

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL held at the Council Offices, Bedwas on Thursday 3 October 2013 at 6pm

Present

EM Aldworth (In the Chair)
L Jones
DJ Davies
EJ Gale
B James
D Havard
K Regan

Apologies

D Barry
JR Davies
E Davies
RT Davies
S Chick (Clerk)

Also Present:

Tara Dury (Assistant Clerk)
CO256 Joss Evans, CO232 Emily Iles (Gwent Police)

81. Apologies for absence were noted. It was noted that the Clerk is sadly unwell and a sick note had been received. Councillors send their best wishes.
82. Minutes of the September Meeting were approved.
83. The Chairman asked that the Clerk's report that had been submitted be discussed at a separate meeting without the Assistant Clerk present.
84. **Connections Community Hub** – The Assistant Clerk notified Councillors that a letter of support from the Council had been sent.
85. A letter had been received from Caerphilly Town Council asking if our Council would be prepared to share the costs of possibly purchasing a speed gun for use by officers of the Caerphilly Police in the Caerphilly Basin area. **Resolved:** Council declined the request, this was moved and seconded.
86. The Assistant Clerk was sincerely thanked for facing the challenge of covering the office and it was agreed that two hours per day overtime be granted to the Assistant Clerk for the duration of the Clerk's absence.
87. It was also agreed that the Assistant Clerk could attend the 'Working with Your Council' training course, on behalf of her development whilst working with the Council, on 6th November and 4th December 2013, and the Council agreed to pay for this along with travel expenses.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the POLICE & ROAD SAFETY
COMMITTEE held at the Council Offices, Bedwas on
Thursday 3 October 2013 at 6pm**

Present

E Aldworth
L Jones
DJ Davies (In the Chair)
EJ Gale
B James
D Havard
K Regan
RT Davies

Apologies

D Barry
JR Davies
E Davies
PC Iestyn Penrose
S Chick (Clerk)

Also Present: Tara Dury (Assistant Clerk)
CO256 Joss Evans, CO232 Emily Iles (Gwent Police)

88. Bedwas Trethomas & Machen Community Council Police Update

Please See Attached. The Police Representatives went through this report with Council.

6.15 p.m. Cllr RT Davies joined the meeting.

Councillor Havard noted the Police report referring to the Ladies Pamper Day event on 15th May in Graig-Y-Rhacca. He would have liked to see an acknowledgement in there that a donation had been made by the Community Council.

Surgeries being held at Tesco in Trethomas are aimed at the general public, as a presence for people who can't always attend PACT meetings to approach the Police if they need to. It also acts as a deterrent for shoplifters.

Councillor RT Davies asked if there had been a drop in burglaries in sheds at Bedwas House Industrial Estate, the Police representatives did not have the figures to hand, but they would be collated and handed out.

Councillor James said that Sky Telephone does not support the 101 contact number, it would therefore be useful if another number could be used.

The Police confirmed there is still a mobile station at the Spar in Trethomas on Tuesdays, this will be advertised at the PACT meeting. They also said that they are still keeping an eye on Hazel Grove, it is a usual patrol area.

Councillor Aldworth informed members that she had attended the new Deputy Chief Superintendent's event which was a very interesting evening, as they learned more about policing in the Community. Councillors DJ Davies and EJ Gale were in agreement, and Councillor Davies added that it highlighted the importance of our involvement with the Police.

While referring to the main road going through Machen, it was discussed that many lorries now have tracking devices which record their speed. This makes it possible to complain to the owners of lorries. This was discussed with the Police and they were asked if any action could be taken to approach the owners. They said they would look into it.

Bedwas Road - Resolved: A letter to be sent to Helen Morgan requesting an inspection with a view to improving the road surface outside Bedwas Rugby Club - an upgrade of the lining of the entire road is required.

A reminder was given that the Full PACT Meeting will take place on Thursday 10th October 2013 at 7pm in Bedwas High School. Councillor Davies requested that as many members as possible attend.

