

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
Thursday 9th June 2022**

Present: Cllr C Morgan, Cllr E Aldworth, Cllr L Phipps, Cllr J Winslade, Cllr A McConnell, Cllr E Phipps-Magill, Cllr D Davies, Cllr K Ingram

Clerk/ Proper Officer: Ann Birkinshaw

1/ Apologies

Cllr S Aicheler, Cllr N Bull, Cllr P Rosser, Cllr D Havard, Rhys Griffiths

2/ Minutes of the previous Full Council Full meeting on 3rd March 2022

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

3/ Police & Community Safety Matters

- a/ A full report from CSO Gibbs was received prior to the meeting and circulated to all councillors. PC Leanne Gay is the new Ward Officer and was present at the meeting to introduce herself. A full schedule of meetings has been given to PC Gay to ensure enough notice to enable a presence at all future meetings. Cllr McConnell asked PC Gay to check and report back on progress regarding speed patrols for Machen
- b/ Huw Rowlands and Hannah Lawton from Gwent Police We Don't Buy Crime department mad a presentation of their Safer Neighbourhood Scheme. Councillors we very impressed and further discussions will take place at the next ECIL committee meeting regarding funding

4/ Clerk's report

- a/ The 2021/22 accounts have been submitted to Audit Wales
- b/ The internal decorating has been completed and the external work is scheduled for mid July

- c/ WiFi boosters were given to the council offices by Bedwas Workmen's Hall. These have been installed and offer better coverage in the chamber. Unfortunately, the WiFi, even with boosters, is unable to support more than one laptop at a time. Cllr Ingram to investigate alternatives
- d/ Councillor Allowances will be made this month. Cllr Aldworth opted out of receiving a payment

5/ Decisions made

Finance Report

Cllr Morgan (Chair of Finance Committee) presented a summary of the recent financial transactions. The summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council

Financial Assistance Applications

One email from outside our area has been received. No completed application form

Two further requests were received. Bedwas Bridgend Allotments and Caerphilly Veterans Support. Councillors agreed to award £300 to each cause

6/ Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

No reports. Meeting to be arranged soon

Environment & CIL Committee

Cllr Phipps has arranged a meeting for 4th July

Land & Buildings Committee

Quote for final windows and replacement fascias and soffits was accepted and work will be scheduled as soon as possible

It was mentioned that the toilet signage in the foyer is not correct – Clerk to arrange new signs

Adam Birkinshaw .Bird – Chair of BWH presented to council. The management committee are concerned about the forecast of energy fees. There will be a 400% increase in gas costs and more than 200% increase in electricity. Increasing hire charges will be discussed at the next BWH meeting (14th June). It was also reported that an increase in anti-social behaviour is making hirers nervous and there was one act of vandalism whereby a hirer's sign was destroyed. This incident was caught on camera and the police are looking at it

Cllr Phipps-Magill will speak with previous chair and arrange meeting

Events & Leisure Committee

The garden was officially used for the first time for the Queen's platinum jubilee. It was well attended with residents of BTM and their families from outside the wards along with Dr. Hefin David MS and Mr Wayne David MP. We purchased cupcakes from a local baker, Rae's bakery, Trethomas which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

7/ Correspondence

No correspondence to note

8/ Youth Representatives

Madison Phipps Magill has noted that morale and interest amongst exam age pupils is low. Sha has suggested a survey to see what the youth would like from council may be the way forward. Madison is arranging this, Cllr McConnell offered to support her. Head teacher at Bedwas High is to be asked if we can arrange a coffee morning for councillors to meet with pupils Madison offered an apology on behalf of the school pupils for the damaged caused at BWH

9/ Current Projects Summary

The volunteers led by Cllr Morgan and Richard Thomas have completed the planting in the memorial garden. Each bed has been designed for maximum impact and easy maintenance, giving colour, scent and all round interest. Cllr Bull and his team of volunteers continue with maintenance and improvement of the Council Offices and gardens. A proposal to adopt for maintenance some areas of land in Bedwas will be made by Cllr Bull directly to the Cabinet Member for Green Spaces

10/ Planning Application

There were no planning applications this month

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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