

## Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

### Minutes of the meeting of the remote virtual Full Council on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 6.30pm

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
C Morgan (Chair)	N Bull	L Phipps
P Rosser	A McConnell	G Pratt
E Aldworth	D Davies	
D Llewellyn		L Gibbs (Police)
D Havard	Rhys Griffiths (Youth)	
J Winslade	A Birkinshaw (clerk)	

#### **GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION**

**758** Officer Gibbs joined the meeting briefly at the start to explain she had been called to an emergency and would not be able to stay. No report was given at this time

#### **FULL COUNCIL**

**759** Declarations of Interest: None

**760** Cllr Morgan chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.35 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

**761** To consider and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the previous Full Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
The meeting acknowledged that minutes were agreed for signature as a true and correct record, with the amendment of Point 754 / 2. Change from Huw Jackson of the Plaid Cymru group to Huw Jackson, Plaid Cymru Branch Secretary

#### **762 Matters arising from that meeting**

a/ The chair asked Cllr Daniel Llewellyn if he had any further information regarding the Facebook post stating that BTM Council were not interested in any more dog waste bins in Bedwas. Cllr Llewellyn replied "contact Huw Jackson". (Branch Secretary Plaid Cymru)

b/ The chair wanted to clarify after receiving notes from Mr Huw Jackson (Branch Secretary Plaid Cymru) in reference to the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting where the BTM Clerk was requested to contact Plaid Cymru about incorrect/misleading Facebook posts. This was proposed by Cllr Amanda McConnell and seconded by Cllr Lisa Phipps. This is for information purposes only after Mr Jackson's enquiry as the council have taken advice from the stand in clerk and it is illegal to change previously agreed minutes

### **763 Clerk's report**

a/ Following the agreement at the last full council meeting (minute point 752) the remedial work has been carried out on the roof at the Council Offices. Gutters and downpipes were also unblocked and sealed where necessary

b/ Further to the report last meeting, we have now received the quotation for the essential work required on the emergency lighting system at the Council offices to comply with BS5266-1:2019. The cost for this is £1,885. The full quotation was sent to the Land & Building Management Committee on 19th October for their consideration

c/ As agreed in minute point 751 at the last meeting, 4 sets of battery operated timer controlled lights have been purchased for the 4 trees around the wards. (Bedwas Co-op are providing mains electricity to power that tree)

### **Finance matters**

#### **764 Finance report**

The Chair presented a summary of the recent financial transactions. The summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council

#### **765 Financial Assistance Applications**

The Council had not received any recent request for financial assistance

#### **766 Correspondence**

1/ Councillors considered and adopted the amended version of the model informal resolution protocol, as recommended by One Voice Wales on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

2/ Councillors discussed a request received by the Chair from a member of DWRCC to install a Christmas tree on land by the main road on Waterloo junction. It was agreed in principle to pay half of the costs incurred. Quotes to be obtained by DWRCC. Proposed Cllr D Havard and seconded Cllr P Rosser

## **767 Council Committees**

### **Finance, Employment and Policies Committee**

An Extraordinary meeting was held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Minutes to follow

**Environment & CIL Committee** – no reports to date

### **Land & Buildings Committee**

It was agreed to accept the quote received from H3Group to bring the emergency lighting at the council offices up to date  
The Chair congratulated BWH management committee on being awarded £50,000 National Lottery Grant

### **Events & Leisure Committee**

Preparations are well underway for the Remembrance Day services. Road closures have been arranged by CCBC, and insurance is also being covered by them. Councillors have been busy installing poppies throughout the three wards

The Battery operated Christmas lights have arrived and are ready to be fitted at the appropriate time. Cllr Morgan has collected two sets. One each for Upper and Lower GYR. Cllr McConnell is arranging collection of the other two sets

Cllr Winslade has asked if all Councillors can attend and assist at the Christmas Family Pantomime at Bedwas Workmen's Hall on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December. In line with Welsh Government guidelines, as from 15<sup>th</sup> November COVID passes will be required for persons over 18 yrs (unless exempt) at events held in Bedwas Workmen's Hall. Ann Birkinshaw and Andrea Soulsby will check passes on entry to the pantomime

### **Current Project Summary**

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

**768 Youth Representatives**

Youth representative Rhys voiced his concern over vandalism which has happened over the summer in the area. Cllr Aldworth has urged him to bring any future incidents to the notice of the council promptly to allow investigations to be made

**769 Planning Applications**

Cllr E Aldworth left the meeting prior to discussion

Case references 21/0975 and 21/0987 were noted

Meeting closed 7.42pm

Signed:  Chairperson Date: 2.12.21

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