Police Representatives left the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of the LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE held at the Council Offices, Bedwas on Thursday 3 October 2013 at 6pm

Present

E Aldworth
DJ Davies (In the Chair)
L Jones
EJ Gale
B James
D Havard
K Regan
RT Davies
T Dury (Asst Clerk)

Apologies

D Barry
JR Davies
E Davies
S Chick (Clerk)

89. It was agreed that two new toilet seats be purchased and fitted in the ladies' toilets at the Council Offices.
90. Workmen's Hall - problem with vermin. **Resolved:** Councillor DJ Davies to notify the Hall to get a skip as soon as possible, therefore removing the Vermin problem.
91. The Annual grant has been released to the Hall.
92. Cllr Jones notified Councillors that the Workmen's Hall does not have a contract with a rubbish removal company. Councillor DJ Davies said that the Hall should have a bin, and it should be suggested to the Management Committee.
93. **Workmen's Hall:**
Drainage - Councillor DJ Davies would like to meet the three Contractors on site to ensure they have quoted for the exact requirements. **Resolved:** Assistant Clerk to contact K&G Construction to request a price as the quote received did not have a figure.
94. **Minor building works** – It was agreed to proceed with the cheapest quote. **Resolved:** Assistant clerk to enquire whether they have the necessary Public Liability Insurance and if work could commence during Half Term, w/c 28th October.

7.56pm – Cllr Regan left the meeting

Minutes of the meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE held at the Council Offices, Bedwas on Thursday 3 October 2013 at 6pm

Present

E Aldworth
DJ Davies
B James
L Jones
RT Davies
EJ Gale (in the Chair)
D Havard
T Dury (Asst Clerk)

Apologies

D Barry
JR Davies
E Davies
K Regan
S Chick (Clerk)

Interests Declared: Lisa Jones – Bethel Baptist Church
Brian James – BTM Band Society

95. Clerk's Report

It was agreed that £200 be allocated for a new Shredder in the Office.

96. Applications for Financial Assistance: –

Bethel Baptist Church, Bedwas – **RESOLVED:** £100 Bedwas Ward
BTM Band Society - **RESOLVED:** £150 total, split between 3 Wards
Undercurrents – **RESOLVED:** Unable to donate

Minutes of the Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at the Council Offices, Bedwas on Thursday 3 October 2013 at 6pm

Present

E Aldworth
L Jones
DJ Davies
EJ Gale
B James
D Havard (In the Chair)
T Dury (Asst Clerk)

Apologies

D Barry
JR Davies
E Davies
RT Davies
K Regan
S Chick (Clerk)

Declarations of Interest:

