

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 9th June 2022 – 6.30pm

<u>Present</u>		<u>Apologies</u>
C Morgan	J Winslade	N Bull
D Davies	A McConnell	S Aicheler
L Phipps	E Aldworth	D Havard
E Phipps Magill		P Rosser
K Ingram	Madison Phipps-Magill (Youth)	Rhys Griffiths
	A Birkinshaw (Clerk)	

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

832 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

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

FULL COUNCIL

833 Declarations of Interest: None

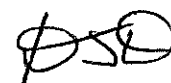
834 Cllr Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30pm. Attendance and apologies for absence were noted as above. There were no residents' addresses. Chair of BWH was present to give the bi-monthly report to council

835 To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 18th May 2022. The meeting acknowledged that minutes were agreed for signature as true and correct record

836 **Matters arising from that meeting**

None

837 **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/ Wi-Fi 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 Wi-Fi, 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. No payment was due to Cllr Morgan as he holds a senior position within CCBC

Finance matters

838 Finance report

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

839 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

840 Correspondence

No correspondence to note

841 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

No reports. Cllr Morgan to arrange meeting

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.

842 Current Project 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

843 Youth Representatives

Madison Phipps Magill has noted that morale and interest amongst exam age pupils is low. She 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 with posters and social media coverage. The 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

844 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for this month

Meeting closed 8.10pm

Signed: 7.7.2022 Chairperson Date: 