

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL Council Offices, Newport Road, Bedwas on Thursday 4 February 2016 at 6pm

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

Also Present: Sally Chick (Clerk), PC Chris Armstrong & Sgt. Sarah Greening (Local Neighbourhood Police)

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Regan and Cllr Jones – Dance Unity Formation Teams

Minutes of the Meeting of the POLICE & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

132. Cllr DJ Davies welcomed Sgt. Greening & PC Armstrong to the meeting. Councillors were given a copy of the Police Report for information. (copy attached).

Cllr Jones asked for an update on the idea of holding a joint Cllr Surgery and Your Voice Meeting. The Police said they were happy to combine the two meetings and confirmed that they will be attending the Councillor Surgery on Saturday. It was agreed that Council will assist with the advertising of the joint meetings on Noticeboard, facebook pages and in our upcoming newsletter.

Cllrs raised issues of parking around the area – Police to keep an eye on the situation in these areas.

Cllr Jones queried the planning application for two parking spaces for police vehicles outside the Bedwas Station. As Bedwas is the response hub for the area it is essential for vehicles to be able to have easy access.

Minutes of the Meeting of FULL COUNCIL

133. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.
134. Cllr Havard drew Cllrs attention to the Community and Town Council Engagement Event Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill. Cllr have until 11 February to respond to this consultation.
135. The Chairman asked Councillors to attend a meeting on Thursday evening at 6pm in order to discuss the letter from the Clerk requesting a career break.
136. Clerk reported that CCBC have an application under consideration for a licence for temporary street trading for Woodfired Italian Pizzas at the Twyn Car Park in Caerphilly. CCBC responded to our query regarding Machen Rural Market saying they had a consistent stance on not allowing trading in off street car parks in the Borough. Councillors requested Clerk chase up an answer to our query from October 2015.
137. Upcoming One Voice Wales training sessions were brought to Cllrs attention. Cllrs were asked to notify the Clerk if they wished to attend these sessions.
138. Clerk reported that Bedwas High School had two potential nominees who are interested in the position of Youth Representative to this council. Awaiting their applications.
139. Clerk to prepare Notice of Vacancy for the Machen Ward.

Minutes of the meeting of the LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

140. Clerk reported that the downstairs rear office has a damp problem and that the Early Years team, who rent the office for storage, have had to move out. They are now housed in the Adult Education Centre at the Workmen's Hall. The room will need to be dried out and redecorated before re-rental options can be explored.
141. Cllr DJ Davies reported that an application for Limited Guarantee has been completed by the Hall Committee.

He also reported that the Adult Education Centre has more clients booking rooms this term.

The water bill has shown a significant increase in recent months and a reading was taken for the water board. The figures to be checked again before requesting the water board attend the site. Urinals have been turned off in the Hall whilst no events are taking place – it is hoped this will help the situation.

Minutes of the meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE

142. **Chair Report** –Nothing to report.
143. Clerks Report – 2016 Budget – Cllrs were all given a copy of the draft budget. It was proposed and seconded that the Budget be accepted. Cllrs agreed to request a 3% increase to the Precept. This was agreed by the majority of Councillors with two abstaining.
144. Payments since last meeting were noted.
145. Ward Project Expenditure was noted.
146. **Applications for Financial Assistance:-**
Dance Unity Formation Teams – Council RESOLVED: £300 (£100 each Ward)
147. **Acknowledgements**
None received.

Minutes of the Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE

148. **Applications received for the period:**

Case Ref. 16/0001/FULL Site Area: 103m²
Location: 1 Oak Lane Royal Oak Machen Caerphilly CF83 8SQ
Proposal: Change the use of the garage to a dog grooming salon
Applicant: Mrs L Loftus 1 Oak Lane Royal Oak Machen Caerphilly CF83 8SQ
Agent:
Case Officer: Mr A Pyne ☐☐01495 235197 ☐☐pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen
Map Ref: 321944 (E) 188906 (N) **Target Date:** 10.03.2016
Community Council: Bedwas Trethomas & Machen Comm. Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: Objection – loss of car parking space.

Case Ref. 16/0032/FULL Site Area: 1693m²
Location: Fwrrwm Ishta House 68 Commercial Road Machen Caerphilly CF83 8PG
Proposal: Erect a two-storey mixed development of three apartments and four commercial units with on site car parking, refuse and cycle storage facilities
Applicant: Mr J Pannu C/O Agent
Agent: C2J Architects & Town Planners Mrs A Dallimore Unit 1A Compass Business Park Pacific Road Ocean Park Cardiff CF24 5HL
Case Officer: Mr C Powell ☐☐01495 235019 ☐☐powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen
Map Ref: 321254 (E) 189154 (N) **Target Date:** 14.03.2016
Community Council: Bedwas Trethomas & Machen Comm. Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: Site visit to be requested. Concerns re. flooding and access.

Case Ref: 16/0032/FULL - Clerk reported that a mail had been received from a resident regarding this application which has gone to Appeal. This Council has already raised objections to this application.

Minutes of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE

- 149.** Cllr Jones took the Chair for the meeting. She reported that the Graig Y Rhacca Resource Centre Thrift Shop is opening on 26 February. Bedwas Workmen's Hall now has a Yoga Class and a Fit Step Class taking place on a regular basis.

Newsletter - Councillors were asked to submit articles for the Newsletter as soon as possible. Clerk to obtain quotes for printing. It was agreed to look into using the Youth Offenders for distribution.

Summer Scheme – Clerk to advertise for anyone interested in running the event this year.