

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

**Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL Council Offices, Newport Road,
Bedwas on Thursday 11th May 2017 at 6pm**

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

Apologies: K Regan, C Morgan

Also Present: Jolene Dalton (Clerk)

Declarations of Interest: Councillor D Davies declared an interest in minute 26 as a member of Bedwas Rugby Club. Councillors D Davies, E Davies and P Rosser declared an interest in planning application 17/0285/CLPU as residents of the street and Councillor J Walsh declared an interest as her son lives in the street.

POLICE & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

15. There were no Police representative at the meeting

FULL COUNCIL

16. **Apologies for absence-** The apologies were noted and accepted.

17. **Minutes of the meetings held on 6th April 2017**

RESOLVED: 1. That the minutes for 6th April be accepted as a true record for signing by the Chair.

18. **Chair's Announcement and Report**

As the newly elected Char of Council was unable to attend the meeting, the Vice-Chair remained in the Chair. There was no update.

19. Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that the new tenants had moved into the downstairs offices following a clean asbestos report.

It was reported that to date, only one of the schools had responded to the Council's offer to purchase outdoor play equipment. Members undertook to contact the schools where they held positions as Governors to further the requests for a response.

20. Alzheimer's Cupcake Day

This item was moved to the Environment and Leisure Committee for discussion.

21. Carpet at the Council Building

Carpeting had been carried out in the back office but a quote had also been given to re-carpet the upstairs office and the stairs as both were in need of replacing.

Resolved: to obtain an additional quote for the carpet before the work would be undertaken.

22. Staffing resources

This item was referred for discussion by the Employment Panel

FINANCE COMMITTEE

23. Chair's Report

The Clerk was requested to look into the possibility of the Council having its own email address.

There were some issues with the cleaning contract at the Bedwas Workmen's Hall and it was possible that the contractors would change.

24. Payments made since last meeting

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

25. Ward Project Expenditure

Resolved: To note the expenditure

26. Applications for Financial Assistance

RESOLVED: 1. To award £300 in sponsorship money, £100 from each ward but that BTM once again is able to advertise the sponsorship of the climbing wall as in previous years.

27. Room Booking Charging Policy

The Clerk asked Members to consider if they wished to make any changes to the room booking policy for the 2017/18 period. In previous years there had been a charging policy in place for businesses but in reality only local groups tended to use the Chamber, with One Voice Wales also holding regular meetings and training events here.

Members also discussed the burden of opening and closing up the building which often fell to the same few members. Other members living locally undertook to also open and close the building when needed.

Resolved: That use of the Chamber and/or Members Lounge is free for groups local to BTM and for Area meetings of One Voice Wales. However a charge of £10 per hour would be made for groups from outside the BTM area and for training events held by One Voice Wales.

LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

28. Chair's Report

The Chair reported that since the roof had been repaired and the guttering cleared out that there had been very little rain so it was not possible to assess if the repair work had been successful. The Chair suggested that the upstairs walls be scrapped off and painted to improve the look of the area after the water damage had left the area looking in a poor state. It was suggested that a contractor who had previously carried out painting work for the Council be contacted and that a maximum of £500 be set as the budget for the work. Without the work being completed there was concern that the numerous bookings for June would not be able to make use of the top balcony, reducing the seating capacity by 120 seats.

Resolved: That a maximum of £500 be allocated to cover the work.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

29. Application 17/0160/FULL – objection as loss of parking.

Application 17/0206/NCC – No objection

Application 17/0277/RET – no objection, although Councillor Phipps reported that she had received objections from residents as the work had started without planning permission

Application 17/0285/CLPU – No objection

Minutes of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE

30. Chair's Report

The Vice Chair of Council chaired the Committee, she reported that over £2000 had been taken over the bar at the Workmen's hall at a recent fundraising event, a total of approximately £1400 was raised and the Caerphilly Male Voice Choir had very generously offered to hold another event in the future. It was reported that there was approximately £29,000 in the lift fund following the event, with all profits from the bar and money from ticket sales going into the appeal fund.

A councillor had been approached by two people who wished to donate money to the appeal. Any developments would be reported in future.

Members were encouraged to attend the meeting at the Hall on Tuesday 16th May at 6pm.

It was hoped that the Big Mac Wholly Soul band would be performing at the Hall on New Year's Eve, this would be a huge achievement as it was a very popular act. Members praised the work being done by the Committee at the Hall.

31. Summer Playscheme 2017

Resolved: that the Community Council would hold the Playscheme in Summer 2017, but it was stressed that better marketing was needed this year. The Clerk was asked to find out if the provider could produce a promotional flyer.

32. Alzheimer's Cupcake Day

Resolved: That the event would be held at the Workmen's hall on 15th June. The budget for the event would be £150.

Councillor Walsh offered to provide some purple bunting for the event.

Members discussed the need for the chain of the Vice Chair to have a new ribbon. Councillor havard undertook to provide details of a company in Ystrad Mynach.

Meeting End 8.15pm

.....CHAIR OF COUNCIL

