

**Minutes of the Environment & CIL Committee of Bedwas, Trethomas and
Machen Community Council**
**Due to the current Coronavirus crisis it was held as a remote virtual meeting on
Monday 21 June 2021**

1. To note those present and apologies.

Cllrs Lisa Phipps (LP), Derek Havard, Phil Rosser, Nigel Bull and Gareth Pratt in attendance

Also present: Cllr Amanda McConnell and Steve Aicheler (Machen Resident)

2. To receive and note Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs Derek Havard and Gareth Pratt declared an interest in item No 16 as members of Machen Welfare Ground.

3. To consider, and if correct, arrange for the Chair to sign the minutes of the ECIL Committee Minutes were accepted.

4. Matters arising from ECIL Committee Meeting held on 12 April 2021.

Most items from the April meeting were carried forward to this meeting to be discussed.

5. FP254 off Addison Way, Trethomas

It was agreed for a site visit to be arranged in order that ECIL members could be made aware of the footpath in question. This matter could then be discussed in further detail at the next meeting. Lisa Phipps to arrange site visit.

6. To note CIL Income & Expenditure to date.

This information was not available for the meeting but it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

To receive an update on ongoing projects:

7. Benches at Bedwas Cemetery

Lisa Phipps advised that 2 x benches had been installed at Bedwas Cemetery. An invoice has not yet been received from Caerphilly CBC.

8. MUGA Bedwas/Trethomas Playground

Lisa Phipps confirmed that she had been provided with an update from Caerphilly CBC confirming that the tender for the work should be awarded this week.

9. Wildflower planting

Lisa Phipps confirmed that 2 x areas within the BTM ward had been planted with wildflowers. An invoice for £250.00p has been received from Caerphilly CBC and has been paid.

10. Bedwas Riverside Walk

- **Picnic Benches** - 1 x picnic bench has been installed and the other picnic bench was being installed this week (post meeting note - both picnic benches are now installed)
- **Benches** - 2 x benches have been ordered and will be installed by the Countryside warden
- **Block-stone** – Block-stone has been ordered and will be put in place (on cycle path to prevent unauthorised parking and within Riverside Park to provide additional seating)
- **New footpaths** - Lisa Phipps in discussion with Caerphilly CBC Officers - will provide update at next meeting
- **Parking** - Lisa Phipps in discussion with Caerphilly CBC Officers - will provide update at next meeting

11. Benches/Knee Rail at Upper Glyn Gwyn Street, Trethomas

4 x new benches have been installed on the field opposite Upper Glyn Gwyn Street and the knee rail has been re-painted. An invoice for £3,486.00p has been received from Caerphilly CBC and has been paid.

It was originally agreed to cut the knee-rail to allow access to the new benches but concerns have been raised as this could encourage off-road bikers to use the field. It was agreed that this needed further discussion and it would be brought back to the next meeting.

12. Additional Defibrillators in BTM

Cllr Amanda McConnell gave a verbal update at the meeting. It was agreed that we would purchase a further defibrillator that could hopefully be installed at the Chequered Flag Service Station. It was agreed for Cllr Amanda McConnell to make contact with the owners to ask if they would be happy for the installation to go ahead and possibly contribute to the cost of the cabinet to house the defibrillator.

13. Planters for summer bedding displays

Three planters have been installed in Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen. Lisa Phipps placed on record her thanks to all the individuals watering the planters.

14. Improve footpath - Manor Parc to Bryngwyn Street

Lisa Phipps to follow up with Caerphilly CBC Rights of Way Officer and report back at next meeting.

15. Painting of electricity boxes

It was agreed that we would need to know how many electricity boxes there are in the ward. Lisa Phipps to try and obtain this information and report back at the next meeting.

16. Bins for Machen Welfare Ground

Lisa Phipps asked members to consider funding the provision of 2 x new bins for the Machen Welfare Ground at a cost of £279.70p each.

RESOLVED: To recommend Council approve the expenditure

17. Provision of new benches at park off The Crescent/Ffwrwm Road, Machen

Lisa Phipps asked members to consider funding the provision of 2 x new benches for the park off The Crescent/Ffwrwm Road in Machen.

RESOLVED: To recommend Council approve the spend of up to £1,500.00p for benches with plaques confirming that they have been donated by BTM Community Council.

18. Provision of kick-boards on field opposite Upper Glyn Gwyn Street, Trethomas

Lisa Phipps asked members to consider funding the provision of 2 x kickboards for the field opposite Upper Glyn Gwyn Street in Trethomas.

RESOLVED: To recommend Council approve the spend of up to £2,000.00p for kick-boards.

19. Install local walking/cycling maps

Cllr Derek Havard to liaise with Bedwas High School to hopefully work with pupils to design walking and cycling maps. Cllr Derek Havard to report back at the next meeting.

To consider and agree future projects to take forward (including resident & Member suggestions):

20. Cycle Shelter in Machen

Steve Aicheler attended the meeting and asked Members to consider the provision of a Cycle Shelter for the Car Park off The Crescent in Machen. It was agreed that the proposal would be shared on social media to seek the views of residents. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

21. Trees/Tree Carving at Bedwas Riverwalk

Lisa Phipps asked members to consider funding a tree carver to carve logs to provide seating for Riverside Park. Members agreed to the proposal. Lisa Phipps to obtain a price.

22. New fence and bench at the old caravan site, Trethomas

Lisa Phipps asked members to consider funding the provision of a replacement fence and a new wooden bench at the old caravan site in Trethomas. Members agreed to the proposal. Lisa Phipps to obtain prices.

23. Provision of benches/litter bins at rear of Subzero, Newport Road, Trethomas

This matter was discussed in detail and it was agreed that a discussion with Subzero was required to ascertain if they could help fund any additional litter bins and benches. Lisa Phipps/Nigel Bull to progress and report back at next meeting.

24. Provision of steps to Doctor Surgery, Machen

This matter was considered by Members and it was agreed that further discussions were required. It was agreed that a dialogue was required with the Doctor's Surgery.

25. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.