

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL held at the Council Offices, Bedwas on Thursday 2 October 2014 at 6pm

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

Also Present: Sally Chick (Clerk), Diane Probert (Asst. Clerk)

Declaration of Interest: None

The meeting opened with a minutes silence in respect of Bill Thomas, previously a BTM Councillor, ex-Chairman of this Council and a past CCBC County Councillor, who recently passed away.

Lisa James and Rhian Kyte from CCBC attended the meeting to explain the new Community Infrastructure Levy to Councillors. Councillors have been asked to discuss this and put together a 123 List of projects which could be funded by this in the future and also to sign the Agreement regarding payments of the levy to this Council.

71. The minutes of the September meeting were agreed as a correct record, with the alteration of names of absent Councillors being altered to show them not being in the Chair.
72. The Chairman reported that she had attended three coffee mornings in support of Macmillan Nurses. Cllr Jones suggested that BTM Council should lay a wreath at the Caerphilly Town Council Remembrance service. Council agreed this - need to check that this is OK with Caerphilly Royal British Legion.
73. The Clerk reported that Eversons had made an error in the updating of the Chain of Office – solutions currently being explored.
74. Cllrs L Jones & A McConnell have booked to attend the One Voice Wales Training Module 5 – The Council Meeting – which is being held at our Offices. (Cllr M Williams has been pencilled in as she is away).
75. CCBC – Medium term financial planning proposal – Council decided that this could not be accepted without support.

Minutes of the Meeting of the POLICE & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE
held at the Council Offices, Bedwas on Thursday 2 October 2014 at 6pm

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Also Present: Sally Chick (Clerk), Diane Probert (Asst Clerk)
Local Neighbourhood Police representatives

76. The Police went through their report to Council.

Councillors informed Police of an ongoing problem with bikes going onto the colliery site on Sundays.

There was a reported sighting of someone on a motorbike with a small child balanced on the front.

Parking outside the Council Office was once again brought up as being an issue – vehicles park too close to the car park exit making visibility difficult.

7.15pm Police left the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of the LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE held at the Council Offices, Bedwas on Thursday 2 October 2014 at 6pm

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L Aldworth	
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DJ Davies (in the Chair)	
JR Davies	
RT Davies	
J Gale	
D Havard	
B James	
L Jones	
A McConnell	
K Regan	
	M Williams

Also Present: Sally Chick (Clerk), Diane Probert (Asst. Clerk)

Interest: DJ Davies declared an interest on item 77, L Jones & JR Davies declared an interest in Bedwas Workmen's Hall – Item 81.

Council Offices

77. Cllr DJ Davies requested that in future quotations come from the BTM ward only. Clerk stated that this has never been the case in the past. Clerk to look into this.

Cllr E Davies queried that the painting of the Hallway had already been decided to be carried out by PJM – Clerk responded that three quotes for the work had not previously been obtained so no decision could have been reached as to who the work would be awarded to.

Three quotes have now been received and a decision is required. Cllr Havard proposed a vote on whether the hall should be decorated. This was seconded. Cllr L Jones proposed that KJ Decorating & Property Maintenance be awarded the contract. Cllr Havard seconded this proposal. A vote was taken with a majority of 4 agreeing to this proposal. There were 2 abstentions and 3 against. Cllr DJ Davies had declared an interest therefore couldn't vote on the matter.

RESOLVED: quote from KJ Decorating to be accepted.

78. The Clerk reported that Ruperra may be vacating the front office at the end of the month. If the room is vacated then the room could be painted and freshened up before re-letting. This was agreed.
79. Window blinds – as there is quite a variation in the quotes received the Clerk has checked that the quotes were like for like. **RESOLVED:** Millennium Blinds to be asked to supply the blinds. Cllr L Aldworth has kindly offered the balance left in her Chair Account from last year to go towards new blinds for the Council Chamber. Clerk had reported that blinds were not required by occupants of the upstairs offices. Councillors requested that the whole front of the building have new blinds.

Workmen's Hall

- 80.** The Chairman reported that the two side roofs have now been done. Three quotes are on the way for the top roof work. Ongoing liaison with the downstairs adult education centre regarding the boiler maintenance is taking place. Cllr DJ Davies is in regular contact with Andrea from the Hall Committee. The Committee were going to approach the youth offending team to see if they could assist with painting the toilets.

Cllr DJ Davies suggested that a 'Magic Eye' light be installed outside the Council Office in the Car Park area. He will obtain this for Council.

- 81.** An email received from the Bedwas Workmen's Hall Committee stated that if we purchase the equipment, they have a volunteer to install the shutter on the front door. Council agreed that this could go ahead.

Minutes of the meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE held at the Council Offices, Bedwas on Thursday 2 October 2014 at 6pm

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A McConnell	
K Regan	
	M Williams

Also Present: Sally Chick (Clerk), Diane Probert (Asst. Clerk)

Declaration of Interest: Lisa Jones – Bethal Messy Church,
Keith Regan – Machen Welfare Association,
D Havard, & DJ Davies – Fitness Suite, Bedwas School

82. Payments since the last meeting were noted. Councillors were informed that R Howard was our Auditor.

83. Ward Project expenditure was noted.

84. **Applications for Financial Assistance:** –

Ruperra Castle Preservation – RESOLVED £150 (£50 each Ward).

Undercurrents (Art in the Aber Valley) – RESOLVED Unable to assist.

Machen Welfare Association – RESOLVED £300 Machen Ward. £100 from Trethomas Ward was proposed by L Aldworth, Council were reminded that the upper limit for grants is £300 p.a. Cllr Aldworth was thanked for her offer.

Bethal Messy Church – RESOLVED £100 Bedwas Ward.

An email has been received from CCBC Education Department regarding funding assistance required for the Bedwas High School Fitness Suite – this was noted and Council agreed to consider further when more information is received.

85. **Acknowledgements**

None

8.15pm Cllr Regan left the meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at the Council Offices, Bedwas on Thursday 2 October 2014 at 6pm

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86. Applications for Planning were decided as follows:

Case Ref. 14/0594/FULL

Location: 26 Greenacre Drive Bedwas Caerphilly CF83 8HH

Proposal: Erect two storey extension to side

Applicant: Mr G Addis 26 Greenacre Drive Bedwas Caerphilly CF83 8HH

RESOLVED – No Objection

Case Ref. 14/0626/FULL

Location: 34 Lon Yr Ysgol Bedwas Caerphilly CF83 8PE

Proposal: Construct dormer roof extension to the front elevation and insert rear elevation rooflights.

Applicant: Mr G Neal Tree Tops Mountain Road Bedwas Caerphilly CF83 8ES

RESOLVED: No Comment on this Application

**Minutes of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE
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87. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Councillors were reminded of the Newsletter deadline. This is 25 October – anything received after this cannot be included in this edition.