

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 6th April 2023**

Present: Cllr DJ Davies (Chair), Cllr L Phipps, Cllr A McConnell, Cllr K Ingram, Cllr N Bull, Cllr E Phipps-Magill, Cllr P Rosser, Cllr L Aldworth, Cllr J Winslade, Cllr C Morgan

Clerk/ Proper Officer: Ann Birkinshaw

Apologies: Cllr D Havard, Cllr S Aicheler

1/ One minute silence

A one minute silence was observed in memory of ex councillor Daniel Llewellyn who sadly passed away in March

2/ Police matters

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

3/ BWH

There were no updates to report this month

4/ Declarations of Interest

None

5/ Minutes of the previous Full Council Full meeting on 2nd March 2023

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

6/ Clerk's report

a/ All policies have been updated. Copies have been sent to the FEP committee for their comments. These, once agreed, will be formally accepted at the 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 Finance Committee for discussion at their meeting on 18th April
- d/ Further enquiries have been made regarding donations to the Bluebell Wood campaign. It is understood that all funds collected so far are being held by Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council

7/ Governor Vacancies

There are three Local Authority Governor vacancies – one in Bedwas Infant School and two in Graig Y Rhacca Primary. Cllr Morgan and Cllr McConnell will apply for the GYR posts and Cllr Phipps-Magill will apply for Bedwas

8/ 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 to propose BTM remains unchanged

9/ Finance Report

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

Financial Assistance Applications

One request received this month from United Services (Machen) Club. It was agreed that a TV be purchased and presented to the club, financed 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.

10/ 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 ward 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 during W/C 10th April at BWH. 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 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

Cllr Winslade reported the Autism Awareness Day on 2nd April was well attended and a great success. It is hoped this will become an annual event

11 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

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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