

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of the remote virtual Full Council on Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 6.30pm

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

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

794 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 have been reported. Cllr Aldworth reports increased bike activity on Navigation Street during the daytime. Patrols will be deployed to monitor this

FULL COUNCIL

795 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Winslade and Cllr Bull declared an interest in the Financial Assistance Application for Ty'n Y Wern School and took no part in discussions

796 Cllr Havard 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

797 To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 6th January 2022. The meeting acknowledged that minutes were agreed for signature as a true and correct record.

798 Matters arising from that meeting

None

799 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.

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

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.

Finance matters

800 Finance report

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

801 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

802 Correspondence

None

803 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

No reports. No meeting scheduled

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.

Current Project Summary

Due to continued COVID restrictions there are no current projects ongoing

804 Youth Representatives

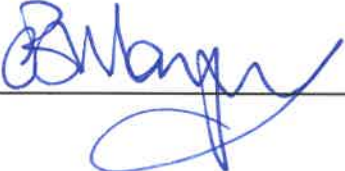
Neither of the youth representatives were available for the meeting due to study commitments. Cllr Havard is arranging, along with other councillors, to go into Bedwas High school and talk to pupils. Cllr Phipps also hopes to involve the school in litter picks around the area.

805 Planning Applications

Cllr E Aldworth left the meeting prior to discussion

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

Meeting closed 8.06pm

Signed:  Chairperson Date: 3.3.22