

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 5th 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

Adam Birkinshaw Bird – Co-Chair BWH

Clerk/ Proper Officer: Ann Birkinshaw

1/ Apologies

Cllr Phipps Magill, Cllr Aldworth, Cllr Aicheler

2/ Police matters

No officers were available to attend the meeting. A report was sent from CSO Barbour which was circulated to all Councillors. New CSO Saskia Lewis will be attending the next meeting to introduce herself

3/ BWH

Adam Birkinshaw Bird presented a monthly update from BWH. Energy bills have been Received and are higher than previous bills but the Government Assistance has helped. The new projector has been installed in the Auditorium. Adam offered his thanks to Cllr Ingram for his hard work in organising this

There is a total of £62,960 in the lift fund

The Centenary Celebrations start on 13th January with a film show in the Hall. Other events are organised and the posters are being printed now Caerphilly Observer printed an article regarding the Centenary

There has been a lot of water ingress in the last few weeks – Hurley & Davies will arrange contractors to quote for repairs to prevent this

Adam has asked if Hall events can be promoted through the BTMCC Facebook page. Cllr Ingram has offered to assist with this

4/ Minutes of the previous Full Council Full meeting on 1st December 2022

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

5/ Clerk's report

- a/ Biodiversity Plan. As required by Welsh Government, the Biodiversity plan for three years must be published on the website. New plan was agreed by council and the clerk will update the website
- b/ The updated CCTV quote received. This item was deferred from December meeting. Agreed to go ahead with quote from Rooftop Aerials
- c/ The following dates were proposed for additional meetings

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee Monday 16th January. 6.30pm in the Council Chamber. All councillors are welcome to attend

EGM Monday 30th January. 6.30pm in the Council Chamber

6/ Decisions made

Finance Report

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

Financial Assistance Applications

One request received this month from Machen School PTA. Cllr Rosser queried the bank balance shown by PTA. This money has been ringfenced for spend elsewhere so the Council agreed to purchase on their behalf the sound equipment needed (£300)

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 above satisfies the requirements of that section.

7/ Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

Meeting has been arranged for 16th January

Environment & CIL Committee

Cllr Phipps will arrange a meeting shortly

Land & Buildings Committee

To confirm acceptance of the constitution of BWH which states up to 7 Community Councillors plus Chair and Vice Chair to be part of the Management Committee. The management responsibility being vested in BWH Management Committee which included Community

Councillors and ensures there is always representation of BTMCC at meetings. The committee needs 7 members at a meeting to be quorate. It was also agreed in principle that BTMCC will consider a 10 year lease to the BWH Management Committee which will allow them to apply for more funding than can be obtained currently. This will be discussed fully and agreed when the Management Committee are in a position to take on the lease

A report from Hurley & Davies shows there is significant structural damage to the building due to water ingress. Quotes will be obtained to fix these issues

Events & Leisure Committee

Christmas panto went well. Low turnout of councillors but many were ill, as so happens this time of year.

Chair's carol concert was well attended by members of the public a few of us hadn't seen before, which shows it's becoming a popular event in the BTM CC calendar.

We have a few projects coming up in the next few months and I will be sending out an email next week to organise a meeting to kick start these

8/ Correspondence

Council discussed a letter received from a resident. A reply will be sent shortly.

Cllr Morgan is continuing to look for a home for the GYR Community Sleigh. Talks continue with the hope of finding a local garage

9/ Current Projects Summary

The garden volunteers are taking a few weeks well earned rest during the winter months

10/ Planning Application

Case references 22/0938/FULL and 22/1047/FULL were noted and approved

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

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