

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

**Minutes of the meeting of EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL Council Offices,
Newport Road, Bedwas on Wednesday 21st June 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)	
	K. Regan
P. Rosser	
J.Walsh	
J. Winslade	

Apologies: D Havard & K Regan

Also Present: Jolene Dalton (Clerk)

Declarations of Interest: There were none

52. Accounting Statement for 2016-17.

The Clerk presented the report as set out in the agenda papers making the following points:

- The Council had gone through a period of significant change during the accounting period with a change of clerk, the introduction of a number of changes and a more robust budget setting process. With these changes had come a change of internal auditor and this had resulted in a thorough inspection of all aspects of financial management and governance which has resulted in a number of areas of concern being highlighted.
- The Explanation of Quantified Significant Variances was explained, the primary reasons for the differences being the gratuity payment, the handing over of much of the financial responsibility for the Hall to the Management Committee and the loss of room rental at the Council Offices.
- Members considered the points made by the Internal auditor in their report and noted that many of the issues had recently been addressed in time for the 2017-18 period.
- Members considered the draft Accounting Statement and considered the appropriate responses to be entered under Part 1 and Part 2.

Resolved:

1. That the accounting statement in the report and the Annual Statement accurately reflect the financial position for the year ending March 2016.
2. That the Council approves the Explanation of Quantified Variances.

3. That the Council authorises the Clerk to complete and sign the Annual Return.
4. That the Council authorises the Clerk/RFO to submit the Annual Return to the External Auditors.
5. That the Council has considered and discussed points made by the Internal Audit report
6. That the Council answers 'Yes' to each question on the Annual Governance Statement.

Meeting End 7.40pm

.....CHAIR OF COUNCIL