

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

**Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL Council Offices, Newport Road,
Bedwas on Thursday September 7th 2017 at 6pm**

<u>Present</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
E. Aldworth	
	E. Davies
	DJ Davies
J.Gale	
D.Havard	
L. Phipps	
A McConnell	
C Morgan (Chair)	C. Morgan
	K Regan
P.Rosser	
J. Walsh	
J. Winslade (Chair for the meeting)	

Apologies: Emma Davies, Dave Davies, Chris Morgan & Keith Regan,

Also Present: PCO Johnathon Iles, Jolene Dalton (Clerk)

Declarations of Interest: Councillors

Councillor Liz Aldworth is a voting member of the County Borough Planning Committee, she left the room during the Planning Committee taking no part in the discussions or decision making.

POLICE & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

76. PCO Iles reported that there had been 35 crimes reported, compared to 38 in the same period in 2016, and 206 incidents compared to 221. In future the Inspector would like the police reports to be based upon issues and concern rather than on figures as he felt the reports would be more meaningful, however members reported that they found the reports to be useful and requested that the figures continue to be provided. It was hoped that the Inspector would be attending the next Council meeting and he planned to hold quarterly meetings for Councillors at the Police Station.

An enforcement afternoon had taken place on 24 August, Police Officers had met with Councillors and carried out parking enforcement in Trethomas. The next enforcement afternoon would take place on 25 September and would focus on another priority within the ward. Members asked that speeding in Machen and Forge Road parking issues be considered as future priorities.

Members were advised that after April 2018 parking was likely to fall under the jurisdiction of the County Borough Council and not the Police, but in the meantime all parking issues should be reported via the 101 system as they

occur. It was suggested that information notices could be put onto cars to improve parking issues.

Members noted the points presented and thanked PCO Iles for his attendance at the meeting.

FULL COUNCIL

In the absence of the Chair of Council, the Vice-Chair, Councillor Jill Winslade chaired the meeting

77. Apologies for absence- The apologies were noted and accepted.

78. Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 1st June 2017

RESOLVED: 1. That the minutes for 1st June 2017 be accepted as a true record for signing by the Chair.

79. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2017

To note the Councillor Lisa Phipps joined the meeting immediately prior to the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: That the minutes for 6th July 2017 be accepted as a true record for signing by the Chair.

80. Chair's Announcement and Report

The Vice- Chair reported attending the following events:

- Picnic in the Park along with Councillors Lisa Phipps, Derek Havard and Amanda McConnell it was well attended and a great event for the community
- Ruperra Castle Walk
- BTM Funday which had been very well attended.

81. Clerk's report

- 5 applicants had applied for the vacancy and that interviews would be scheduled for the end of September/early October.
- The Clerk had been let down by a Christmas Lighting company that had failed to deliver on repeated promises to visit the area. Another company was due to visit on Tuesday, member's attendance would be appreciated.
- A very detailed asbestos report had been completed which found one area of work which needed completing, the ceiling to the front entrance to the building. The Clerk had been advised that this should be completed by a suitably qualified company and 2 had been suggested. The Clerk was asked to contact both companies to arrange a meeting to look at the work required and tender for it.

- The Clerk had begun work to look for a new phone and internet provider and would bring a report to council once the work was completed.

Resolved: That the Council note the update.

82. Notice Board

The Clerk and Chair of Finance had looked at a number of websites for a suitable notice board. The one in front of members was the one which looked the most professional and which best suited the needs of the Council

Resolved: That the exact price of the proposed notice board be provided at the next meeting.

83. Llamau Sleepout

A proposal was made to discuss a group of Councillors taking part in the sleepout scheme. The Council discussed but could not agree the appropriateness of being involved in the scheme.

84. Forward Plan of Council decisions/discussions

The Clerk informed members that a running list of agenda items would ensure that all members felt able to add agenda items for discussion and would aid the Council when it came to agenda planning.

Resolved: That the Clerk draw up a proposed forward plan in time for the next meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

85. Chair's Report

Nothing to report

86. Payments made since last meeting

The Clerk was asked to look at the gas maintenance contract and report to members when it was due for renewal.

Resolved: That the payments be noted and approved as set out in the paperwork.

87. Ward Project Expenditure

Resolved: To note the expenditure

88. Applications for Financial Assistance

Lisa Phipps declared an interest as a relative of a Church Elder.

RESOLVED: 1. To award £200 to Bethel Baptist Church from the Bedwas fund 2. To award £0 to the Aber Valley Wolves Junior Rugby Team as it was out of the area. 3. To award £250 towards Caerphilly Fireworks from the general fund.

Workmen's Hall Cleaning costs

Members were informed that the monthly cleaning costs were as set out in the papers, £592 for the upstairs of the hall and £355 for the downstairs although this had been temporarily stopped due to the BBC equipment being stored there. The Constitution of the Hall would be looked at in the October Council meeting.

LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee all agenda items were moved to the October meeting.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

89. Application 17/0555/CLPU– No objection

Application 17/0515/OUT– No objection.

Application 17/0604/FULL– No objection

Application 17/0567/FULL – No objection

Application 17/0664/NCC – No objection

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Application 17/0697/ADV – No objection *

*Councillor June Gale declared an interest in this item as it is visible from her home

Minutes of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE

90. Chair's Report

It was reported that the tickets for the Pantomime were now available to purchase on line.

91. Remembrance Day 2017

It was reported that Lisa Rawlings had offered to assist in the arrangements for the service and parade. The Council would need to print programmes and speak to the church and arrange the order of wreath laying. The council were informed of a scheme to buy packets of poppies seeds to encourage people to sew them across the UK as an act of remembrance.

Resolved: 1. To allocate £100 for the provision of refreshments following the service. 2. To purchase 75 packets of seeds for each of the 3 areas.

92. MacMillan Coffee Morning

All arrangements would be the same as in previous years. An allocation of £100 would be made for provisions for the event.

Additional item from Councillor Jan Walsh

Councillor Walsh asked the Council to support a scheme which she was proposing to provide community development support within groups in the BTM area. The post would work alongside the group, helping to build business plans and seek funding, also to help groups work more closely together and sharing resources.

Resolved: That the Community Council provide written support of the bid.

Meeting End 8.45pm

.....CHAIR OF COUNCIL