

Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Full Council on Thursday 18th May 2023 – 6.30pm

<u>Present</u>		<u>Apologies</u>
D J Davies (Chair)	S Aicheler	E Phipps Magill
P Rosser (Vice Chair)	D Havard	N Bull
A McConnell	K Ingram	
L Phipps	E Aldworth	
C Morgan (from 7.15pm)	J Winslade	
A Birkinshaw (Clerk)		

GWENT POLICE PRESENTATION

961 CSO Morgan and CSO Rhiannon Collins attended the meeting. A report for the previous month was given and discussed. Between 1/4/23 and 7/5/23, 262 calls were received. 95 Crimes recorded and 17 ASB calls. A full report was given on recent RTAs, dog attack and drug warrant. Parking issues at Lower GYR and Machen around the rugby club were discussed and CSOs will visit these areas

BEDWAS WORKMEN'S HALL

962 Energy bills at BWH have reduced due to the improved weather and boilers being switched off for the summer. Two events were cancelled recently – one by the provider and one by the committee due to poor ticket sales. Other events have gone well and tickets for the dance show at the weekend are selling well. Accounts are being prepared for audit in the next few weeks

FULL COUNCIL

963 Declarations of Interest:

As noted individually below

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

965 To consider and sign the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 6th April 2023. The meeting acknowledged that minutes were agreed for signature as true and correct record

966 Clerk's report

- a/ Internal Audit returned. Wales Audit advise external audit delayed
- b/ Internal decoration at the offices has been completed
- c/ Obtain signatures on option forms for Councillor remuneration

967 Annual Report

Councillors were shown the annual report prepared by the Clerk. This was approved for publication on the website

Finance matters

968 Finance report

Cllr Phil Rosser presented a summary of the financial transactions for April. The summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council

969 Financial Assistance Applications

Three requests received this month from Bridgend Allotment Association, 7th Caerphilly Scouts and Machen WI. It was agreed to award £300 to each applicant. Cllr Phipps and Cllr Havard declared an interest in the application from 7th Caerphilly Scouts and Cllr Phipps also declared an interest in Bridgend Allotment Association. They took no part in the decisions made regarding these applications

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.

970 Audit year ended 31st March 2023

Council accepted the Internal Auditor's report for the year ending 31st March, the bank reconciliation and the Annual Return. It was resolved that the presiding Chair will sign the Annual Return to certify. A final budget with actual year end figures was also presented

971 Council Committees

Finance, Employment and Policies Committee

A report was given on the meeting held 18th May. Comments from Audit Wales were noted. Policies for updating were reviewed and agreed. The Caretaker role at BWH was discussed. Further talks needed with the BWH Management Committee before a decision is made regarding job description and salary band

Environment & CIL Committee

A meeting has been arranged for 30th May at 7pm

Land & Buildings Committee

Meeting was held on 3rd May. It was agreed Cllr Bull may spend up to £500 during the year on small maintenance tasks in the community garden without waiting for Full Council agreement. Receipts to be submitted in the usual way. Repairs to office roof were discussed and it was recommended to accept the quotes from Peter Cave Builders and ask for work to commence ASAP. The lease for the salon was discussed. The clerk will gather further information from the tenant for discussion at the next on 7th June

Events & Leisure Committee

Cllr Winslade reported the joint celebration for the coronation was well attended and a great success. The next event is the Summer Panto on 23rd July. Councillors have been asked to let Clerk know their availability to help at this event

972 Planning Applications

Cllr Aldworth left the meeting prior to discussions

Case reference 22/0204/HH was noted and approved

Meeting closed 7.52pm

Signed:  Chairperson Date: 1-6-2023