

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 6th January 2022**

Present: Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Lisa Phipps, Cllr Gareth Pratt, Cllr Liz Aldworth, Cllr Phil Rosser, Cllr Jill Winslade, Cllr Amanda McConnell, Cllr June Stone, Cllr Dave Davies, Cllr Derek Havard and Cllr Daniel Llewellyn

Clerk/Proper Officer: Ann Birkinshaw. Also in attendance: Youth Representative Madison Phipps-Magill

Chair/Mayor Cllr Chris Morgan chaired the virtual meeting that commenced at 6.30pm

1/ Apologies

Youth Representative Rhys Griffiths

2/ Minutes of the previous Full Council Full meeting on 2nd December 2021

The meeting acknowledged that minutes were agreed for signature as a true and correct record.

3/ Matters arising

a/ Cllr Phipps asked Cllr Llewellyn about Item 762 from the minutes of November meeting. Cllr Llewellyn was asked which councillors he had spoken to and in which full council meeting regarding dog waste bins as he is quoted on a Facebook group as stating, "the Community Council do not appear to be interested". Cllr Llewellyn repeated his assertion that he does not have control of what is posted in the Plaid BTM group. Cllr Llewellyn was asked if he agreed or disagreed with the statement made in his name and he refused to answer. Cllr Pratt and Cllr Havard asked Cllr Llewellyn to confirm who he had spoken to regarding bins but Cllr Llewellyn simply said he had nothing more to add. The Chair asked why Cllr Llewellyn hadn't raised the issue that his discussion in council has never been minuted but he repeated he has nothing more to add. The Chair said he was very disappointed in Cllr Llewellyn

4/ Police & Community Safety Matters

No reply was received from the invitation sent to the police representatives. Clerk was asked to contact Inspector Caddick the new Inspector.

5/ Clerk's report

- 1/ Balance sheets for both Halloween and Christmas family pantos have been sent out with agenda for councillor's information. You will see the cost of merchandise purchased and the fee for the artist was covered by the ticket sales and a profit of £1330 paid into the bank account
- 2/ Precept needs to be returned by 31st January 2022. Proposal sent with paperwork. *Budget to be sent to Councillors. Meeting on 27th Jan to discuss*
- 3/ H3 Group quote updated re communication device for BWH to allow remote access to the intruder alarm. Cost of £221 for installation. No increase in the annual maintenance cost. *Go ahead with order*
- 4/ During works at council offices this week it was discovered there is no insulation in the roof void. *Quotes to be obtained*
- 5/ Purchase of new laptop (already agreed in March budget) to allow hybrid meetings and home working for the clerk

6/ 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

One request for financial assistance was received this month. Councillors agreed that the full amount of £75 be offered

7/ Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

An EGM will be held on Thursday 27th January to discuss and agreed the precept/budget

Environment & CIL Committee – Cllr Phipps will arrange a meeting for w/c 10th January

Land & Buildings Committee

It was agreed to accept the quotes for the replacement of the stair carpet and kitchen flooring at the council offices

A meeting will be arranged for January

Events & Leisure Committee

A meeting will be held shortly to discuss the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee

8/ Correspondence

Cllr Havard made the council aware he and Cllr Aldworth have been in discussion with the owners of the Coal Tips in Trethomas. Full details will be given in due course.

Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council – Early summary of Minutes of 6th January 2022 to publish electronically. A copy in Welsh will be provided upon request.

8/ Youth Representatives

Youth representative Madison has asked the question “what do Council expect from their Youth Representatives”. Madison suggests that school pupils are mostly unaware of the role of Community Council. She would like to see the council engage more with schools. Cllr Aldworth and Cllr Havard have both said they have both regularly visited schools and would be most happy to do so again once COVID restrictions are lifted. Cllr Aldworth suggests more input at school level as 16year olds will be able to cast a vote

9/ Current Projects Summary

Due to ongoing COVID restrictions there are no current projects however Cllr Morgan made the meeting aware of a further £1,000 donation from Keep Wales Tidy to purchase plants for the memorial garden in the spring.

10/ Planning Application

(Cllr E Aldworth left the meeting prior to discussion)

Case Ref: 21/1074/COU was noted

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

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