

## Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

### Minutes of the meeting of the Finance, Employment and Policies Committee on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm

<b>PRESENT (Committee)</b>	<b>Also Present</b>
C Morgan (Chair)	L Phipps
S Aicheler	A McConnell
J Winslade	D J Davies
N Bull	P Rosser
	K Ingram
A Birkinshaw (Clerk)	

- 1/ Declarations of Interest  
None
  
- 2/ To consider the draft budget for 2023-2024  
All councillors had a copy of the draft budget in advance. Cllr Phipps queried the lack of provision for election expenses. Members agreed unanimously to include £3,000 in the budget for this  
With the cost of energy increasing, the rental charges were discussed. A below inflation increase of 10% for both tenants was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Bull. Agreed by all present.  
Bedwas Workmen's Hall requires emergency works to remain open. There is a lottery funding application in progress for the roof repairs, but this can take up to 6 months. It is vital the Hall stays open and usable for the 17 hirers that use it weekly. The income generated from this pays for energy bills and day to day maintenance. Cllr Morgan (Chair) asked councillors to consider a precept increase to release funds for the emergency work so we don't lose this popular community asset. EGM for final discussion will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> January

Next meeting to be arranged for February 2023

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed:  Chair Date: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023