

# Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

## Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL Council Offices, Newport Road, Bedwas on Tuesday 2 July 2015 at 6pm

<u>Present</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
L Aldworth	
E Davies (Chairman)	
DJ Davies	
JR Davies	
J Gale	
D Havard	
B James	
L Jones	
A McConnell	
K Regan	
M Williams	

**Also Present:** Sally Chick (Clerk), PCSO Lana Rees & Inspector Gareth Jones (Local Neighbourhood Police)

### **Declaration of Interest:**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of FULL COUNCIL**

28. Minutes were agreed, with the alteration that Caerphilly Town Fireworks have requested £250 not £300, and signed.
29. **Chairman's Report** – Cllr E Davies informed Council that herself and Cllr A McConnell had attended a fundraising concert in aid of Parkinson's Disease last Friday and a donation of £100 was made from the Chairman's account.

Council have decided to advertise the vacancy created by the death of Cllr RT Davies. Clerk to prepare the advertisement.

Councillors were reminded that Bedwas Workmen's Hall will be holding their Annual Meeting on Saturday 11 July at 4.30pm.

Interschool Sports Day takes place on Friday 3 July at 11am. All welcome to go along and support this event.

The Chairman invited everyone to join her upstairs in the Members Lounge for refreshments following the meeting.

Council agreed that it was disappointing that Bedwas Mountain Race, a local event which has taken place for over 30 years, should have to be cancelled due

to lack of support by CCBC. It was suggested that a letter should be sent to CCBC expressing our disappointment.

30. The Chairman invited Cllr Havard to report on the current situation with the lease of the Workmen's Hall to the CCBC Adult Education Centre. It has now transpired that the Centre will be withdrawing completely from the Lease when it expires in October 2015. CCBC have requested a meeting to discuss this formally. In the meantime tutors using the Hall have been contacting us to ask whether they could continue to utilise the facilities. Another consideration is the possibility of the Youth Provision for the area and also possibly the Library being housed in the building.

Until the meeting with CCCBC officers nothing can be decided. Clerk to take contact details and get back to tutors as soon as a decision has been made.

**31. Clerks Report – Audit**

The audit has been finalised by the Internal Auditor. The Audit needs to be signed and forwarded to the External Auditor.

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the POLICE & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE**

32. A report of recent crime figure and incidents was handed out to Councillors. (see attached). These were discussed.

Councillors brought up any matters of concern which they wish the Police to look into such as noise nuisance, traffic incidents, and the ongoing theft of wheelie bins.

In particular, Cllr McConnell raised the noise nuisance caused by an event in Rhyd Y Gwern Lane, Machen. The Inspector has said he will bring a report on this to the next meeting.

Police also confirmed that the recent road accidents in Machen were not as a result of speeding in either case.

Cllr James queried why the mobile unit is not longer being used for surgeries – it was confirmed that surgeries are now held elsewhere and the mobile units attend events.

## **Minutes of the meeting of the LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE**

33. Cllr DJ Davies informed Council that there are problems with drainage at the Hall. There has been a blockage in the pipes on the main road, this is causing a back up of the drains. Cllr Davies is dealing with both CCBC and the Water board on this matter.

It was felt that this has been aggravated by the new housing development next door to the Hall. Prior to this development Councillors had raised concerns about this with Planning Officers but were told that the situation would be better after

the housing building work. Clerk asked to write to Planning expressing our disappointment with this situation.

A recent account statement from the Water Board shows an increase in the monthly bill from £60 to £300. This could be due to the problems with the pipe collapse and also the constant flushing of the urinals in the Hall. These could be turned off and just flushed through occasionally after a function at the Hall.

34. Clerk was asked to contact the 5 man cleansing team to ask that they look at Rhyd Y Gwern Lane as it is in desperate need of clearance. Also, the area of lower Graig Y Rhacca by the Garage needs attention.
35. **Clerks Report**  
**Council Office** – Council decided to defer the painting work to the Council Chamber for the moment as there are other more urgent commitments to be considered.
36. **Workmen's Hall** – Hurley & Davies have been informed that there is a possibility that the whole of the Workmen's Hall may now be available for redevelopment. This means that the situation of the lift could be reconsidered. The Council agreed to pay the next instalment of the fees for Hurley & Davies as we need to keep the project moving forwards.

## **Minutes of the meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE**

37. **Chair Report** – the audited accounts from the Workmen's Hall Committee have been received. Clerk to ask for a signed copy of these. Council asked that Andrea be thanked for her work as Treasurer to the Committee. On receipt of the accounts, this Council has in the past made a £2000 annual donation. This was discussed in light of the potential loss of income at the Hall due to the lease not being renewed with Adult Education. It was agreed to hold off payment of this until we know more regarding the situation. This is to be discussed further in the next Council Meeting.
38. Payments since last meeting were noted.
39. Ward Project Expenditure was noted.
40. **Applications for Financial Assistance:-**  
**Caerphilly Fireworks Display 2015** - £250 from General Fund agreed
41. **Acknowledgements**  
Received and noted.

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **42. Applications received for the period:**

**Case Ref.** 15/0420/FULL **Site Area:** 543m<sup>2</sup>  
**Location:** 11 Pandy Road Bedwas Caerphilly CF83 8EH  
**Proposal:** Construct conservatory extension to rear elevation  
**Applicant:** Mr James 11 Pandy Road Bedwas Caerphilly CF83 8EH  
**Agent:** J.H. Leeke & Sons Ltd Mr M Reed Unit 1 Mwyndy Business Park Pontyclun Rhondda Cynon Taf CF72 8PN  
**Case Officer:** Mr A Pyne ☎ 01495 235197 ☎ pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk  
**Ward:** Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen  
**Map Ref:** 316956 (E) 188658 (N) **Expected Decision Level:** Delegated  
**Community Council:** Bedwas Trethomas & Machen Comm. Council  
**RESOLVED:** No Objections

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE**

43. Councillors were reminded that it is the Interschool Sports Day tomorrow. All are welcome to attend.
44. Clerk informed Council that the contract for running the Summer Play scheme has been awarded to CCBC Sports Development Team. The scheme will be running on Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursdays from 4 – 20 August. 9 – 12 at Machen Village Hall and 1 – 4 in Bedwas High School. Children from 8 – 12 years of age will be catered for.

Clerk was asked to put on facebook and internet details stating that the scheme is Sports orientated and that it is being provided by CCBC.