the name of BTM Council until the June meeting.

297 Memorial Garden

Cllr CM informed Council of the need for volunteers on 7th and 14th May. Garden benches had been donated by Rotary Club and British Legion. New entrance gates are expected to cost in the region of £5k. £4k had been raised through a just giving page and the memorial concert.

Interpretation is now being put into position. This provides a storybook of information on Bedwas. It was considered appropriate that information on the old Bedwas bus station.

Big Pit in Blaenafon will donate an old pit dram which we are able to refurbish for use in the garden. A fitting memorial to the former Bedwas Pit.

Cllr JWinslade considered the need to extend the public liability to include the garden.

PLANNING

2019-2020 Chair: Cllr Philip Rosser Vice Chair: Cllr D Havard

Cllr EA left the room, declaring interest.

298 Planning applications:

- i. 70 Commercial Road Machen – no objection
- ii. Case Ref: 19/0234/FULL – no objection
- iii. Case Ref; 9/0166/FULL – agreed for individuals to approach CCBC
- iv. Case Ref: 19/0052/FULL– no objection
- v. Case Ref: 19/0204/FULL – no objection
- vi. Case Ref: 19/0253/FULL– no objection

ENVIRONMENT and LEISURE

2019-2020 Chair: Cllr June Gale, Vice Chair: Cllr Elizabeth Aldworth

299 A full calendar of events has been advertised with a Bon Jovi tribute band being the next showing and Smokestack on 31st May.

EMPLOYEE PANEL

Members: Chair: Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Lisa Phipps, Cllr Jan Walsh, Cllr Jill Winslade

300 The Employee Panel is to meet during week beginning 6th May to discuss the role and support of the Clerk and Caretaker. Cllr J Walsh considered the necessity to increase supervision and support for Clerk and Caretaker. She felt standard operating procedures and targets work well to support employees providing they are accompanied by guidance and communication.

Signed.....

Chair of BTM Community Council