

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

**Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL Council Offices, Newport Road,
Bedwas on Friday January 26th 2018 at 6.30pm**

<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	

Also Present: Jolene Dalton (Clerk), Gill Howells (Deputy Clerk)

Declarations of Interest: There were none

182. Apologies for Absence – the apologies were noted and accepted.

183. Budget 2018/19

The Clerk presented the item explaining that staff had worked together with the Chair, Cllrs McConnell and Cllrs Davies and had put together a package of financial measures to address the shortfall of funding for 2018/19 which consisted of the following :-

Discontinue One Voice Wales Membership	£1,500
Reduced Newsletter Budget	£1,000
Discontinue Christmas Cheques	£1,200
Reduced Ward Project Budget	£ 700
Increase Office Rents	£ 320

Taking into account these measures a shortfall would remain which could be funded through the increase of precept and utilisation of monies from the Council Reserve Account. The Clerk stressed to members that they needed to consider the services that they would no longer have access to if they did not renew the One Voice Wales membership which would be advice, and regular bulletins of pertinent information. Members felt that it may be necessary to save the money for a 12 month period and then review the situation.

In addition to the above, the work to replace to the Boiler in Bedwas Workmen's Hall is considered necessary and as this cannot be undertaken within the budget above will be funded from the Council Reserve Account

Resolved :

- a) **The Council budget reflect the financial measures outlined above**
- b) **The Council increase the precept for 2018/19 by 15% to £77,953.41**
- c) **The Council utilise funds from the Reserve Account to offset the remaining shortfall**
- d) **The replacement boiler at the Hall to be funded from the Council Reserve Account**

Meeting End : 6.40pm

.....CHAIR OF COUNCIL