

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 13th October 2022**

Present: Cllr DJ Davies (Chair), Cllr D Havard (Vice Chair), Cllr C Morgan, Cllr E Aldworth, Cllr L Phipps, Cllr J Winslade, Cllr A McConnell, Cllr S Aicheler, Cllr P Rosser, Cllr K Ingram, Cllr N Bull, Cllr E Phipps Magill

Clerk/ Proper Officer: Ann Birkinshaw

1/ Apologies

No apologies

2/ Minutes of the previous Full Council Full meeting on 7th July 2022

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

3/ Police & Community Safety Matters

a/ No representatives were able to attend the meeting. A report was sent. Councillors feel the Police 101 reporting method is not fit for purpose. A letter will be drafted to the PCC and an invitation extended for the Commissioner to attend a future meeting

4/ Clerk's report

a/ The Chamber was used on 14th September for fundraisers to open collection tins and count the money. This was done in the presence of Cllr Liz Aldworth. I was pleased to be able to assist by taking the money raised and paying it in to the DEC Ukraine fund on their behalf. £1,175 was raised. They have also given many welcome baskets of essential items to refugees relocating to this area. This small and dedicated group continue to do excellent work within the community

b/ The new boiler has been installed in the council offices

5/ Decisions made

Finance Report

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

Financial Assistance Applications

None received this month

6/ Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

Staff appraisals were completed for the Clerk and Caretaker. It was agreed to increase the Caretaker's salary to SCP 6, to reflect her additional skills and training

Environment & CIL Committee

Cllr Phipps proposed the following spending from CIL. £250 on bird boxes for Redbrook Woods, £150 for Hedgehog Highway pack and up to £2,000 for the Fwrrwm Road Play area. Agreed unanimously

Land & Buildings Committee

Cllr Phipps-Magill provided an update on BWH, and brought plans for councillors to view

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 Macmillan Coffee Morning held at Tyn Y Wern School was successful and raised £110 for the charity

Transport and Industry Day was well attended and proved very popular. The decision to sell cold drinks from a BWH Stall was very successful. BTM Councillors made hot drinks and donations for these were given to BWH Lift Appeal

All councillors have been asked for their support with staffing the Halloween Family Panto on 29th October

BTM Community Council has been asked to co-host a fireworks display with The Art of Sparks. This to be held on 6th November at the Cornfield in Trethomas. A contribution of £1,000 was agreed. Posters to make clear that no parking is available at the site, and police assistance to be requested

7/ Correspondence

A request has been made from Caerphilly Veterans Support Hub to use part of the BTMCC car park to create an allotment for use by their group.

Council discussed the proposal for using part of the BTMCC car park to create a space for the CVSH group to use. It was agreed that the car park isn't the best place, but Cllr Phipps-Magill is to contact Lisa Rawlings at CVSH and suggest they join the Men's Shed project at Bedwas Workmen's Hall and use land there to create the allotment

8/ Current Projects Summary

The garden volunteers, under the guidance of Cllr Bull, have continued with the clearance of weeds and brambles from the car park perimeter. Several diseased ash trees have been removed. Spring bulbs have been planted in one of the raised beds

9/ Planning Application

There were no new planning applications for our area this month. A request was made last month for further information regarding Case 22/0634/RET. The answers to the queries received and discussed and this case now noted and agreed

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

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