

## Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

### Minutes of the meeting of the remote virtual Full Council on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6.30pm

<u>Present</u>		<u>Apologies</u>
P. Rosser		J. Gale
E. Aldworth		N. Bull
L. Phipps		D. Llewellyn
D. Havard		A. McConnell
C. Morgan (Chair)		Rhys Griffiths
J. Winslade	Ann Birkinshaw (Clerk)	Lisa Gibbs (Gwent Police)
G. Pratt	Madison Phipps-Magill	Jake Michael (Gwent Police)

#### **GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION**

747 Officer Michael and Officer Gibbs were unavailable for this meeting. No report received since last meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

#### **FULL COUNCIL**

748 Declarations of Interest: None

749 Cllr Morgan chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.38 pm. Attendance and apologies 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

750 To consider and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the previous Full Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

The meeting acknowledged that the minutes were agreed for signature as true and correct records

751 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that the Council's buildings contractor, H3 Group, has carried out the routine checks on the fire and intruder alarms and the emergency Lighting at the Council Offices. Alarms were tested as satisfactory, however the emergency lighting requires further investigation



Insurance for both Council Offices and Workmen's Hall buildings were renewed in early October

A local resident, Stephen Drake, has enquired about mains lighting for the 5 Christmas trees in the wards. Investigations last year proved this wasn't practical and the same applies for this festive period. Solar lights with a battery back up will be purchased for 2021 instead. The Clerk will report back to Mr Drake

The Clerk has joined the SLCC (Society for local council clerks), to access training and technical advice as required

Cllr Phipps and Cllr Winslade asked the Clerk to check the stock of Halloween merchandise at the Council Offices. The Council agreed to a total spend of £593 to replenish stock for sale at the Halloween and Christmas Pantos at Bedwas Workmen's Hall.

### **FINANCE MATTERS and Finance Committee update**

**752** The summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Chair also reported on a quote recently received for essential roof maintenance works at Bedwas Council Offices. The Council agreed for the Clerk accept this quote and arrange remedial work as soon as possible. The Chair informed the council that quotes had been sought for the replacement of the windows at the rear of the Council Offices. One quote has been received and we await a further two. These will be discussed in the next Full Council meeting.

**753** The Chair reported that the Council had not received any recent request for financial assistance. It was suggested that the website and Facebook pages are used to publicise previous applicants, to encourage new groups to apply for assistance.

### **754 Correspondence**

1/ In the absence of Cllr Llewellyn, Council decided to adjourn a discussion regarding the recent Plaid BTM Facebook posts in order that Plaid can provide details of the queries raised. Further discussions at the next Full Council meeting

2/ The Chair reported that he had received an email on the afternoon of 14<sup>th</sup> October from [REDACTED], Plaid Cymru Branch Secretary, requesting further clarification regarding the March Council meeting. The Chair has asked [REDACTED] to forward the notes he has from a member of the public for the Council to consider

3/ There are ongoing discussions with CCBC regarding parades for Remembrance Day. Council have agreed to hold a service in the garden at

the Council Offices, Bedwas (covered by the Council's Public Liability Insurance) but not to hold a parade or service on the public highway

**755 Council Committees**

Finance Committee – no reports to date

Environment Committee – no reports to date

Land Committee – no reports to date

Events Committee - next meeting date is 8<sup>th</sup> November (to include further discussion about Armistice Day)

Cllr Phipps has asked if all Councillors can attend and assist at the Halloween Panto at Bedwas Workmen's Hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Current Projects Summary**


Due to the ongoing health crisis the Council is still unable to plan its other projects at the present time

**756 Youth Representatives** - Youth representative Madison advised nothing to report at this time but hopes to have further news after October half term.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**757** CCBC Planning Applications - Case Refs: 21/0925, 21/0945, 21/0961 and 21/0968 were all noted.

The Meeting closed 8.10 pm

Signed .....Chairperson

Date 8.2.22.....