

# Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

## Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 – 6.30pm

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

### **GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION**

**884** No representatives attended and no report was received

### **BEDWAS WORKMEN'S HALL**

**885** Adam Birkinshaw Bird brought an update on BWH. The committee have made the decision to raise prices to try and help with spiralling running costs. The combined gas and electricity costs have increase by £1,100 per month. The caretaker is making all possible savings with regard heating costs.

The Lottery committee have started the application for lottery funding to enable Phase One of the proposed works to start. They are actively looking for other funding opportunities to ensure the project moves forward

Adam presented the exciting program of events planned for 2023 – the Centenary Year

Security is becoming more of an issue, with youths gathering at night and causing a nuisance to hirers. CCTV needs updating and ABB has asked if Council can assist with this. Quotes to be obtained

### **FULL COUNCIL**

**886** **Declarations of Interest:**

None

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

**888** 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

## 889 Matters arising from that meeting

None

## 890 Clerk's report

- a/ The proposal for new broadband provision in the Council Offices was presented – Cllr Ingram has researched the market thoroughly and the BT Halo Business Broadband offers the best fit for our needs. Unanimously agreed by members
- b/ A letter of invitation has been sent to the PCC. Commissioner Jeff Cuthbert has agreed to attend our next Full Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December and answer questions from members

## Finance matters

### 891 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

### 892 Financial Assistance Applications

Two applications received this month from Machen Good Companions and EH Elites. £300 offered to each cause

### 893 Correspondence

We have received information from Royal British Legion Industries regarding their Tommy Club. Email details sent to all councillors. Cllr McConnell has requested we join as a council, at a cost of £15 per annum *Agreed unanimously. Clerk to arrange*

Cllr Morgan would like to raise the following 3 points

1/ Donation to Cardiff Transport Preservation Group for their attendance at our Open day in September. All buses are owned by this charity and obviously the costs. I would like to propose a donation of £150 for their attendance at Bedwas on 18th September *Agreed unanimously. Clerk to arrange*

2/ As the above Preservation group own one of the buses that was based at our council offices on what is now the memorial garden, as well as the younger 1968 double decker that they attended with in September, I would like to propose that the council join the Group as members to support their activities. We will get regular updates and newsletters. £25 per year. *Agreed unanimously. Clerk to arrange*

3/ A lot of attendees at our open day asked about "our single decker" see the separate description (No 7 bus) This bus means a lot to people of BTM and is currently undergoing restoration. I would like to propose BTMCC sponsor this bus with an annual payment of £500 towards upkeep. However, to get the bus on the road four new tyres are required @£250 each so my proposal would be that BTMCC sponsor the 1951 AEC single decker with a one off payment of £1500 and

£500 a year thereafter. This bus is part of the history of BTM and I feel will bring back many memories if it was able to visit on a regular basis.

*Cllr Aicheler disagreed with this proposal. Members wish to ensure any donations made are used for the maintenance of the No 7 bus and publicised accordingly. It was put to a vote and carried by majority of 8 – 1. Clerk will arrange a letter setting out conditions of donation and expectations of the Council*

**RESOLVED that:** In pursuance of the power conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, a donation of £1,500 be made to the Cardiff Transport Preservation Group in support of its activities.

## **894 Council Committees**

### **Finance, Employment and Policies Committee**

NALC updated pay scales have just been published. Cllr Morgan to call a meeting of the committee during w/c 7<sup>th</sup> November to agree and adopt same

### **Environment & CIL Committee**

Cllr Phipps will arrange a meeting shortly

### **Land & Buildings Committee**

Cllr Phipps-Magill updated council on recent meeting of the committee. Three options of CCTV for the Council Offices were discussed. The committee recommends Council accept the quote from UKCCTV at a total cost of £2275.00

The proposal for acrylic mirrors in the garden was discussed but rejected. It was suggested we purchase more environmentally friendly decorations (Coloured windmills, etc) which can be used for children's events then stored for next time. Other options to create a more inclusive garden may include trail maps and events such as themed story telling days. It was agreed that the garden should be renamed the Michael Williams Community Garden to reflect its purpose as an inclusive asset for all to use and enjoy

BWH issues were discussed. Leaks in several places at the hall, mainly the projector room roof. Fire exit doors are rotten and not closing, preventing the alarm being set. Suggest carpenter called to see if repairs can be made – doors no more than 5 years old. Will be replaced with lottery funded work for Phase one commences

Cllr Phipps-Magill has been in contact with Lisa Rawlings from CVS hub with a view to working together on the Men's Shed project at BWH

### **Events & Leisure Committee**

The Halloween Family Panto was a huge success. A total of £1,445 profit has been banked to the "School Projects" fund. Details were discussed for the Firework Display on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Collection buckets for Owain James will be carried by volunteers

Arrangements were finalised for Remembrance Sunday on 13<sup>th</sup> November. Building will be open and refreshments offered

Chair's Christmas party on 1<sup>st</sup> December – extend invitations to BWH Volunteers, Garden Volunteers, staff and tenants

Chair's Carol concert on 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. Refreshments to be provided

### **895 Current Project Summary**


Garden volunteers continue their hard work in the car park area. The perimeter has been scraped and swept. W/C 7<sup>th</sup> November they will do the final tidy-up in readiness for Remembrance Day

### **896 Planning Applications**

Case references 22/0856/NCC, 22/0824/FULL and 22/0833/NCC were noted and approved

Cllr Derek Havard stood down as Vice Chair of Council.

**Meeting closed 8.20pm**

Signed:  Chairperson

Date: 20/12/2022 <sup>DD</sup>