

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

**Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL Council Offices, Newport Road,  
Bedwas on Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.30pm**

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Apologies</u></b>
	E. Aldworth
E. Davies	
DJ. Davies	
	J. Gale
	D. Havard
L. Phipps	
A McConnell	
C Morgan (Chair)	
	K. Regan
	P. Rosser
J. Walsh	
J. Winslade	

**Also Present:** CSO Jon Spokes, CSO Sarah May, Jolene Dalton (Clerk), Gill Howells (Deputy Clerk)

**Declarations of Interest:** Councillors

**POLICE & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**184.** CSO Jon Spokes attended the committee and gave the following update on crime in the area.

46 crimes were recorded in January 2018 compared to 45 in January 2017

- Criminal damage and arson – 10
- Violence without injury – 9
- Vehicle Crime – 8
- Sexual Offences – 4
- Other Theft – 4
- Public Order Offences – 4
- Violence with injury – 3
- Drug Offences – 2
- Burglary Non Dwelling - 1
- Bike Theft - 1

180 incidents were recorded in January 2018 compared to 195 in January 2017. This included 18 anti social behaviour incidents – 12 of which were nuisance ASB and 6 personal ASB.

The incidents of note in the area during January 2018 included :-

Forge Road has been patrolled by CSO's and tickets are being issued to vehicles parked on double yellow lines.

A male was assaulted in the rear car park of British Legion, Machen. There are known suspects and investigation is ongoing.

There has been a spate of thefts at Bedwas House Industrial Estate. Resources have been deployed to the area over the last three weeks and hi visibility and covert patrols conducted.

A member requested clarification on the recent road traffic accident by the Ice Cream Parlour in Machen. No information was known by the CSO with regard to the cause and they would look into providing information on this.

A member raised issues with regard to recent incidents with youths at Bedwas Workmens' Hall accessing the building to smash and set off the fire alarm. Capsules have also been found in the Hall car park. The CSO's have visited the School and met with the Headteacher and Caretaker as the youths are also causing problems at the School and the Library. Patrols are being carried out and the area will be a hot spot for next weeks observation patrols.

A member raised the issue with regard to individuals regularly parking opposite Tesco in Trethomas.

A member raised a query with regard to whether there had been any complaints about the children at Mynydd Haf and CSO's confirmed that there had been no issues reported of late.

A member raised a query with regard to whether the CSO's were able to provide any cover for school crossing patrols in Bedwas and Trethomas who are both on the sick. CSO's have advised that this is a Council responsibility however the Police are looking into the legality of being able to undertake such a role.

Members thanked the officers for their attendance at the meeting. Officers then left.

## **FULL COUNCIL**

**185. Apologies for absence-** The apologies were noted and accepted.

A reminder that all apologies should be sent via email to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

**186. Minutes of the meeting held on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Minutes to be updated to reflect that Cllr Rosser was in attendance at the meeting.

Para 168 - to be updated to reflect that Councillors left the meeting at 8pm

**Resolved:** That the minutes of January 11<sup>th</sup> are updated and are accepted as a true record for signing by the Chair.

**187. Chair's Announcement and Report**

The Chair noted that the April meeting clashes with the Chairs Award Event.

**Resolved :** That the April Committee meeting will be moved to April 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

**188. Clerk's Announcement**

The Silent Soldier has been ordered and an indemnity has to be signed before it will be delivered. Contractors have been in contact with regard to joining the Council's Contractor list to undertake works at the Hall. The notice board has been delivered.

Councillors are reminded to provide their nominations for the Chairs Awards.

**189. Bedwas Bus Stop**

This item was deferred given the absence of Cllr Rosser who requested the item was included on the agenda.

**Resolved :** Item will be referred to the March meeting.

**190. Risk Assessment**

A draft Risk Assessment was provided to Members to review based upon the One Voice Wales template.

**Resolved :** Item will be included on the March meeting agenda for full consideration.

**191. Internal Audit Appointment**

**Resolved :** BPU Auditors to be engaged to carry out the audit for 2017/2018 Accounts and Audit.

**192. Local Government Pension Scheme Employer Policy**

**Resolved :** The document to be updated and adopted for Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council. The Clerk will notify the Pension Regulator that the Policy is in place.

**193. Defibrillators**

A response is outstanding from Bedwas Post Office with regard to being able to install a defibrillator at their location. Brumble Security have been contacted to advise on the electrical installation at the sites

**Resolved :** Bedwas Co-Operative to be approached as an alternative venue to the Post Office.

**194. Forward Plan**

**Resolved:** General Data Protection Regulations to be included on March meeting agenda.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**195. Chair's Report**

**Resolved :** Purchase 10 Poppies per area for the Community Areas

**196. Payments made since last meeting**

**Resolved:** That the payments be noted and approved as set out in the paperwork.

**197. Ward Project Expenditure**

**Resolved:** To note the expenditure

**198. Applications for Financial Assistance**

An application from CCBC Access Group was considered by the Council

**RESOLVED:** The Council are unable to support this application at this time.

**LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE**

**199. Chairs Report**

The Hall drainage work has been completed however the ground reinstatement looks poor.

The work on the Emergency Lights remains outstanding as Brumble Security have not yet been able to access the building.

**Resolved :** That the Clerk will contact K&G Contractors about the state of the ground at the Hall.

## **200. Planned Work**

The ladies toilets at the Hall are unable to be used at present and consideration needs to be given to a visit to address a number of issues at the Hall. There appears to be a water leak affecting the ceiling which needs to be reinvestigated with the contractor which carried out the work.

Pigeons have been removed from the building and an environmental company will be contacted to arrange to do a clean up.

The Hall boiler needs to be replaced and following discussions at the last meeting it was agreed to go ahead and get formal quotations.

### **Resolved :**

- a) The clerk to contact K&G with regard to the water leak at the Hall
- b) Quotations to be obtained for the replacement of the Boiler at the Hall

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **201. Chairs Report**

No update

### **202. Planning Applications**

**Application 17/1093/CLPU – No objection**

### **203. Planning Place Plans**

Planning Aid Wales are looking to adopt Planning Place Plans into the Local Development Plans. Information was shared by Cllr Walsh from a workshop she had attended with Cllr Rosser.

## **ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE**

### **204. Chair's Report**

Changes are going to be made to the Hall marketing strategy and the website will be rebuilt.

17<sup>th</sup> February – Jersey Boys Show at the Workmen's Hall  
7<sup>th</sup> April – Bjorn Belief, Abba Tribute at the Workmen's Hall  
5<sup>th</sup> May – Tina Turner tribute night at the Workmen's Hall

5<sup>th</sup> April – Chairs Award Night at the Workmen's Hall

**205. Pantomime – December 2018**

Members discussed the information provided and considered other pantomimes throughout the year.

**Resolved** : To arrange to put on a Halloween and Christmas Pantomime.

**206. Bedwas Rocks**

**Resolved** : The Council will not host a stall at the Event this year.

Meeting End : 8.20pm

.....CHAIR OF COUNCIL