

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL Council Offices, Newport Road, Bedwas on Thursday 8 January 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 Ian Bartholomew, Stephen Moore, Local Neighbourhood Police.

Declaration of Interest: Councillors J.R.Davies, Brian James, June Gale re: Machen Village Hall & Social Centre.

141. The Chair welcomed the Playscheme Co-ordinator, GAVO, Darren Williams to the meeting to talk about his role in supporting development and provision of quality activities for children and young people during school holidays. As well as providing the Council with a Best Practice Toolkit he discussed introducing robust financial procedures, training for play-scheme staff, statutory duties and the Council's legal requirements in funding a play-scheme. He advised he will send the Clerk a list of recommendations.

DW left the meeting at 6:30pm

142. Apologies were received from Councillor's Elizabeth Aldworth and Derek Havard.

143. Minutes of the meeting held 4th December 2014 were approved and signed subject to an amendment in those present. Councillor Mary Williams was present not absent.

Minutes of the Meeting of FULL COUNCIL

144. The Chair reported the Christmas Carol Service around the tree was a big success and well received by the public. The Council received a letter from a Mrs Suzanne Hughes, Pandy Road thanking the Council for their efforts in organising the tree, lighting and the community gathering.

It was **RESOLVED** the Chair's Christmas Carol Service should become an annual event. A budget of £500 was **APPROVED** to be set aside for extra Christmas lights.

The Chair stated volunteers were needed for Bedwas Workmen's Hall and requested Members spread the word.

- 145.** A discussion took place on the precept. It was **RESOLVED** the precept be increased by 5%.

Cardiff Transport Preservation Group has queried whether the Council has a copy of the old Crest which was originally displayed on the No.7 1950's AEC bus. It was confirmed the Council does not hold a copy. Cllr RT Davies suggested the Clerk write to Cardiff Transport suggesting they contact Gwent Archives, Ebbw Vale for a copy.

Minutes of the Meeting of the POLICE & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 146.** Cllr Davies welcomed Inspector Ian Bartholomew and Stephen Moore, (Neighbourhood Police) to the meeting.

The Police Report was handed out and Councillors raised questions.

Cllr JR Davies queried whether the new parking enforcement measures at Wyndham Street are enforceable at all times. It was confirmed they are.

Cllr RT Davies reported he had received a number of complaints about dangerous parking on Penrhiw Lane into Lewis Street onto the junction of Commercial Road, Machen. He had reported the matter to Ystrad Mynach Station. He also received complaints about Manor Park Estate, where families have 2 or 3 cars per household. The Police confirmed the areas would be monitored and cars parked dangerously will receive a ticket.

The Chair reported youths are causing problems at Bethel Baptist Church during and after the Sunday Service as well as Friday night Youth Club. A suggestion was made for the Police to link the two events and issue a blanket ban on those young people in question.

The Chair reported vehicles parked near the Chip Shop, Trethomas and Pant Glas View are obscuring the view on the junction. Vehicles are also speeding on Church Street and Hillside.

Officers will investigate having the speed restriction signs re-installed.

Arrangementments for PACT meetings are currently being updated. Inspector Bartholomew stated PACT meetings were very important and he would make every effort to attend. The Chair suggested all Councillors attend.

Police left the meeting 7.30pm

Minutes of the meeting of the LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

147. The Assistant Clerk reported the office cleaner has now retired. It was **RESOLVED** a card and gift be purchase to mark her long period of service and she be invited to the February Council meeting for a presentation.
148. Alternative cleaning options for the office was discussed. It was agreed the contract cleaner for Bedwas Workmen's Hall be approached to include BTM office cleaning in their contract.
149. A discussion took place on the merits of having the work on the roof at Bedwas Workmen's Hall supervised by Alan Elliot at CCBC. **APPROVED**
150. The Assistant Clerk officially thanked Councillor David Davies for organising the re-siting of the Council's notice board, which freed up space to plant the Christmas tree.

Minutes of the meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE

151. Cllr Gale, Chair of Finance congratulated Councillor's Lisa Jones and Emma Davies on their recent engagements.
152. Cllr Gale expressed concerns regarding the lack of financial information gathered to support Holiday Play Scheme donations. She suggested the scheme be advertised in the Spring for applicants to apply to run the service. The Clerk is requested to write to the current recipient explaining the Council's statutory changes and financial requirements for 2015. Note: The letter should be sent recorded delivery. It was **RESOLVED** the recipient of future Play Scheme donations are required to report back to the full Council meeting in September/October.
153. Cllr Gale confirmed Bethel Church 'Youth Club' and 'Messy Church' are two separate groups operating under the one umbrella organisation.
154. Last month's payments were noted. A Budget report was distributed for information. Cllr James requested details of the other two accounts.
155. Ward Project expenditure was noted.
156. **Applications for Financial Assistance: –**
Machen Village Hall & Social Centre – It was **RESOLVED** £100 be donated. Cllr Mary Williams declared an interest. (Declarations also declared at start of meeting).
157. **Acknowledgements**
Received and noted.

Minutes of the Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE

158. Cllr B James reported that following the refusal of planning for the development at Waterloo. The applicant has appealed against the decision to the Welsh Assembly

Government. Whilst this application does not fall into the council's area, it is a matter of interest and inspections will be taking place in the near future.

159. Applications for Planning were decided as follows:

Case Ref. 14/0799/NCC Site Area: 537m²

Location: 23 Commercial Road Machen Caerphilly CF83 8NB

Proposal: Remove conditions 9 and 10 (Code for Sustainable Homes level 3 conditions) from planning consent 13/0669/FULL (Erect new dwelling)

Applicant: Rainbow Construction Mr S Cronk Unit 25 Darren Road Prince Of Wales Industrial Estate Cwmcarn Newport NP11 5AR

RESOLVED: More information required.

Case Ref. 14/0800/FULL Site Area: 521m²

Location: 23 Commercial Road Machen Caerphilly CF83 8NB

Proposal: Erect garage

Applicant: Rainbow Construction Mr S Crank Unit 25 Darren Road Prince Of Wales Industrial Estate Cwmcarn Newport NP11 5AR

RESOLVED: More information required.

The Assistant Clerk pointed out the Planning department has indicated that they will not provide further information and details of all planning applications are available on CCBC's website.

The Chair, Cllr B James considers the Planning Office has a legal obligation to provide information and requested the Clerk send a letter of complaint to CCBC recorded delivery.

PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT – NOTED

Minutes of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE

160. The Chair, Cllr Jones - nothing to report.

161. The Clerk will be meeting a representative from Tidy Towns on the 20th January, and has requested Councillors email her with any low maintenance ideas for improving the three villages.

162. The Assistant Clerk reported enquiries had been made with the Scouts and the Probation Service to distribute the Council's newsletter free of charge. Both groups refused for different reasons. A distribution company in Hengoed had provided a quote of £40 per 1,000. It was clarified 4,500 copies will be printed. The quote was **APPROVED.**

Councillors were reminded Hurley and Davies Surveyors will be giving their presentation on Bedwas Workmen's Hall on Wednesday 14 January at 6pm.

The Meeting closed 8.20pm