

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

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

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

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

897 A report for the month was sent by CSO Lisa Gibbs. Inspector Rhys Caddick and PCC Commissioner Jeff Cuthbert attended in person to answer questions from members. Inspector Caddick advised of a new cohort of CSOs. One extra will be deployed to Bedwas shortly. Councillors are being encouraged to apply for “ride along” with the police for first hand experience of the problems faced. This can also be arranged with the CSOs to share local knowledge. It was acknowledged that 101 service is not always easy to access. Inspector Caddick encourages the use of Crimestoppers for direct reporting of incidents, and also using the social media platforms. The “Heddlu Bach” initiative in primary schools continues.

BEDWAS WORKMEN’S HALL

898 Adam Birkinshaw Bird presented a monthly update from BWH. No energy bills have been received this month so unable to verify the new costs for heating and lighting yet. With a busy month for volunteers, Adam has asked that Councillors make themselves available for the BTM Family Christmas pantomime on 11th December. Emma Phipps Magill has been in contact with Lisa Rawlings at the Caerphilly Veteran Hub and arranged a joint venture with the Men’s Shed project. A new projector has been sourced for the Hall and Adam offered thanks to Cllr Kev Ingram for his hard work with this

FULL COUNCIL

899 **Declarations of Interest:**

None

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

901 To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 3rd November 2022. The meeting acknowledged that minutes were agreed for signature as true and correct record

902 Clerk's report

- a/ Volunteer Policy. A new policy for volunteers was created and adopted by council
- b/ Closure times for the Offices were agreed. Close at 4pm on 21st December and re-open on Tuesday 3rd January. Emails will be monitored throughout for any urgent issues
- c/ BT will take over the supply of phone and broadband for the offices on 7th December
- d/ GYR Community Association have asked for assistance with storing their Community Sleigh. Cllr Morgan to make enquiries and report back

Finance matters

903 Finance report

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

904 Financial Assistance Applications

None received this month

905 Correspondence

None this month

906 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

Last meeting was held on 12th December. The following points were recommended and agreed by full council.

- 1/ To adopt the new NALC recommended pay scales
- 2/ To adopt the new Volunteer Policy
- 3/ To purchase SUMUP card machine for payments at Council events

All above points agree by Full Council

Environment & CIL Committee

Cllr Phipps will arrange a meeting shortly

Land & Buildings Committee

We are still waiting for final quotes for CCTV at the offices and BWH – Decision deferred to next meeting

Events & Leisure Committee

The Firework display was well received – parking was an issue and plans need to be in place for next year.

Arrangements were finalised for Chair's Carol Service on 6th December. Building will be open and refreshments offered. Santa will attend and give out selection boxes

BTM Family Christmas panto on 11th December – all councillors asked to attend and help where possible

907 Current Project Summary

Garden volunteers continue their hard work in the car park area. The perimeter has been scraped and swept. W/C 5th December they will do the final tidy-up in readiness for Chair's Christmas Carol Service on 6th December

908 Planning Applications

Case references 22/0711/FULL, 22/0898/TPO and 22/0915/CLPU were noted and approved

Meeting closed 8.00pm

Signed: 

Chairperson

Date: 5/1/2023