13/0627/FULL L Jones
13/0661/FULL E Aldworth & D Havard
13/0679/FULL E Aldworth

97. Applications for Planning were decided as follows:

<p>Case Ref: 13/0606/NCC Location: Gelliwasted Farm, Newport Road, Machen Proposal: Vary Condition 1 of planning permission 08/0898/NCC (Erect cheese processing plant and visitors centre with associated parking) to extend the period within which the development can commence by a further five years Applicant: Mr & Mrs L Richards, Gelliwasted Farm, Newport Road, Machen CF83 Agent: G A Spacey Associates Limited, Mr G Spacey, Block A, Van Court RESOLVED: No Objection</p>	<p>Site Area: 2631m²</p>
<p>Case Ref: 13/0627/FULL Location: Berllanlwyd House, Pandy Lane, Llanbradach CF83 3DZ Proposal: Erect single storey extension to form playroom Applicant: Mr R Manship, Berllanlwyd House, Pandy Lane, Llanbradach, CF83 3DZ RESOLVED: Unsure whether this comes under our jurisdiction</p>	<p>Site Area: 986m²</p>
<p>Case Ref: 13/0636/FULL Location: 3 Oak Lane, Royal Oak, Machen CF83 8SQ Proposal: Erect two storey extension Applicant: Mr & Mrs E Thomas, 3 Oak Lane, Royal Oak, Machen CF83 8SQ Agent: Mr H Hicks, 21 East Road, Oakfield, Cwmbran NP44 3FW RESOLVED: More information required, drawing requested</p>	<p>Site Area: 447m²</p>
<p>Case Ref: 13/0646/COU Location: 24 Church Street, Bedwas CF83 8EB Proposal: Change use of ground floor from cafe/shop to apartment Applicant: Mr W Powell, 24 Church Street, Bedwas CF83 8EB Agent: Skerryvore Designs Mr S Groucott Sexton's Tower, 2 Caerphilly Road, Newport NP10 8LE RESOLVED: No Objection</p>	<p>Site Area: 254m²</p>
<p>Case Ref: 13/0633/FULL Location: 47 Chatham, Machen CF83 8SB Proposal: Erect single storey side extension Applicant: Mr P Clarkson, 47 Chatham, Machen CF83 8SB Agent: Craidd, Mr A Davies, Tyddyn, Garth Hill, Gwaelod Y Garth, Cardiff CF11 RESOLVED: No Objection</p>	<p>Site Area: 464m²</p>

<p>Case Ref: 13/0661/FULL</p> <p>Location: Graig-y-Rhacca Community Resource Centre 59-71 Grays Gardens, Graig-y-Rhacca, Caerphilly CF83 8TQ</p> <p>Proposal: Provide extension to the rear to extend kitchen and preparation area</p> <p>Applicant: Mr I Racz, Graig-y-Rhacca Community Resource Centre, 59-71 Grays Gardens, Graig-y-Rhacca, Caerphilly CF83 8TQ</p> <p>Agent: Hurley & Davies Ltd, Mr J Shill, 1 Axis Court, Riverside Business Park, Swansea SA7 0AJ</p> <p>RESOLVED: No Objection</p>	<p>Site Area: 690m²</p>
<p>Case Ref: 13/0669/FULL</p> <p>Location: 23 Commercial Road, Machen CF83 8NB</p> <p>Proposal: Erect new dwelling</p> <p>Applicant: Mr S Roberts, Three Firs, New Road, New Inn, Pontypool NP4 0PZ</p> <p>Agent: Skerryvore Designs, Mr S Groucott, Sexton's Tower, 2 Caerphilly Road</p> <p>RESOLVED: More information required, drawing requested</p>	<p>Site Area: 336m²</p>
<p>Case Ref: 13/0679/FULL</p> <p>Location: Gwent Constabulary, Graig-y-Rhacca Police Station, 85 Grays Gardens, Graig-Y-Rhacca, Caerphilly CF83 8TQ</p> <p>Proposal: Change the use for the existing police station and relocate the existing kitchen facility from the resource centre into the existing police station to provide a café service to local residents and visitors, provide in house catering services for the business clients, service the local industrial areas with mobile sandwich delivery service, deliver bespoke birthday parties including catering and entertainment, provide external catering for business/social functions, provide work placements for college/school/ back to work schemes and deliver healthy cooking classes both internally and externally</p> <p>Applicant: Mr S Roberts, Three Firs, New Road, New Inn, Pontypool NP4 0PZ</p> <p>Agent: Skerryvore Designs, Mr S Groucott, Sexton's Tower, 2 Caerphilly Road</p> <p>RESOLVED: No Objection</p>	<p>Site Area: 101m²</p>

**Minutes of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE
COMMITTEE held at the Council Offices, Bedwas on
Thursday 3 October 2013 at 6pm**

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DJ Davies
EJ Gale
B James
D Havard

Apologies

D Barry
JR Davies
E Davies
RT Davies
K Regan

- 98.** The Chairman informed Councillors that the next event at the Hall will be a family event – Circus Berzercus, taking place on Saturday 19th October 2013.

She also asked for ideas about celebrations for next year to be put forward for discussion at the next meeting, and also a budget to be decided.