

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

**Minutes of the meeting of the remote
virtual Full Council on Thursday 10 June 2021 at
6.30pm**

Present: DJ Davies, D Havard, J Gale, D Llewellyn, A McConnell, J Winslade, P Rosser, E Aldworth, Lisa Phipps, C Morgan (Chair), Bob Campbell (Temp Clerk), Lisa Gibbs (Gwent Police)

Apologies: G Pratt

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

716 Officer Gibbs provided the Council with an update of the Police activities in the community over the last month

FULL COUNCIL

717 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Phipps declared a family association with one of the Youth Representative applicants and Cllr Aldworth declared an interest in the planning application item due to her role on the Caerphilly CBC Planning Committee

718 Cllr Morgan chaired the meeting. Attendance and an apology for absence were noted as above. There were no residents' addresses due to the Coronavirus crisis, the Government lockdown and the current Welsh Government regulations

719 To consider and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the previous Council meeting on 12 May, the Annual

General Meeting and the Extraordinary General meeting both on 26 May 2021

The meeting acknowledged that all three of the minutes were agreed for signature as a true and correct record

720 Clerk's Report – As the Council currently does not have a Clerk in place there was no Clerk's report

FINANCE MATTERS and Finance Committee update

721 The Chair presented a summary of the recent financial transactions alongside the previous Clerk's account summary to date and it included his verbal update on the Council's current staffing issues that he and the vice Chair were pursuing. The Chair also update the Council that Caerphilly CBC had recently allowed Bedwas Workmen's Hall to be reopened to the public whilst the emergency repair works were being pursued. Cllr Morgan as chair of finance explained his concerns with the budgets and being able to afford a Clerk/RFO and a second employee in a new role of Buildings and Assets Officer. The Chair reported that the 2021/2022 budget allocation will need to be reviewed to progress the current staffing issues and that the 2020/2021 Audit cannot be finalised for Audit Wales until a replacement Clerk is in place. The report was agreed as satisfactory by the Council

The Chair and Vice Chair are pursuing an advert for a replacement Clerk as soon as practically possible

PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

722 Resolved: That the Council makes provision for all members to receive £150 towards expenses for the 2021/22 period

CORRESPONDENCE - Youth Representatives

723 (Cllr Lisa Phipps temporarily left the meeting for this agenda item)

The Council considered the two recently received applications for Youth Representatives on the Council and unanimously agreed for Rhys Griffiths and Madison Phipps-Magill to join the Council for 2021/2022 and to invite both representatives along to their July Full Council meeting

EVENTS & LEISURE (EL) COMMITTEE

724 The Draft Minutes of the meeting on 10 May 2021 were noted

Members agreed to purchase a further 15 pickers & 15 hoops from the Special Projects Fund and to purchase x4 sets 600 Battery Operated LED Timer Lights @£30 each (Trethomas, Machen, Lower GYR, Upper GYR Christmas Trees)

LAND & BUILDINGS MANAGEMENT (LBM) COMMITTEE

725 The Draft Minutes of the meeting on 18 May 2021 were noted

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

726 (Cllr Liz Aldworth temporarily left the meeting for this agenda item)

CCBC Planning Application Case Ref.0541 was noted

The Meeting closed 7.25 pm

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Signed Chairperson