

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 13th October 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)		

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

872 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

FULL COUNCIL

873 Declarations of Interest:

None

874 Cllr Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30pm. Attendance and apologies for absence were noted as above. There were no residents' addresses

875 To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 13th October 2022. The meeting acknowledged that minutes were agreed for signature as true and correct record

876 Matters arising from that meeting

None

877 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

Finance matters

878 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

879 Financial Assistance Applications

None received this month

880 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

881 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 firework 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

882 Current Project 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

883 Planning Applications

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

Meeting closed 7.40pm

Signed:  **Chairperson**

Date: 9-11-2022

