



Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Remote FULL COUNCIL Meeting,
MS Teams
Thursday 27th August 2020 at 6.30pm

Present	Apologies
Jill Winslade	
Daniel Llewellyn	
Amanda McConnell	
Chris Morgan (Chair)	
Elizabeth Aldworth	
Phil Rosser	
Derek Havard	
Dave Davies	
June Gale	

Also Present: Marcia Jones (Clerk)

Due to some technical issues encountered by Councillors the meeting officially commenced at 6.38pm

563. Police & Community Safety Matters

A representative from Gwent Police was unable to attend. A report from CSO Satterly was circulated and NOTED

564. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Phipps – Item 11. Roof issues at BWH

Cllr Aldworth – Item 13. As a CCBC Planning Committee member will exclude from herself from this item.

565. Apologies for absence.

No apologies

566. Minutes of meeting 2nd July 2020

AGREED: The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record for signing by the Chair.

567. Matters Arising from the meeting on 2nd July 2020

567.1 Cllr Phipps highlighted that the donation to Marie Curie was agreed in lieu of a coffee morning, but this usually for MacMillan and an oversight at that time
NOTED

Finance Committee

568. Payments for July 2 & August 2020

NOTED and approved

569. Bank Reconciliation to 31st July 2020

NOTED and approved

570. Request for Financial Assistance

570.1 Noah's Ark. £300, £100 from each ward. Cllr Phipps to contact a local family whose child used their services, with the idea of the donation to be given in the name of the child

571. Finance committee

571.1 Draft minutes from the Finance Committee meeting 14.07.2020

NOTED

571.2 End of Q1 2020-2021 spend report

NOTED

571.3 Revised budget for 2020-2021 dated 14th July 2020

AGREED

571.4 Financial Assistance/Grant Policy and application form 2020-2021

AGREED with following amendments:

- Page 3 - Medical Research and Animal Welfare to be withdrawn from point 4
- Page 3 – proposed tiered structure for grants in point 6 to be removed

571.5 BTMCC Committees and Terms of Reference

AGREED with following amendments:

- Quorum for a committee is 3. Noted that Standing orders will need to be changed to reflect this
- Environment & CIL committee – to add 'at least one member from each ward on the committee
- It was Noted that the planning committee will no longer exist. All planning matters will be brought to Full Council and therefore a committee for this is not required

572. Employment Committee

572.1 Draft minutes from the Employment Committee meeting 09.07.2020

NOTED

572.2 Change to the working hours for the Clerk to 30 PW WEF 01.10.2020

AGREED

572.3 Extension to the contract of BWH Caretaker to 31.03.2021

AGREED

572.3 Recruitment of Volunteers to work with BTMCC

AGREED

573. CIL Committee

Cllr Phipps provided a verbal update on the recommendations to Council from the last meeting attended by LP & PR and subsequently approved by JaWa, including

- 2 new benches on the field opposite Upper Glyn Gwyn Street
- A bench at the Children's section of Bedwas Cemetery
- Wildflower planting in the BTM area

CCBC approval has already been given. Cllr Phipps willing to liaise with CCBC contractors regarding installation. This was AGREED.

574. Environmental & Leisure Matters

574.1 It was AGREED that the following events for 2020-2021 are to be cancelled as a result of the Covid Pandemic

- Halloween Panto
- Remembrance Day reception at the BTM CC offices
- Chair's Christmas Event
- Christmas Panto

574.3 Macmillan Coffee Morning. BTMCC have previously taken responsibility for putting on a coffee morning in this area. It is due to be held in the Trethomas area this year. The proposed venue is potentially no longer available. Concerns were raised by Cllr Aldworth regarding inviting people to a gathering and being able to adhere to Covid restrictions. Therefore, the BTM CC event may not be able to take place this year and she suggested a donation in lieu could be made to MacMillan. The Chair invited members to agree now or defer to the October meeting. He advised he was willing to donate £200 from the Chair's fund. Cllr Phipps informed Members she intends to support the coffee morning at the Church House Inn on September 25th as they have Covid procedures in place, and proposed that the Chair's cheque could be presented at this event. It was AGREED that a donation of £200 from the Chairs fund made out to Macmillan in lieu of the BTM CC Coffee Morning would be given.

