

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 1st September 2022 – 6.30pm

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

858 Chair & Vice Chair

Councillor Derek Havard stood down as chair and Cllr David Davies took the role. Councillor Havard will be Vice Chair for the rest of this year

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

859 CSO Lisa Gibbs and CSO Jon Spokes attended the meeting. CSO Spokes has just transferred back to the ward and Councillors are very happy to have him back on the team. CSO Gibbs has reported that whilst she is still on desk duty at the moment, she hopes to be back in the community very soon. No formal report was given. Both officers invited questions from the council. Cllr Morgan reported an increase in off road bikes in the area around GYR, and particularly travelling with speed on the cycle track. Police are aware and while they cannot attend every call out they are working hard to identify the culprits and attend their homes. Bikes have been impounded. Cllr Phipps-Magill raised concerns around speeding on Church Street in Bedwas. CSO Gibbs pointed out that putting a speed camera in place would not work, as the majority of careful drivers would bring down the average speed recorded. As the problem on Church Street happens almost every night and the same few vehicles are involved, it was recommended that number plates be noted and reported to the police who will then visit the houses of the drivers. Extra patrols will also be put in place.

FULL COUNCIL

860 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Aldworth declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Parish Trust as her role as Trustee.

- 861** Cllr Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30pm. Attendance and apologies for absence were noted as above. There were no residents' addresses
- 862** To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 7th July 2022. Cllr Phipps requested one note be added to the finance section of the minutes. With this addition the meeting acknowledged that minutes were agreed for signature as true and correct record
- 863** **Matters arising from that meeting**
None

864 Clerk's report

During the recent service, the gas central heating boiler at the Council Offices was found to be faulty. Although it hasn't stopped working yet, they were keen to point out that it is unlikely to survive the winter. The existing service provider has noted the boiler we have is not adequate for the number of radiators it feeds. They are unable to quote on a larger boiler. RS Plumbing have quoted for a 40kw boiler which would be large enough for the building. (£2,520) I have made enquiries with five other companies but have been unable to secure a quote for the size boiler required.

Council discussed accepting the quote received to ensure the boiler is installed before the winter or continuing to seek further quotes. A vote was taken and 11 councillors voted to accept the quote. Cllr Aicheler wished his objection be recorded as he felt two more quotes should be obtained for comparison

Finance matters

865 Finance report

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

866 Financial Assistance Applications

None received this month

867 Correspondence

We have received a request from the Parish Trust to store their horsebox mobile café at the rear of the Council Offices. They have also proposed opening this café to sell refreshments during events held in the garden. There was also a suggestion they may open at intervals and trade from the car park. Cllr Aldworth did not take part in the discussions.

Councillors have agreed to the storage of the horsebox at the rear of the car park, if the gas bottles are disconnected when parked and we have sight of their public liability insurance certificate. Parish Trust have been invited to open the mobile café during our event on 18th September to sell refreshments. Council do not agree to the opening of the café on an 'ad-hoc' basis whilst in the car park.

868 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

A meeting will be held on 6th September. Staff appraisal for Clerk to be completed

Environment & CIL Committee

Cllr Phipps presented minutes from the meeting on 11th July

Land & Buildings Committee

Cllr Phipps-Magill brought the council up to date on the progress so far at BWH with regards the Lottery Grant

It was requested the Chair of BWH Management Committee, or their representative attend each meeting of full council to ensure good communication

Cllr McConnell had requested some items be added to the Memorial Garden. This will be added to the agenda for the next L&B meeting and discussed then

Events & Leisure Committee

The summer panto was a success and the profit of £429 has been added to the fund to be spent on schools.

Details have been finalised for the Transport and Industry Show on 18th September. Halloween panto to include a fancy dress contest – Cllr Winslade will discuss prizes with the Clerk and Cllr McConnell will draft a poster for advertising and do the certificates. Extra promotion for Picnic in the Park event on 10th September. Clerk to make enquiries with BTM Band and Caerphilly Ladies Choir re Chair's Carol Service

869 Current Project Summary

Cllr Bull and his team of volunteers continue with maintenance and improvement of the Council Offices and gardens. The emphasis currently is on tree management and weed clearing in the car park area

870 Youth Representatives

Amy Isaacs attending the meeting to view proceedings and decide if she would like the role of Youth Representative.

871 Planning Applications

Cllr Alworth left the meeting prior to discussions

Case ref: 22/0630/CLPU and 22/0613/Full were noted and agreed.

Case ref: 22/0634/RET was discussed and Councillors requested further information. An email has been sent to Justin Waite

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Signed: D. S. Davies Chairperson Date: 13.10.22