

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

**Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL Council Offices, Newport Road,
Bedwas on Thursday January 11th at 6.30pm**

<u>Present</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
E. Aldworth	
	E. Davies
DJ. Davies	
J. Gale	
	D. Havard
L. Phipps (from 7.05pm)	
A McConnell	
C Morgan (Chair)	
	K. Regan
Presser	
J. Walsh	
J. Winslade	
	Jolene Dalton (Clerk)

Also Present: CSO Bev Coggan, Gill Howells (Deputy Clerk)

Declarations of Interest: Councillors

POLICE & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

163. CSO Bev Coggan attended the committee and gave the following update on crime in the area.

55 crimes were recorded in December 2017 compared to 25 in December 2016

- Violence without injury - 15
- Violence with injury – 9
- Criminal damage and arson – 7
- Burglary Dwelling – 5
- Public Order Offences – 4
- Sexual Offences – 4
- Other Theft – 3
- Shoplifting – 2
- Drug Offences – 2
- Vehicle Crime – 2
- Crimes against Society – 2

207 incidents were recorded in December 2017 compared to 156 in December 2016. This included 19 anti social behaviour incidents – 13 of which were nuisance ASB, 5 personal ASB and 1 environmental ASB

3 incidents of note were a dwelling burglary in Tydfil Road, Bedwas, a garage break in Bryn Gwyn Street, Bedwas and a caravan entered in Church Street Bedwas. All of which were insecure at the time of the incident.

No issues were reported on Pandy Road with regard to traffic and congestion although this was likely due to the roadworks in Caerphilly being alleviated during this period.

There is investigation ongoing into having a Police Hub at the Resource Centre in Graig Y Rhacca. CSO Lisa Gibbs will update further at the next meeting.

Caerphilly Police station is holding an Open Surgery on Friday 11th January 5pm – 8pm with Inspector Gavin Clifton

Further to a question from Members CSO Coggan clarified the area covered by the data was Bedwas Trethomas and Machen alone and did not cover any areas of Lansbury. It was also advised that there was no obvious reason for the increase in the figures from last year.

A member requested information on the numbers of CSO's in the area and it was confirmed there are 4 including one new CSO.

A member raised concerns around people loitering and hanging around in the Bryn Heol/Bryn Awel area which is concerning residents. Members and Residents are advised that such instances should be called in at the time so that they can be logged and then the Police can look to provide support to that area. If residents feel uncomfortable to do this then it's acceptable for a Council Member to approach the CSO's directly on their behalf.

Members thanked the officers for their attendance at the meeting. Officers then left.

FULL COUNCIL

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

165. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2017

Para 155 should include the information and resolution for the award of the works to the cheapest supplier following a review of the quotations provided in respect of the drains at the Workmen's' Hall

Resolved: That the minutes of December 7th are updated and are accepted as a true record for signing by the Chair.

166. Chair's Announcement and Report

The Chair's Carol Service was an extremely successful event and thanks were noted to the BTM band for the music, Machen Rotary for bringing along the sleigh and Santa and to the Deputy Clerk for the arrangements on the night.

Thanks were extended to Members for the condolences and thoughts received following his father passing away.

New Years Eve was a very successful event at the Workmen's' Hall and thanks were passed on to all the volunteers and helpers.

The Panto company, Once Upon a Time, have sent the Council a refund of the £202 that was paid out in refunds on the day of the event.

Nominations have been received for the Chairs Award however the end date has been extended to the end of February 2018. Members were encouraged to complete forms and encourage others to make nominations.

Positive feedback has been received from the Community following the provision of the Christmas Lights and the Trees.

Richard Willetts has contacted the Council with concerns over the closure of Bedwas Swimming Pool, Councillor Phipps has contacted the Head of Leisure and is pending a response which will be shared with Mr Willetts.

Thanks were passed to all County and Community Councillors for their work and efforts during 2017. Many good ideas are being progressed and the work of the Community Council is being recognised.

167. Clerk's Announcement

No update for this report

168. Budget 2018/19

The budget reports were provided and the following points were noted:-

- Income has been reduced following notice of offices being vacated in the Council Offices.
- Additional income could be generated if another Pantomime was undertaken
- Funding for only one newsletter is included in the budget
- Ward project budgets have been reduced
- No summer play scheme budget has been included
- There is a significant commitment for Christmas Lights for the next 2 years
- Some additional one off costs in the year for the change over to the new integrated fire and security system at Bedwas Workmen's Hall and new system in the Council Offices

- No budget for any maintenance works at the Workmen's Hall

Members discussed the budget information provided and the additional costs of desired projects. The Boiler replacement for the Workmen's Hall was considered a priority project which should be included for 2018/19.

Consideration was given to a number of potential savings but it was not possible to finalise the budget at the meeting

Resolved : An extraordinary meeting to be scheduled for Friday 26th January to further consider the budget and finalise the precept.

Cllrs Gale and Aldsworth left the meeting

169. Defibrillators

The defibrillators are scheduled to be installed at Machen Pharmacy, Bedwas Post Office and Tesco Trethomas. Machen Pharmacy have agreed to cover the minimal electricity costs required for the defibrillator. Responses are pending from the other two sites.

170. Forward Plan

Resolved:

1. Pantomime to be added into February Meeting
2. Budget Review to be added into November Meeting

FINANCE COMMITTEE

171. Chair's Report

No additional report following the budget discussions

172. Payments made since last meeting

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

173. Ward Project Expenditure

Resolved: To note the expenditure

174. Applications for Financial Assistance

RESOLVED:

1. To award £300 toward Machen Welfare from the Machen Ward

LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

175. Chairs Report

The works to the drains are now completed at the Workmen's Hall.

176. Planned Work

There are no quotations to be considered.

177. Fire Alarm System at the Council Building

Quotations have been received from 2 suppliers for the upgrade of the fire alarm system.

Resolved : The contract to be awarded to Brumble Security to replace the security system and provide an integrated fire and security system.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

178. Chairs Report

A workshop was attended by Cllrs Rosser and Walsh in December which was very useful and informative and a handout entitled Planning Workshops for Community and Town Councils was shared amongst Members

Resolved : An item to be added to the agenda for February to share information on Place Plans

179. Planning Applications

Application 17/1040/FULL – No objection

Application 17/1059/FULL – No objection

Application 17/1076/FULL – Objection raised on the basis of access, parking for the local co-operative shop and the school.

180. Permission for Development

No matters raised

ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE

181. Chair's Report

9th February – Bruno Mars Tribute at the Workmen's Hall

17th February – Jersey Boys Show at the Workmen's Hall

16 / 17th March – Aladdin Jr by New Horizons at the Workmen’s Hall
7th April – Bjorn Belief, Abba Tribute at the Workmen’s Hall

Karen Kendall who is working with Bedwas High School has provided support and useful information towards the Peace Garden project

A new volunteer has joined the Workmen’s Hall who has experience in Marketing and Web Design.

Meeting End : 8.30pm

.....CHAIR OF COUNCIL