

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 2nd March 2023 – 6.30pm

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

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

933 Reports for 5th Jan to 8th Feb and 8th Feb to 2nd March were emailed to all members. CSO Lisa Gibbs and CSO Saskia Lewis attended the meeting and answered questions from the members

934 Geraint Coombes

Mr Geraint Coombes was invited to address members with details of his new project "Harri's Gym" He did not attend

BEDWAS WORKMEN'S HALL

935 Emma Phipps Magill (Co Chair) presented a monthly update from BWH. Outgoings for the period 24 January to 24 February were: Electricity upstairs £27, Downstairs £349. Gas £1,550, Water £337, Licences £420 and PAT testing £507. The application for Lottery Funding has been submitted. A decision is expected first week in June. With the Hall celebrating its Centenary Year there are lots of events planned. Volunteers are all working very hard. Any extra support, or any recommendations for new volunteers would be most welcome. Saturday 4th March see a Celebration of Wales afternoon. Songs, poetry and Welsh Tea and an opportunity to share memories of the Hall. All councillors are welcome to attend and support. Emma also noted that "Martyn's Law" will shortly be introduced and will affect the way events (over 100 people) are run at BWH and also BTMCC as landlords. More information will follow shortly

FULL COUNCIL

936 Declarations of Interest:

None

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

938 To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 2nd February 2023. The meeting acknowledged that minutes were agreed for signature as true and correct record

939 Clerk's report

- a/ We received a request from a resident for a donation to a crowd funding page to support the campaign to purchase Bluebell Woods, Llanbradach. One Voice Wales advise Community Councils are not permitted to donate to a crowd funding page run by an individual. The resident was notified. All members have received information to make their own personal decision regarding this cause
- b/ One Voice Wales. Membership is due for OVW in April. Renewal cost is £1841.
Council agreed unanimously to continue membership of OVW
- c/ Remuneration for councillors. Reimbursement for extra costs incurred working from home - £156 per annum. Also payable £52 for consumables. This is payable each May and recoverable by BTM if the full year is not completed
Any Councillors not wishing to receive the remuneration will opt out in writing

Finance matters

940 Finance report

Cllr Jill Winslade presented a summary of the financial transactions for January. The summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council

941 Financial Assistance Applications

One request received this month from Bethel Baptist Church Bedwas (Messy Church). This was agreed from Bedwas ward £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.

942 Correspondence

A letter was received from a Trethomas resident regarding the campaign to buy Bluebell Wood. The letter asked BTMCC to make a donation to the crowd funding page currently in place.

Advice was taken from One Voice Wales as noted above

943 Governor Vacancy

There is a Minor Authority Governor vacancy at Machen Primary School. Cllr Aicheler has agreed to join the governing body. Clerk to advice Governor Support

944 Training

The training plan needs to be updated to reflect all training undertaken this year. Clerk to update with information given from members

945 Probation Services



Cllr Morgan has proposed contacting the Probation Service to see if they can provide help with issues in the wards (weed clearing and street sweeping) Members agreed in principle and enquiries will be made

946 Christmas Lights

To agree the addition of 4 Christmas Lights on the approach road to GYR in the next contract.

All agreed and clerk to confirm new contract

947 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

To receive report from meeting held on 27th February

It was resolved to increase the sponsorship package for Machen Show to Gold at a further cost of £150, to agree the pitch fee of £35 for the gazebo and the cost of banners at £160 for use at the show and to be kept for future events. Proposed amendments to Standing orders and Financial Regulations for approval at AGM in May. Approved increase of one scale point in April for Clerk, as per contract of employment

Environment & CIL Committee

To receive report from meeting held on 21st February

It was resolved to purchase a Queen's Green Canopy Plaque from the RBLI to be installed in the Community Garden. A further meeting has been called to fully discuss other spend

Land & Buildings Committee

To receive report from meeting held on 20th February

The following proposals from the meeting were brought to council for approval: Quote for CCTV at BWH - £3,700 approved from BWH maintenance budget, quote for scaffold for investigation of water ingress at Council Offices - £1,250 agreed from Maintenance budget and a budget of £500 for repairs to wall in community garden agreed. Work to be carried out by volunteers with Cllr Bull. The purchase of mirrors, chalkboard and bird boxes for the Community Garden was also approved to be paid for from ward allowances

Events & Leisure Committee

To finalise details for Autism Awareness Day

Plans are well underway for this event of 2nd April

948 Planning Applications

Cllr Aldworth left the meeting prior to discussions

Case references 23/0071/NCC, 20/0759/FULL, 23/0076/FULL, 23/0084/HH, and 23/0102/HH were noted and approved. Case 0092/COU was discussed and Council's objections emailed to Chantelle Lamnea

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Signed: 

Chairperson

Date: 6.4.2023