

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 Extraordinary General Meeting of
Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council
Monday 30th January 2023**

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

Clerk/ Proper Officer: Ann Birkinshaw

1/ Apologies

Cllr Aicheler

2/ Declarations of Interest

None

3/ Precept

All Councillors have had time to study the budget as agreed in the meeting on 16th January. Issues at Bedwas Workmen's Hall were discussed, including possible emergency repairs and the importance of it staying open for our community. Chair of Finance Cllr Morgan proposed an increase in the precept of 7.5%. This is an increase of £1.94 per year for a Band D household. Councillors Aicheler did not email his thoughts prior to the meeting. The proposal was carried unanimously

4/ Alternative funding

Cllr Morgan has looked at options for borrowing money from the Central Government for work at Bedwas Workmen's Hall if required. There are applications currently being made for outside funding from National Lottery which will secure the future of the Hall. No further action to be taken until the result of the Lottery Bid is known

5/ Bedwas Workmen's Hall

Quotes have been received for emergency repairs to the roof at Bedwas Workmen's Hall. There is currently significant water ingress, through 4 separate places in the roof, causing structural damage. The costs of these temporary repairs is prohibitive, and alternative options are being explored until funding is available for the complete refit. BTM CC understands the importance of Bedwas Workmen's Hall in the community. It currently supports 25 local small business who hire spaces every week. The Hall has always been at the heart of the community and needs to be maintained and made accessible to all to ensure it stays so

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

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