

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 March 2022**

Present: Cllr C Morgan, Cllr Lisa Phipps, Cllr Gareth Pratt, Cllr Liz Aldworth, , Cllr Jill Winslade, Cllr Amanda McConnell, Cllr Dave Davies, Cllr Derek Havard, Cllr Nigel Bull, PC Sarah Steer, Rhys Griffiths – Youth rep

Clerk/Proper Officer: Ann Birkinshaw

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

Cllr Morgan noted that several councillors had asked for an acknowledgement of support for Ukraine. It was agreed by all councillors that BTM CC stand against the aggression and violence currently being shown to Ukraine. A one minute silence was observed. Cllr Phipps asked to note the huge efforts being made within the community to arrange support and collect donations

Cllr Morgan advised Cllr Rosser has resigned with immediate effect. Councillors thanked Cllr Rosser for his service

1/ Apologies

Cllr D Llewellyn, Cllr J Stone, Madison Phipps Magill – Youth rep

2/ Minutes of the previous EGM 26th January 2022 and Full Council Full meeting on 3rd February 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

PC Steer gave the following report:

PCSO Claire Isles is returning from maternity leave on 7th March. PCSO Jake Michael will leave our area. PCSO Lisa Gibbs continues to work from home

- Lower Graig Y Rhacca has been leafleted regarding pavement parking. Jake Michael has engaged with the community to encourage sensible parking, leaving space on the pavement for a wheelchair or buggy to pass safely

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- Cuppa with a Councillor and Copper. The first event was successful and thanks given to Cllr Phipps, Cllr McConnell and PCSO Jake Michael for their hard work
- During half term British Transport Police patrolled railway stations to prevent anti social behaviour
- Reports have been received regarding noise nuisance on Bedwas Industrial Estate from cars gathering – patrols will be maintained
- PC Steer met with a wheelchair user in Pandy Road and walked with him to see the problems he faces. Parked cars and dog fouling on pavements are the biggest complaint. No dropped kerbs also cause issues. Cllr Phipps is speaking with CCBC regarding kerbs and has arranged to meet the resident and walk with him to see first hand the issues.
- Cllr Aldworth asked about the cannabis factory, as reported by Insp Caddick at the last meeting. Successful warrant has been issued and further details will follow.

5/ Clerk's report

- a/ The reprinted and framed photographs of BTM CC chairs have been returned and look fantastic. These will be hung once the new windows are fitted
- b/ The scaffolding has been erected and the new windows will be fitted during w/c 7th March
- c/ Council were informed of additional 13 hours worked by the clerk over the last two months
- d/ The clerk advised of a complaint of Maladministration made to the ombudsman, and the disappointment caused by such a step without first either contacting the Clerk direct or the Employment Committee Panel to use the Local Resolution Protocol as adopted by the Council. (meeting dated 4th November 2021 – Minute Point 766) All councillors present expressed support for the clerk and have full confidence

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 from Machen AFC. Council agreed to offer £300

It was agreed to donate £300 to the Ukraine Appeal. Payment will be made to the Disasters Emergency Committee

7/ Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

Next meeting not yet arranged

Environment & CIL Committee

Biodiversity report discussed and agreed in principle. Quotes to be obtained

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Meeting was held on 9th February. Cllr Phipps to send list of agreed CIL spend to Clerk
It was agreed to purchase from RBLI commemorative plaques and trees. One for each ward plus upper and lower GYR. Cllr McConnell to seek advice from CCBC regarding best type of tree and best location to plant

Land & Buildings Committee

A meeting will be arranged shortly

Events & Leisure Committee

A meeting was held on 22nd February. Minutes circulated to all councillors. A schedule of events has been forwarded to the Clerk to be typed and published with the next full council meeting paperwork

8/ Correspondence

The Clerk received an email from an individual requesting that his name be removed from previously published minutes. The Clerk redacted the minutes and republished and brought this to the attention of the council at this meeting. There was discussion but approval hasn't been given. Pending further advice, this item was deferred to the next meeting

9/ Youth Representatives

Madison reported that she has spoken with the Headteacher at school regarding visits from Councillors to speak with voting age pupils. Cllr Havard is following up to arrange

10/ 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. The information boards are now ready to be installed, along with the new WWI litter bin

11/ Planning Application

(Cllr E Aldworth left the meeting prior to discussion)

Case reference 22/0079/FULL and Case reference 22/0100/CLPU were noted
Case reference 21/1169/FULL was discussed at length and agreed by majority

The meeting closed at 8.43 pm

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

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