

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of the remote virtual Full Council on Thursday 6th January 2022 at 6.30pm

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

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

782 No communication has been received from the Police representatives this month. The Clerk was asked to contact the new Police Inspector in Bedwas (Inspector Caddick) to discuss the police role within the community council

FULL COUNCIL

783 Declarations of Interest: None

784 Cllr Morgan chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30pm. 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

785 To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 2nd December 2021. The meeting acknowledged that minutes were agreed for signature as a true and correct record.

786 Matters arising from that meeting

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. This was acknowledged by council but he failed to answer the original question of who had said the council were not interested. Cllr Phipps repeated her request several times. 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. Cllr Havard asked Cllr Llewellyn if he was recoding the meeting. Cllr Llewellyn said that was slander. Cllr Llewellyn was also asked if he had someone with him for the meeting as his camera is turned off and he appeared to hesitate often before answering - he also said that was slander. 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 and questioned whether Cllr Llewellyn is bringing the council into disrepute by refusing to say when he asked council about this matter. The Chair mentioned Cllr Llewellyn's responses were all based on his reply to council in the November meeting "contact Huw Jackson". The Chair asked Cllr Llewellyn if he has a mind of his own or is he Huw Jackson's puppet. The Chair expressed he finds this very disappointing.

787 Clerk's report

a/ Balance sheets for both Halloween and Christmas family pantos were sent out with agenda for councillors' information. 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

b/ Precept needs to be returned by 31st January 2022. Proposal sent with paperwork. *Budget to be sent to Councillors. Meeting on 26th Jan to discuss*

c/ 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. Council agreed this work

d/ During works at council offices this week it was discovered there is no insulation in the roof void. Clerk to obtain three quotes for the council's consideration

e/ Purchase of new laptop (already agreed in March budget) to allow hybrid meetings and home working for the clerk

Finance matters

788 Finance report

The Chair presented a summary of the recent financial transactions and copies of bank statements. These was agreed as satisfactory by the Council

789 Financial Assistance Applications

One request for financial assistance was received this month. Gwent Federation of Women's Institutes requested a donation of £75 towards printing costs for their Centenary year book. Council agreed this amount would be offered

790 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

791 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

An EGM will be held on Wednesday 26th January to discuss and agree the precept and budget for 2022-2023

Environment & CIL Committee

Cllr Phipps will arrange a meeting in the next week

Land & Buildings Committee

It was agreed to accept the quotes received from Caerphilly Carpet & Flooring to replace 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 arrangements for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Current Project Summary

Due to continued COVID restrictions there are no current projects ongoing

792 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

793 Planning Applications

Cllr E Aldworth left the meeting prior to discussion

Case reference 21/1074/COU was noted

Meeting closed 7.35pm

Signed:  Chairperson Date: 3.2.22

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