

# Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

## Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL Council Offices, Newport Road, Bedwas on Thursday 5 February 2015 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 – Chairman	
A McConnell	
K Regan	
	M Williams

**Also Present:** Diane Probert (Asst Clerk), Neighbourhood Police Inspector Gareth Jones, Lana ? Carl ?, Local Neighbourhood Police.

Apologies were received from Councillor M Williams

**Declaration of Interest:** Councillors K Regan – Windsor School of Dance

Minutes were agreed with the addition to Minute 148 that 3 hours cleaning be arranged a week.

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

**163.** Cllr Davies welcomed Inspector Jones back to the area. He reported that there have been changes to the area and smaller teams are now back working from the Bedwas Station.

The Police Report (as attached) was handed out and Councillors raised questions.

**6.15pm** Cllrs June Gale, Liz Aldworth and Derek Havard arrived at the meeting.

**6.30pm** Police left the meeting

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

164. The Chair reported on the successful production of We Will Rock You by Bedwas High School which took place in the Workmen's Hall, Bedwas.
165. Councillors Aldworth and Havard attended a One Voice Wales meeting here in the Council Offices. The Chief Executive of One Voice Wales spoke on the future of Councils. Changes in Local Government will impact on the way services are delivered to the public. Community Councils will be expected to take on more responsibility. It was agreed that future meetings with One Voice Wales could be held at our Offices.
166. A discussion took place on the value of being a member of One Voice Wales. It was agreed that we could get more value out of our membership by being more actively involved in future. **RESOLVED** the Clerk to send out reminder information again to all Councillors on how to access the One Voice Wales website. Item to be put on Agenda for next meeting.
167. School Governors were discussed and it was agreed the Clerk should obtain an up to date list from CCBC and then discuss at the next meeting. Cllr Emma Davies informed Council that she did not wish to continue as Governor of Bedwas Juniors.

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

168. Following some repairs carried out at the Workmen's Hall on the Heating System, the Clerk queried whether we could take out a monthly contract with British Gas to avoid this in future. **RESOLVED:** Look into this possibility.

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

169. The Clerk clarified with Council that there are 2 bank accounts. Details of both were given out to all Councillors for information.
170. Payments since last meeting were noted.
171. Ward Project Expenditure was noted.
172. **Applications for Financial Assistance:-**  
**Hepzibah Conservaion Group** – It was **RESOLVED** £100 to be donated from Machen Ward.
- Support Group Windsor School of Dance** – It was **RESOLVED** £50 from each Ward - £150 in total. Cllr Regan declared an interest in this application.
173. **Acknowledgements**  
Received and noted.

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

Cllr Aldworth left the room whilst planning was discussed. Cllr Gale also declared an interest.

174. Cllr James reported that development had started on land near Forge Road in Machen. It seems the work has started without Planning permission. CCBC are aware and work has been halted pending a meeting to discuss this.

Councillors were given more information as requested for 14/0799/Full and 14/0800/Full – **Objections** were made as this is deemed to be a concern regarding parking near a school.

175. Applications for Planning were decided as follows:

**Case Ref. 15/0038/OUT Site Area: 83409m<sup>2</sup>**

**Location: Land North Of Pandy Road Bedwas Caerphilly**

**Proposal:** Erect residential development with associated public open space, landscaping and highways infrastructure including a new highway access from Pandy Road and footpaths and requiring the installation of new services and infrastructure and other ancillary works and activities

**Applicant:** Land Matters Limited C/O Savills Mrs M Lewis 12 Windsor Place Cardiff CF10 3BY

**RESOLVED: Strongly object – traffic would be a problem, congestion issues, green belt land**

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

176. Clerk has written to Donna Draper – awaiting reply regarding the Summer playscheme.
177. It was agreed that Cllrs A McConnell and L Jones be the Council representatives for the Liaison Committee.

**The Meeting closed 7.55pm**