

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 3rd February 2022**

Present:, Cllr Lisa Phipps, Cllr Gareth Pratt, Cllr Liz Aldworth, , Cllr Jill Winslade, Cllr Amanda McConnell, Cllr Dave Davies, Cllr Derek Havard, Cllr Nigel Bull and Cllr Daniel Llewellyn

Clerk/Proper Officer: Ann Birkinshaw.

Cllr Derek Havard chaired the virtual meeting that commenced at 6.30pm

1/ Apologies

Youth Representative Rhys Griffiths, Cllr C Morgan, Cllr P Rosser, Cllr J Stone

2/ Minutes of the previous Full Council Full meeting on 6th January 2022

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

3/ Matters arising

None

4/ Police & Community Safety Matters

Inspector Caddick joined the meeting to introduce himself and give an update. He advised that PCSO Lisa Gibbs is absent long term and all emails should be directed to PC Steer who remains our Ward Officer. Inspector Caddick reported that the initiative to tackle off road bikes in the area had been successful. 6 bikes have been seized and formal warnings issued for unsocial driving. Councillor Phipps agrees there has been an improvement and Cllr Llewellyn agreed, however, he did mention some bike activity near the Box café which will has been reported. Cllr Aldworth reports increased bike activity on Navigation Street during the daytime. Patrols will be deployed to monitor this

5/ Clerk's report

a/ As mentioned in January's meeting (Point 788 d) quotations have been sought for insulation in the attic at the council offices. So far only one company has been able to offer a quote. No grants are currently available to help with this work.

b/ The carpet and vinyl flooring was fitted during W/C 24th January as agreed in January meeting (Point 791)

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c/ Fire Risk Assessments were carried out during W/C 17th January at both the council offices and BWH, as agreed in December's meeting (Point 779)

d/ The photocopier lease runs out this year. We have received a quote from Digital Systems to replace it. The cost of the new lease is £335 less than we currently pay and the copy costs have also been reduced. All councillors agreed to go ahead.

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

Four requests for financial assistance were received this month. Machen RFC, Ty'n Y Wern School, Bethel Baptist Church Bedwas and Machen Horticultural Show. Machen RFC will be given £300 and Gold Sponsorship for Machen show for £250. Bedwas Bethel Baptist Church and Ty'n Y Wern Junior School have been asked for further details before their applications can proceed

7/ Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

No reports

Environment & CIL Committee

Cllr McConnell has successfully obtained a new external Defibrillator. This will be sited at the Chequered Flag garage. Cllr Phipps thanked Cllr McConnell for her hard work in getting this sorted.

Meeting to be held Wednesday 9th February

Land & Buildings Committee

A meeting will be arranged shortly

Events & Leisure Committee

Cllr Phipps has thanked all councillors who have taken part in the litter picks, in conjunction with the Co-op. The next litter pick will be from BWH on Sunday 13th February.

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

8/ Correspondence

None

8/ Youth Representatives

Neither of the youth representatives were available for the meeting due to study commitments. Cllr Havard is arranging, along with other councillors, to go into Bedwas High school and talk to pupils. Cllr Phipps also hopes to involve the school in litter picks around the area.

9/ Current Projects Summary

Due to ongoing COVID restrictions there are no current projects however the volunteer team hope to start again in the memorial garden early spring.

10/ Planning Application

(Cllr E Aldworth left the meeting prior to discussion)

Case reference 21/1233/COU and Case reference 21/1234/FULL were noted

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm

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