

In line with the Welsh Government's 'Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021' requirement for all 735 Town and Community Councils in Wales to electronically publish the key information and the outcome of their Council meetings within 7 days of the meeting, Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council hereby publish an unnumbered and unsigned summary of the:

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of

Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council

Due to the current Coronavirus crisis it was held as a remote virtual meeting on Thursday 4th November 2021

Present: Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Liz Aldworth, Cllr Phil Rosser, Cllr Jill Winslade, Cllr Daniel Llewellyn, Cllr Amanda McConnell, Cllr Nigel Bull, Cllr Dave Davies and Cllr Derek Havard

Clerk/Proper Officer: Ann Birkinshaw. Also in attendance: Youth Representative Rhys Griffiths. Police representative Lisa Gibbs joined the meeting briefly to explain a work emergency prevented her from staying.

Chair/Mayor Cllr Chris Morgan chaired the virtual meeting that commenced at 6.35 pm

1/ Apologies

Cllr Gareth Pratt, Cllr Lisa Phipps

2/ Minutes of the previous Full Council Full meeting on 14th 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 [REDACTED] of the Plaid Cymru group to [REDACTED], Plaid Cymru Branch Secretary.

3/ Matters arising

- 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 [REDACTED]". (Branch Secretary Plaid Cymru)
- b/ The chair wanted to clarify after receiving notes from [REDACTED] (Branch Secretary Plaid Cymru) in reference to the March 4th 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 [REDACTED] enquiry as the council have taken advice from the standing clerk and it is illegal to change previously agreed minutes

4/ Clerk's report

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

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.

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The cost for this is £1,885. The full quotation was sent to the Land & Building Management Committee on 19th October for their consideration

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)

5/ Decisions made

Finance Report

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

Financial Assistance Applications

The Council had not received any recent request for financial assistance

6/ Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

An Extraordinary meeting was held on Monday 1st 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

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 Winslade has asked if all Councillors can attend and assist at the Christmas Family Pantomime at Bedwas Workmen's Hall on Sunday 12th December

7/ Correspondence

1/ Councillors considered and adopted the amended version of the model informal resolution protocol

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

8/ 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

9/ Current Projects Summary

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

10/ Planning Application

(Cllr E Aldworth left the meeting prior to discussion)

Case Refs: 21/0975 and 21/0987 were noted

The meeting closed at 7.42 pm

The full Minutes when agreed and signed will also be made available on the Council's website as soon as practically possible
