

## Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

### Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – 6.30pm

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

#### **GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION**

**909** 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

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

**910** 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 continuing to happen  
Adam has asked if Hall events can be promoted through the BTMCC Facebook page. The Clerk and Cllr Ingram offered to assist with this

#### **FULL COUNCIL**

##### **911 Declarations of Interest:**

None

**912** Cllr Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.35pm. Attendance and apologies for absence were noted as above. There were no residents' addresses

**913** To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. The meeting acknowledged that minutes were agreed for signature as true and correct record

## 914 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 16<sup>th</sup> January. 6.30pm in the Council Chamber. All councillors are welcome to attend  
EGM Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. 6.30pm in the Council Chamber

## Finance matters

### 915 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

### 916 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.

### 917 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

### 918 Council Committees

#### Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

A meeting has been arranged for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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

### **919 Current Project Summary**

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

### **920 Planning Applications**

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

**Meeting closed 7.40pm**

Signed:  Chairperson      Date: 7.2.23