574.2 Memorial bench at Bryn Park. Cllr Phipps has been contacted by the manager of the Spar in Trethomas, who have raised £1050 from the community towards a new bench for Bryn Park. There is shortfall for the total cost and installation of £622.80. It was AGREED that BTM CC would meet this cost from the CIL

575. Clerk's Report

NOTED

576. Land & Buildings Committee

Cllr McConnell provided a verbal update. The most urgent issue is the ingress of water at the Bedwas Workmen's Hall flat roof, which now needs replacing. The Clerk and Caretaker have tried over several months to obtain quotes from several companies. To date, only one received. The matter is now becoming urgent with the approach of winter as there will be further deterioration and will cause additional issues at the hall. It was noted that it is the landlord's responsibility to undertake the necessary repairs to ensure health and safety and to allow the hall to continue to operate. It was AGREED that an additional company should be approached, but if no further quotes are received there would be no alternative but to accept the current quote.

Cllr Aldworth left the meeting at this point

577. Planning

577.1 Case Ref. 20/0502/FULL – No Objections

577.2 Case Ref. 20/0558/FULL – No Objections

577.3 Case Ref. 20/0569/FULL – No Objections

577.4 Case Ref. 20/0603/FULL – No Objections

577.5 Case Ref. 20/0608/FULL – No Objections

577.6 Case Ref. 20/0622/FULL – No Objections

577.7 Case Ref. 20/0642/FULL – No Objections

577.8 Publicity and consultation before applying for planning permission 14th July 2020 from asbri planning. Motion submitted by Cllr Llewellyn was unable to be taken forward as no seconder received. The Members are aware of the feelings of the local community on this issue. Cllr Havard provided a statement on behalf of the Labour party on this matter. See appendix 1. Cllr Havard stated that this statement by Labour is not to be shared on Facebook by Cllr Llewellyn, but should he wish to do so, Cllr Havard would consider legal action against him if it is not factually correct. He expressed his feeling that Facebook is not the correct medium for this debate, as any fight will be done by the Community Council working together using the correct channels. Cllr Llewellyn stated that Cllr Havard had made this political. He responded by saying that Cllr Llewellyn had already made this political by his actions on Facebook. Cllr Llewellyn stated arguments on Facebook should not be taken into the full Council meeting and noted his disappointment with the remarks made by Cllr Havard. Cllr Winslade noted her disagreement with having disputes on Facebook between Councillors as this is inappropriate and highlighted that all Councillors work hard for the community in different ways. The Chair reminded all Councillors of be mindful of their actions.

It was highlighted that this is currently in the consultation stage, and therefore Councillors will respond to an application, as appropriate, if and when received by

CCBC planning department as they do not wish to detrimentally pre-empt any final application and the planning process.

577.9 Pre-consultation notice of application for planning 20th July 2020 FROM Jill ITD Bearmach, Unit 8, Pantglas Industrial Estate, Bedwas CF83 8GE – 'Proposed warehousing to the rear of the existing
NOTED

578. Date for AGM

It was AGREED that this will take place on Thursday 1st October 2020 at 6.30pm via MS Teams, followed by the scheduled Full Council meeting

Meeting Closed 8.06 pm

Signed
Cllr C Morgan
Chair of Council

Appendix 1

The verbal statement provided by Cllr Havard, Deputy leader of the BTM Labour party, at the BTM CC Council meeting on 27th August 2020

'As (Labour) members of this (BTM) Community Council, we are always very conscious of the need to protect and enhance our local environment and have demonstrated this belief in the many actions we have taken in our brief, but honourable, history. As a Labour group we have never shied away from the fight, and we don't intend to do so now. This is not getting prepared for an election year for us, as it is for some, but it is about our principles. Elections come and go. but the people we represent expect our full support all times.

At the moment we are facing a proposal that we believe is not wanted by the public so, once a formal proposal is deposited with CCBC we will consider its ramifications and possible damage to our Village. This is what we have always done, and we have never been shy of telling authority and Developers what we think. We have stopped or modified some Proposals but this is a process fraught with many difficulties because the truth is that planning laws usually work in favour of the Developer- but that won't stop us fighting - it never has. We did have one great victory some years ago, when we stopped (CCBC Council controlled by) Plaid Cymru's attempt to put a dump in the middle of Trethomas. That was a difficult one but we won that. At this moment there is no application in CCBC Planning Office. If or when it arrives. we, in the Labour Group will be first, as usual, into the fight'