

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 6th April 2023 – 6.30pm

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

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

- 949** CSO Stokes and CSO Thomas attended the meeting. A report for the previous month was given and discussed. In March, 196 calls were received. 57 Crimes recorded and 7 ASB calls. Cllr McConnell asked for details of the serious RTA in Machen on Sunday 2nd April. No information available at this time
- 950** A one minute silence was observed in memory of ex councillor Daniel Llewellyn who sadly passed away in March

BEDWAS WORKMEN'S HALL

- 951** There were no updates to report this month

FULL COUNCIL

952 Declarations of Interest:

None

- 953** Cllr Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30pm. Attendance and apologies for absence noted as above. There were no residents' addresses
- 954** To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 2nd March 2023. The meeting acknowledged that minutes were agreed for signature as true and correct record
- 955 Clerk's report**
- a/ All policies have been updated. Copies have been sent to the F,E&P Committee for their comments. These, once agreed, will be formally accepted at the May AGM

- b/ A bursary has been secured to cover the cost of the Clerk's CiLCA training and qualification
- c/ Audit Wales have returned audits from the last two years. The notes for these have been passed to the F,E&P Committee for discussion at the next meeting on 18th April
- d/ Further enquiries have been made regarding donations to the Bluebell Wood campaign. It is understood that funds collected to date have been transferred from the original GoFundMe page to Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council

956 Correspondence

Review of Community Arrangement. A meeting was held at Penallta House on 24th March. Information from this meeting has been circulated to all councillors. Consultation closes on 18th May so all comments need to be made prior to that date. A vote was taken and agreed on the proposal that Machen stays within the BTM partnership with regards to the community council. Members were also encouraged to write as individuals and encourage members of the public to write. Cllr Morgan asked the clerk to look into the effect the removal of Machen would have on BTMCC finances, due to the reduction in precept and our current costs of the ownership of Bedwas Workmen's hall and our extensive free events program. This would be reported to members via email by the clerk prior to conclusion of the consultation period

Finance matters

957 Finance report

Cllr Chris Morgan presented a summary of the financial transactions for March. The summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council

958 Financial Assistance Applications

One request received this month from United Services (Machen) Club) for £750. It was agreed to purchase the TV they need at a cost of £481.95 from the Machen ward allowance

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.

959 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

Meeting arranged for 18th May

Environment & CIL Committee

Meeting was held on 5th April

It was resolved to cover the cost of defib batteries for all 6 defibrillators in the BTM area at a cost of £180 per battery every 5 years. The three planters in the wards will be collected, planted and returned at a cost of £200 for transport and £720 for planting

Land & Buildings Committee

CCTV installation, as previously minuted, will take place at BWH during w/c 10th April. Quotes for redecoration of the Council Chamber and the first floor offices, currently let, were discussed. It was agreed to go ahead with this work. It was further agreed to accept the quote for emergency roof repairs at BWH and instruction has been given for this work to take place as soon as possible

Events & Leisure Committee

Councillor Winslade reported the Autism Awareness Day held on 2nd April at the Michael Williams Community Garden was well attended and received positive feedback from the community. It is hoped this will become an annual event

960 Planning Applications

Cllr Aldworth left the meeting prior to discussions

Case references 23/0114/FULL, 23/0144/HH, 23/0150/HH, 23/00172/TPO, 23/0178/HH, 23//0179/HH and 23/0186/HH were noted and approved.

Case 22/0894/COU was discussed and Council's objections emailed to Chantelle Lamnea

Meeting closed 8.10pm

Signed:  Chairperson Date: 18.5.2023