

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

**Minutes of the meeting of FULL COUNCIL Council Offices, Newport Road,
Bedwas on Thursday January 10th 2019**

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

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

POLICE & ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

183. CSO Menna Watkins updated the Councillors on the following matters :

Caerphilly Police Station has now closed its front desk operation however there are a number of surgeries being held at the Station which the public can attend.

A Mini Police scheme is being established at Graig Y Rhacca Primary School and CSO Lisa Gibbs is taking the lead on this.

An action day will take place on the 20th January focusing on Off Road bikes

The increased calls being received by the Clerks from individuals trying to contact Bedwas Police Station has been noted by the Police. They are looking at the communication and notification methods for contacting the station.

The police are maintaining the responsibility for parking issues up till the 8th April when it will transfer to Local Authority control. Issues were raised by Councillors in respect of parking in Trethomas.

FULL COUNCIL

184. Declarations of Interest: Councillor Liz Aldworth declared an interest as a member of the Planning Committee and left the meeting for the duration of the Planning items.

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

186. Chair's Announcement and Report

The Chair and Cllr Phipps attended the Graig Y Rhacca School Carol Concert and Nursery Nativity. Cllr Gale also joined them there for Christmas Dinner.

The Chairs Carol Concert on the 11th December was very successful.

The Chair along with Cllrs McConnell and Phipps supported the Homeless Shelter based at the Hall during December and was a very successful and rewarding experience.

New Years Eve at the Workman's Hall went very well.

The contributions to the Shoe Box Appeal was fantastic and all boxes were transferred to Cardiff between Christmas and New Year for distribution. Some of the left over boxes and selection boxes were taken to Ty'r Fesen, Caerphilly.

187. Clerk's Update

Pantomime figures were provided to the Councillors and over £1,400 profit was made from the three shows during October and December.

A discussion took place about the possibility of putting on the shows again next year and in particular arranging School showings during the week.

The Certificate provided for the electrical survey at the Hall has noted the electrics are unsatisfactory and that remedial works are required. Dale Electrical Services are providing further information on the work and costs involved.

Resolved: Clerks to write to all schools to ask that it's put on the next Governor meeting agenda for discussion and feedback.

188. Precept 2019/20

Discussion around the budget took place and it was noted that the British Legion are going to fund the Bench in the Children's area in Bedwas Cemetery. Consideration was then given to transferring the monies set aside for that to contribute towards the provision of Councillor specific BTM Council emails.

Resolved: The Council increase the precept for 2019/20 by 17% to £90,881

189. Forward Plan of Council Decisions

Resolved: Add Chairs Awards into February, March and April. Add Dog Show into March. Add Remembrance Poetry Competition into September. Add Pantomimes into February.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

190. Chair's Report

No update

191. Payments made since last meeting

Resolved: To note the expenditure

192. Ward Project Expenditure

Resolved: To note the expenditure

193. Applications for Financial Assistance

No applications received

LAND & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

194. Chairs Report

Heating in the Council Chamber is an issue and is very cold for meetings.

The ceiling at the Hall has been fixed by Atlantic Building Services. Thanks are passed to the Hall Committee for their financial contribution to get the roof repaired.

Hurley and Davies have commenced the work on the survey for the Hall and will next be visiting the site on the 17th January. Discussions took place on the progress of this work and when the contribution can be expected from the Hall to fund the £9,000 cost of the survey. Letter of support also need to be progressed for the Hall's future plans.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

195. Chairs Report

No Update

196. Planning Applications

Application 18/0955 – Approved

Application 18/0979 – Approved

Application 18/0965 - Approved

Application 18/1017- Objections raised with regard to the traffic implications from siting the car wash on the main road.

Application 18/1026 – Approved

Application 18/0759 – Objection remains as raised by the Council previously who have also received a letter from the residents of the area. There are concerns about the height of the dwellings and the impact upon the privacy of existing residents in the area. As a result of such a build they expect there to be over a 40% increase in traffic and noise in a small area. The road and parking access is current very narrow and restricted and this causes additional concerns for access for Emergency Services and residents. The Council understand an application for 2 dwellings was turned down in this area around 2014 so concerned about the development of 8. Should the application go ahead for some reason Councillors have requested that consideration is given to social housing as part of the application and that S106 funding is sought for adjustments to the junction.

ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE

197. Chair's Report

No update

198. Chairs Awards

The date will be the 25th April 2019

199. Events for 2019/20

The Council would like to put on a Dog Show

Meeting End :8.35PM

.....CHAIR OF COUNCIL