

## Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

### Minutes of the meeting of the remote virtual Full Council on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at 6.30pm

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

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 by individuals and groups within the community to arrange and collect donations to be sent to help those suffering in Ukraine

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

### **GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION**

**806** PC Steer gave the following report:

PCSO Claire Isles is returning from maternity leave on 7<sup>th</sup> 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
- 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 the shops see the problems he faces every day. 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 Inspector Caddick at the last meeting. Successful warrant has been issued and further details will follow

### **FULL COUNCIL**

**807** Declarations of Interest: None

**808** 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

**809** To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous EGM dated 26<sup>th</sup> February and Full Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022. The meeting acknowledged that minutes were agreed for signature as true and correct records

### **810 Matters arising from that meeting**

None

### **811 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – Minute Point 766). All councillors present expressed support for the clerk and have full confidence

### **Finance matters**

### **812 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

### **813 Financial Assistance Applications**

One request for financial assistance was received this month from Machen AFC. Council agreed to give £300

It was agreed to donate £300 to the Ukraine appeal. A donation will be made to the Disasters Emergency Committee

### **814 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

## **815 Council Committees**

### **Finance, Employment and Policies Committee**

No reports. No meeting scheduled

### **Environment & CIL Committee**

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

Meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

## **816 Current Project 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

## **817 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. Rhys is arranging an event to be held 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

## **818 Planning Applications**

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

Meeting closed 8.43pm

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson Date: 18/5/27