

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

**Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL Council Offices, Newport Road,
Bedwas on Thursday November 1st 2018 at 6.30pm**

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

Also Present: Jolene Dalton (Clerk) Gill Howells (Deputy Clerk) Inspector Gavin Clifton, CSO Menna Watkins

POLICE & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

137. Anti Social Behaviour has been experienced in Greenacre Court, around Spar and Bedwas House Industrial Estate.

The following items were discussed in respect of setting police priorities for the next 6 months :-

- Off Road biking around Rudry and the Mountain
- Parking at Chequered Flag Petrol Station
- Machen RFC match day parking
- Parking of delivery vehicles at Bedwas Pharmacy
- Impact of Building works and traffic on Pandy Road

Comments received from residents about the police priorities on the Council facebook page will receive feedback from Inspector Clifton on the issues raised.

Confirmation was provided that Bedwas Police Station is not closing and remains an operational station. Due to the increased officers at the station and issues raised around parking the Council have offered the Car Park for officers to leave their vehicles.

Operation Utah will be ongoing during December focusing on drink driving, seat belts, mobile usage and speeding.

Resolved: Off Road Biking is the Police Priority for the next 6 months.

FULL COUNCIL

138. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Chris Morgan declared an interest as a member of Machen RFC Committee and a Governor of Machen Primary School. Councillor Lisa Phipps declared an interest having a connection with John Newton of Machen Rotary. Councillor Liz Aldworth declared an interest as a member of the Planning Committee and left the meeting for the duration of the Planning items. Cllr Amanda McConnell declared an interest as a Governor of Machen Primary School.

139. Apologies for absence- The apologies were noted and accepted.

It was noted that no apologies have been received from Cllr Regan again. A letter has been previously sent to Cllr Regan reminding of the arrangements for attendance and submission of apologies.

Resolved: Cllr Regan to be written to to remind him of his obligations to attend Council Meetings and potential action to be taken if he does not attend the next meeting.

140. Minutes of the meeting held on October 4th 2018

Noted that para 115 should refer to Cllr Dave Davies. Para 112 should include the date September 6th 2018. Pat Martin also works for Caerphilly CBC and not CADW

Resolved: That the minutes of October 4th 2018 are accepted as a true record for signing by the Chair.

141. Chair's Announcement and Report

There was a productive meeting with Ryan Williams from Hurley and Associates on the 10th October and there is progress with developing a way forward for the Hall plans.

Along with Cllr McConnell, 40 poppies were put up on lampposts through the BTM area.

A very successful litterpick took place on the 30th October with Wilko's and Keep Wales Tidy to launch the Community Garden.

142. Clerk's Update

Andrea Soulsby started as the Hall Caretaker today, 1st November. We remain to have issues with APP clean and are in negotiation on final contract payment due.

There has been no interest in the rental of the office downstairs so alternative advertising will look to be progressed.

Having had a very useful Dementia Friendly Training Session prior to the meeting it was suggested that those who were not in attendance try to undertake the training elsewhere.

Resolved: Agreed a small Christmas gift would be purchased for the Caretaker and the Cleaner.

143. Budget Proposals

Information received so far was noted. Projects without costs against have been requested for the budget.

144. CCBC Events Review

The report was considered but no additional feedback at this time.

145. Forward Plan of Council Decisions

Resolved: To add Lamppost Poppies to February 2019 along with Budget Review and Caretaker Review in January 2019.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

146. Chairs Report

No Update

147. Planning Applications

Application 18/0759 – Objection raised by Council who have also received a letter from the residents of the area. There are concerns about the height of the dwellings and the impact upon the privacy of existing residents in the area. As a result of such a build they expect there to be over a 40% increase in traffic and noise in a small area. The road and parking access is current very narrow and restricted and this causes additional concerns for access for Emergency Services and residents. The Council understand an application for 2 dwellings was turned down in this area around 2014 so concerned about the development of 8. Should the application go ahead for some reason Councillors have requested that consideration is given to social housing as part of

the application and that S106 funding is sought for adjustments to the junction.

18/0842 – No objections

18/0800 – No objections

FINANCE COMMITTEE

148. Chair's Report

No report

149. Payments made since last meeting

Resolved: To note the expenditure

150. Ward Project Expenditure

Resolved: To note the expenditure

151. Applications for Financial Assistance

Resolved:

1. To fund Machen Monkeys £150 from the Machen Ward
2. To fund Bedwas Writers Circle £100 from Trethomas Ward
3. To fund Machen Primary Choir £221 from Machen Ward
4. To fund Machen Rotary Club £300 from the Machen Ward
5. To reject the application from Home Start CCBC – unable to support at this time.
6. To Order a Christmas Tree for Bedwas - £750 from Bedwas Ward

LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

152. Chairs Report

Contact has been made with the Pest Control Officer at CCBC with regard to rats at the Hall.

The Gents toilets plumbing work will be carried out on the 6th November

The damp in the Meter room has been examined by Tony Seabourne

Regeneration funding for the dance floor at the Hall was not successful.

Emma Phipps Magill has been noted as the liaison point for the Hall and the Council.

The Contents Register is due from the Hall

The fire doors at the Hall cannot be replaced until the end of December / early January.

A request has been received from Trethomas Allotments to re use the old Council noticeboard

Resolved: Old Noticeboard donated to Trethomas Allotments

153. Hall Electrical Survey

Prices have been provided for a 5 year electrical survey at Bedwas Workmens Hall

Resolved:

1. Work to be awarded to Dale Electrical Services for the sum of £2,285 plus VAT.
2. Clerk to write to the Hall to request a financial contribution to the Survey.

154. Hall Plans

Further update from Luke Hurley on the way forward is pending.

ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE

155. Chair's Report

Peter Carrie Concert at the Hall was a great success and raised £725.

156. Peace Garden

Wilko's and the family of Michael Williams have agreed the Peace Garden being developed will be named the Michael Williams Memorial Garden. There was a very good consultation event for the garden on the 8th October and a launch event will take place on the 30th October.

157. Arrangements for Remembrance Day/WW1 Commemoration

Arrangements were confirmed for laying of wreaths in each of the wards.

Refreshments will be provided from the Council Offices

Entries have been received from Bedwas High School for the Literacy Competition.

158. Halloween and Christmas Events

The Halloween Pantomime will take place at Bedwas Workmen's Hall on Friday 2nd November at 6pm and 108 tickets have been sold.

The Christmas Pantomime has 2 showings and will take place at Bedwas Workmen's Hall on the 16th December. 138 tickets have been sold for the afternoon and 30 for the evening.

159. Chairs Carol Concert

The Chairs Christmas Carol Service will take place on Tuesday 11th December and 100 selection boxes will be purchased for gifts. The Rotary have confirmed that Santa will be able to attend. Mulled wine and mince pies will also be available at the event.

Cllrs Aldworth and Gale left the meeting at 9.20pm

160. Cluster Concert

This concert will take place on the 25th June 2019. Machen and Tyn Y Wern have agreed to take part and responses are pending from the other local schools.

161. Planned Events for 2018/19

Machen Rotary are looking for volunteers to man the sleigh. Cllrs Morgan, Davies and Phipps volunteered to help.

Meeting End :9.30PM

.....CHAIR OF COUNCIL